



The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

February 2019



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Friends in Christ:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. 2 Corinthians 13:13

The worship service has for main parts: **gathering, word, meal, and sending.** (You can read more about this on pages 91-93 of your red hymnal under the heading "Pattern for Worship".) Everything we've considered so far belongs to the first part, gathering. During this first part of the service, "the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God" (p. 92). During the second part, word, "God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song."

The transition between gathering and word is marked by the **Greeting** and the **Prayer of the Day.**

Depending on what musical elements are included, the greeting may take place earlier in the gathering portion of the service, or a second, shorter greeting may also be included. The idea is basically the same: Now that everyone is here, the worship leader and assembly greet one another in words right out of the Bible, often specifically from 2 Corinthians. These words were originally written by Paul to a church in the midst of significant conflict. Paul's gracious words to a community that didn't entirely agree with him are a model for how we treat one another, even when we disagree.

The Prayer of the Day, then, introduces the word portion of service with a prayer that frequently introduces some of the Scripture themes for the day.

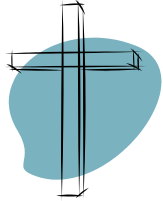
Every Sunday of the church year (and some weekdays) will have its own appointed Prayer of the Day. The prayers themselves are a mix of old and new. Some were newly written for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* to match all of the Scripture readings we currently use, and others are modern English translations of prayers that go back hundreds of years or more.

When our North American Lutheran ancestors began worshiping in English, they didn't have to start over from scratch. They simply borrowed much of their worship language from the excellent English translations already being used by their Episcopal neighbors. We've diverged since then, but you can still find clear counterparts to many of our oldest prayers in the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer.*

By the way, historically, the Prayer of the Day (or the collect if you're with the Episcopalians) was read only by the presiding minister. That explains why it often uses more complicated words and phrases than other prayers which were intentionally written to be read by a large group. See if you can spot this reminder of our worship history!

Regardless of when or how the prayer itself was written (you could also have a new one written just this week or make one up on the spot), the Prayer of the Day reminds us that worship, like the Word of God we're about to receive, is both ancient and modern, always connecting what God has done in the past with what God is doing on this specific day.

Pastor Sarah Taylor



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February Worship Schedule

Feb. 3rd - 9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30 Worship at Zion/Sunday School

Feb. 10th - 9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30 Worship at Zion

Feb. 17th - 9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30 Worship at Zion/Sunday School

Feb. 24th - 9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30 Worship at Zion

Vital Statistics

Lake Hanska

Dec 23 25 \$630.00

Dec 24 27 \$184.00

**Dec 30 Joint worship at 24
Lake Hanska Church
\$848.00 Noisy \$80.00**

Jan 6 23 \$1,105.00

Jan 13 22 \$312.00

Zion

Dec 23 33

Dec 24 85 Christmas Eve

**Offering for 23, 25 and 30
\$2,927.00**

Dec 30 Joint worship at LH

Jan 6 38 \$920.00

Food Shelf \$74.00

Jan 13 32

Jan 20 10

Offering Jan 13 & 20 \$918.00



Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday March 6, 2019 at Lake Hanska Church

Just a Reminder

Don't forget to register for communion! Please either sign a communion card at Lake Hanska or the communion book at Zion.

Make sure your offering is in an envelope.

This makes bookkeeping for both churches easier!

Thank you!

Watonswan River Conference Assembly

Sunday February 17th - 2:00p.m.

at Trinity in Sleepy Eye, MN

Zion Members: Your giving reports will be in your mailbox at Church if you did not receive one in the mail.



Let all you do be done with LOVE

1 Corinthians 16:14

Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

Lake Hanska W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Pam Kjelshus and
Jane Ahlness

Wednesday February 13th

9:30a.m. Sewing. All ladies of Lake
Hanska Church are welcome to join us
for coffee at 10:30a.m.

Zion W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Sharon Miller

Communion: Karen Peterson and
Sonja Smesmo

Flowers: Dorcas

Sewing - Mon. Feb. 11th
and Tues. Feb. 12th

Bible Study will be during Sewing on
Tuesday Feb. 12th, General meeting to
follow Bible Study

The Olstad Memorial Fund in Memory of David from Lake Hanska church will now pay
for the full price of camp at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries.
If you are interested please go check it out at gllm.org.

Sprit Led INNOVATION

Equipping Congregations Day

Saturday February 23, 2019

8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Willmar MN

All Are Welcome!

Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators, Pastors...Everyone!

Key Note Speakers: Beth Lewis: **Grow Hold Fold**

Benjamin Winchester: **Rewriting the Rural Narrative**

Choose 3 Different workshops to attend throughout the day!

A full workshop list with descriptions is available on the Synod Website

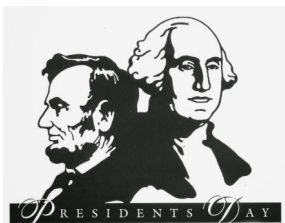
Let Pastor Sarah or a council member know if you would like to attend!

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