

Hunger Liturgy:

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From the Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship

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Call to Worship:

L: We come together to worship the One who feeds our bodies and our souls.

A: We come to worship the One who assures us there is enough for us all.

L: We come together to give thanks for what we have been given.

A: And for wisdom to be good stewards of it.

L: We come together to worship the Bread of Life and ask for our daily bread.

A: We come together in our joy and in our need. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We confess our sins in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Gracious God:

A: We confess that we have hoarded more than we need and turned away from those around us who are struggling. We have blamed our brother and sisters in need for their struggles. We have not trusted that you will provide for us if we share. Change us. Give us courage and generous hearts.

L: We know that Jesus renews us and forgives us each day. Trusting in that grace, we go out to love and serve a world in need.

Prayer of the Day: Lord, we give you thanks for creating a world that produces food for us all. As we worship today, help us to remember those in our midst who are struggling and do not

have what they need for today. Help us to have glad and generous hearts to share with those around us, and those across the world from us so that all may be fed. Help us to trust that we will have enough as we share with others. Give us wisdom and innovation as we discern ways to care for each other. Guide our discernment. Bless our worship and service together.

Amen.

Worship Passage Suggestions:

This list, by no means is complete as there are many, many passages that could be chosen.

Exodus 16

Deuteronomy 15:10-11

Isaiah 58:6-12

Isaiah 61:1-2

Proverbs 4: 30-31

Proverbs 19:17

Proverbs 22:8-9

Psalms 65

Psalms 146:5-7

Matthew 25: 24-25

Luke 6:17-26

Luke 4:16-21

John 6: 1-15

John 6:25-59 (Bread of Life Passage, Can be Shortened)

Acts 2:42-47

Romans 12:9-21

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

James 2:15-17

1 John 3:17-18

Message: We encourage you to invite people from local feeding ministries to share as part of your worship service. Also, we encourage you to check out the following videos which could be used as part of worship. They are of varying lengths and could be used in part or entirety for worship.

Love in Deed and Truth: 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rm-mWKtmUyl>

We Live In a Hungry World: Bishop Michael Rinehart,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCKBPJE7udU>

World Food Day: Celebrating 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIG-rYWfF5o>

“We’re Chicken Women!”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6h8xHxDjYs>

Prayers of the People

Lord, we come together to give you thanks, pray for guidance and remember those in need.

Gracious God, we pray for ELCA Domestic and World Hunger. Provide for them. Give them wisdom as they discern future work. Bless those who receive their care. We thank you for drawing us together so that all may have what they need. Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Lord, we give you thanks for the work of food shelves and food pantries. In these summer months that are often challenging, we pray for blessings. Give people glad and generous hearts so that the shelves will be filled with good things. Help people have the courage to reach out for support when they are in need. Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for backpack programs and weekend school meal programs. Encourage the volunteers who make these efforts happen. Provide the needed resources. May the students who receive the food be strengthened so that they can learn and grow in ways that are pleasing to You and blessings to this world. Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Lord, be with those planning and maintaining community gardens. Prosper the work of their hands. We thank you for the sun, rain and soil that provides food and life for this world. Build friendships in this shared work. Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Local Efforts and Concerns can be Named

Lord, we pray for mobile meals and Meals on Wheels. Give people safety as they deliver meals. Help those who are homebound to know that they are not forgotten. Bless the food they receive, and watch over them. Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for places of communal dining, wedding feasts, coffee hours, potlucks, picnics and block parties. Provide enough food and multiply the food when needed! Bring joy to these places. Strengthen our bonds and unity through sharing food together. Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Lord, we pray for funeral meals and meals delivered to those who are grieving. May the food be a sign of your presence and love for those who receive it. Bless the conversations and remembrances that are shared with the food, as well. Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Lord, we pray for those engaged in hunger advocacy. Give them strength. Guide their planning. Give them the words they must say. Give people ears to listen to their guidance. Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy. **Amen.**

"Prayer for Children" by Ina Hughes

We pray for children who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
who like to be tickled,
who stomp in mud puddles and ruin their new pants,
who sneak popsicles before supper,
who erase holes in math workbooks,
who can never find their shoes.

We pray for those who stare at photographers behind barbed wire,
who can't pound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,
who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,
who never go to the circus,
who live in an x-rated world.

We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and handfuls of dandelions,
who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
who cover themselves with bandaids and sing off-key,
who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink and slurp their soup.

We pray for those who never get dessert,
who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
who watch their parents watch them die,
who can't find any bread to steal,
who don't have any rooms to clean up,
whose pictures aren't on anybody's dressers,
whose monsters are real.

We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
who like ghost stories,
who shove dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse out the tub,
who get visits from the tooth fairy,
who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
who squirm in church or temple and scream in the phone,
whose tears we sometimes laugh at,
and whose smiles can make us cry.

We pray for those whose nightmares come in the day,
who will eat anything,
who have never seen a dentist,
who aren't spoiled by anybody,
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
who live and move,
but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried
and for those who must,
for those we give up on
and for those who don't get a second chance.

For those we smother with kindness
and for those who will grab the hand of anyone
kind enough to offer it.

Blessing Fed, nourished, healed and forgiven, we go out to be Christ's blessings to a hurting world. Hear the words of Teresa of Avila:

“Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

Sending Go In Peace. Christ goes with you. Remember the poor.