

# *The Eternal Light*



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## **JUNE 2020 PASTOR'S PAGE – ESLC**

**“Then I called on the Name of the LORD: 'O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!' Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.” Psalm 116:5-8**

**The psalmist went through numerous difficult times in his life, times of great guilt, great sorrow, great pain, and great angst. Often he would forget to pray, and then he suffered fear and anxiety and even terror. However, when he did pray to the Lord, God granted his requests and provided him with relief and deliverance.**

**This is why the psalmist wrote this psalm. He wrote it to other children of God, to encourage them to bring their troubles and concerns to the Lord. He wrote it for us, to teach us that we too should “call upon the Name of the Lord.” He wrote these verses to bear witness to Who God is, what He is like, why we should always depend upon Him for help!**

**He delivers our soul – in Christ, His suffering, death, and resurrection. He does this because He is gracious, righteous, and merciful! He preserves us – when with simplicity of faith we simply put our trust in Him. He delivers us when we have been brought low, and He delivers our soul from death. He is our “rest.” It is He Who can relieve our anxiousness, fear, and nervousness.**

**The psalmist reminds us of what God does for us. He deals “bountifully” with us! He wipes away the tears from our eyes [Rev. 21:4]. He guides us into safe and secure paths, so that we are not tripped up but delivered from stumbling.**

**So, as we prepare for the summer months, the time when we traditionally take vacations and “rest” from our labors, albeit temporarily, let us consider where our real rest is. It has been a long trial already, with the change to digital and live streaming interactions, instruction, and meetings. Being cooped up at home is a challenge! Having to work from home is a challenge! The loss of normal, face to face conversations, takes a toll on our inner being. Many of us really do need some rest! We can find it most importantly in the Lord.**

**All in all, the Lord has dealt bountifully with us! And He will deliver us from this current trouble. He will restore our losses and continue to provide us with daily bread, with protection, and with His healing! And when all is over and our current troubles come to an end, then we too will declare the praises and blessings of the Lord our God. We will praise Him for preserving us and for saving us!**

**So let us receive His peace, and find our rest in Him, and live the abundant life with joy in our hearts, centered in Christ's love! A blessed summer to all!**

## REOPENING FOR WORSHIP!

Leadership in the congregation is concurrent in opening our worship services to live attendance. However, we will want to do this in a prudent and careful manner. We will also continue to live stream the worship services, and also have the afternoon communion services, as needed. Please consider the following if you would like to attend:

Social distancing of 6 feet must be retained between all family units.

Masks must be worn throughout worship, with the exception of communion.

Doors will be opened so that no one will need to touch handles.

There are five hand sanitizing stations in the Narthex. Both upstairs bathrooms have sanitizer bottles.

We limit one family unit at time in the bathrooms.

We do not want "lines" for communion, so we will either maintain 6 feet per family unit at the altar, or 6 feet as we go to communion in a line.

Sorry, visiting in the Narthex will make it difficult or impossible to maintain social distancing of 6 feet, so we ask those leaving the sanctuary to proceed directly out the front doors. Visiting is encouraged in the parking lot.

I believe we will be using the hymnals for Sunday's service. We ask that you bring to a table in the Narthex any hymnals that your family unit used. They will be wiped down and then returned to the pews.

After service all hard surfaces in the Narthex will be wiped down, and all pew backs [hard surfaces].

We could use some volunteer help. Assigned greeters and elders would be great! And volunteers to help with sanitizing after the worship service.

We could also use more Clorox wipes. I believe we have sufficient amount of hand sanitizer for quite a while.

## OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of May were:

May 3	\$ 7,680
May 10	\$ 5,795
May 17	\$ 2,682
May 24	\$ 1,900

This weekly average (\$4,514) compares to our 2020 weekly budget needs of \$4,540.

## REMINDERS

**Please be responsible!!!** For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

Have you checked out the newly revised and **updated ESLC website**? It contains lots of important information including the Eternal Savior church calendar and who will be serving each week. You can also find Pastor Rhode's daily devotion and archived sermons. Please check it out at [www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org](http://www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org).

**Sunday School** and **Midweek Thursday services** have been temporarily suspended. **Adult Bible Class** is now **online** each Sunday at 10:30 AM. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link.

**Mid-week Bible Study** also meets **online** on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link.

**Children's bulletins are available.** Please ask an usher for a copy.

**Prayer request cards** are available on a table in the narthex. During the month of April if you would like to include a prayer request in today's prayers, please email Pastor [pastor@eternalsavior-lutheran.org](mailto:pastor@eternalsavior-lutheran.org) or secretary [secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org](mailto:secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org)

**Parking spaces** in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

**Large print worship** service folders and assisted listening devices are available. Please ask an usher if needed.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Reredos Committee

What is a reredos? It's an ornamental wall or screen behind the altar. When we built this church (already 15 years ago!) we had planned that at some point we would do something more with the wall behind the altar - the reredos. We do have some funding available for this project in the form of memorial funds specifically designated for this purpose.

At present we have no definite plans for what we will do with the reredos. We need ideas, we need a plan. So we have a wonderful opportunity for those who might be interested to help determine just what we want to do here. **A few people have already expressed an interest in serving on this committee. We still need more on this committee.** If interested, please speak to Robin Warnken or Pastor Rhode.

**A message from Trustees:** We are in dire need for people to sign up for lawn mowing. In addition, we are setting up on the servant schedule trimming the outlying property. This is somewhat physical labor, so some of the younger folks are encouraged to help out with this! If you need instruction, please contact pastor! Thanks, in advance.

We are still in need of "Clorox" wipes at church. If you can donate a container please help us out! Thanks, in advance! We also need volunteers to help us wipe down surfaces at church after worship services!

**The Deacon's Fund** supports Emergency Family Assistance, Redeemer Lutheran in Denver, ULC, and other charities as well. At our meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Deacons approved sending \$500 to Lutheran Family Services, \$200 in funds to Emergency Family Assistance Assoc., plus \$200 in monthly supplies, \$100 in Target gift cards for Redeemer Lutheran Church in Denver, plus and additional gift of \$500. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. The agencies have expressed great gratitude. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex! Thanks!!!

**King Soopers has changed their system for charitable donations. We are now enrolled in the King Soopers Community Rewards program!** To register for the program go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>. Click on the "create an account" button or the "sign in" on the right hand side of the page. If you are creating an account, you will fill in your information, including a valid email address and a King Soopers loyalty card. Once you have created an account click on the "save" link in the upper left, and then on King Soopers Community Rewards link. Then click on "enroll" and you will be able to search for groups. Use Eternal Savior Lutheran Church or SL909 to link your card to Eternal Savior. **Once enrolled, a percentage of all your purchases will go to our Youth Group every time you use in your loyalty card! Thanks!!!!**

**As things keep changing fast due to COVID-19, please be advised that ESLC Weekly Servant Schedule may not be up to date. Please check with Pastor if you have questions.**

## **SERVING IN JUNE**

### **Sunday, June 7**

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Paul Reuer
Counter(s)	Jayne Rhode, Cindy Stahly
Elder(s)	
Altar	Jan Ertle
Sound System	Marc Ertle
Flowers	Vieyra

### **Sunday, June 14**

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Walt Oehlkers, Bob Vieyra
Counter(s)	Jayne Rhode, Cindy Stahly
Elder(s)	
Altar	Jan Ertle
Sound System	Marc Ertle
Flowers	Spahr

### **Sunday, June 21**

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Walt Oehlkers, Bob Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge, Mary Bunge
Elders(s)	
Altar	
Sound System	Nick Mayer
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, June 28**

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Tom Stahly
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge, Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	
Altar	
Sound System	Nick Mayer
Flowers	OPEN

## WinGS – LWML NEWS

Women In God's Service (WinGS) is a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). If you are a member of an LCMS church, you are a member of LWML. All WinGS events are open to each and every woman of Eternal Savior Lutheran Church. Your individual participation, ideas, and interaction are a blessing to everyone in attendance.

**ENGAGING**

**ENCOURAGING**

**EQUIPPING**

**ENJOYING**

### **Each and every woman member of ESLC is a Woman in God's Service**

**WinGS:** Thank you to those who responded back to Marge regarding the grant recipients. There were several choices that were common and they were all voted for. The ballot is now in the mail so our choices can be considered.

There is still no information yet on attending the convention activities online. Marge will update everyone via group email as to the format and timing of the activities once this has been set. While many have not attended a convention and seen the business side of the LWML (known to us as the ESLC WinGS) this will be an opportunity to witness how grants are chosen to receive funding. Usually there are speakers from former grant recipients who let the group know how the money helped their mission work.

To each of you during this time of isolation, let us remember to stay in touch and support each other with prayers, emails and phone calls. Stay well, Stay safe and best of all, Stay in the Lord.



**Monthly Mite Collections** - These will resume on Sunday, June 14. We don't yet know the results of the voting for the new LWML RMD mission grants, but we still need to support the national LWML 2019-2021 mission grants with our mites and prayers. Check out the national mission grants at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) under the Mission tab. THANK YOU.

**Women's Bible Study** – due to COVID-19 Women's Bible Study is cancelled until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Spahr.

# June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Elders  <b>VBS Cancelled</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>VBS Cancelled</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study  <b>VBS Cancelled</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>VBS Cancelled</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>VBS Cancelled</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Class 11:40 Church Council 1:30-3:30 PM Communion by Appt	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline</b> 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Class 1:30-3:30 PM Communion by Appt <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <a href="#">Father's Day</a>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline</b> 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM Trustees	<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Church Workday	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Class 1:30-3:30 PM Communion by Appt	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

Livestreaming\* - To watch livestreaming video, please go to church's Facebook page or ESLC website <https://eternalsavior-lutheran.org/>  
 Communion sign up link <https://bit.ly/ESLC-communion-signup>



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

# Pray For Us Calendar

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — JUNE 1-30

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) officially began work in the Dominican Republic in 2004. Over the years, a group home was established to care for orphaned children with disabilities; congregations and mission plants were started; and a deaconess-training program was launched. The LCMS seminary in Santiago, Dominican Republic, trains students from around the Latin America region.

*Remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:*

- 1.** *for the seminary students who will enter the seminary this fall, that they would be able to acquire their student visas and other documentation needed to study in the Dominican Republic.*
- 2.** *for seminary students and their families, that they would have a smooth transition to life in a new place away from family and friends. Praise God for these dedicated students who are willing to leave home to obtain a solid theological education.*
- 3.** *that God would grant the seminary students determination and endurance, so that they might be diligent in their studies*

and make the most of their education.

- 4.** *for the women studying to be deaconesses, that the theological coursework and intensive practical experience would form them into capable and effective deaconesses.*
- 5.** *that God would grant strength to our deaconesses as they support the work of pastors by caring for the poor, the marginalized and the sick.*
- 6.** *with thanksgiving for all the faithful and generous people who have prayed or given of their time or treasures to make the seminary and mercy center a reality.*

**7.** *for the seminary professors, that they would be well-prepared to impart wisdom and knowledge to their students.*

**8.** *that the Spanish-language theological library at the seminary would be well used and a blessing to the students and faculty.*

**9.** *for the families of the professors, that they would adapt easily and find joy in a new country and culture.*

**10.** *for Lutheran congregations in Latin America, that they would be prepared to care for and support their pastors physically, mentally and spiritually.*

**11.** *for seminary students who are serving vicarages, that they would learn much from their experience and be better prepared for their future ministry.*

**12.** *for all the missionaries and leaders of the Dominican church, that they would discern God's*

*will so that they can build a firm foundation for the church for generations to come.*

**13.** *that God would raise up individuals and congregations to support our LCMS missionaries in the Dominican Republic.*

**14.** *that God would supply faithful and capable men and women to serve as missionaries, both in Latin America and around the world.*

**15.** *with thanksgiving for faithful men and women who have given up the comforts of home and family to faithfully serve on the mission field.*

**16.** *that many in the Dominican Republic would hear God's Word and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they would attend worship each Sunday to receive the Word and Sacraments.*

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**17.** *that God would grant health and safety to all missionaries and their families.*

**18.** *that the Dominican Christians would continue to study God's Word and be strengthened to live faithfully and serve their neighbors in love.*

**19.** *with thanksgiving for the willingness of the Dominican people to hear and learn God's Word. By God's grace, the LCMS has established congregations and mission stations around the country.*

**20.** *that God would raise up many Lutheran school teachers and school administrators — especially from among the Dominican congregations — to meet the needs of the large number of eager students.*

**21.** *that the families of our Lutheran school children would also hear God's Word and be brought to faith.*

**22.** *with thanksgiving for the large and ever-growing number of students seeking education in our Lutheran schools in the Dominican Republic.*

**23.** *that the Lutheran mission churches in the Dominican*

*Republic would continue to grow and mature through regular worship and Bible study.*

**24.** *with thanksgiving for the many faithful Christians who regularly worship in our mission congregations.*

**25.** *with thanksgiving for Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home), which provides a safe and nurturing facility for young people with developmental disabilities.*

**26.** *that God would grant patience and endurance for the faithful workers who care for the group home's residents. Praise God that He has used these wonderful young people to teach the Dominican Lutheran church about His love and mercy.*

**27.** *with thanksgiving that the residents of Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor have become active members of the local Lutheran church, where they are eager to hear God's Word and to serve in any way possible.*

**28.** *with thanksgiving for the willingness of faithful and gentle caregivers who serve the residents of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.*



**29.** *for all the mission work throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.*

**30.** *with thanksgiving that we are one in Christ with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Latin America.*

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