



MISSION STATEMENT

**Called by God to
Worship, Learn and
Nurture; Sent to
Serve and Tell**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Jesus is Lord and
Savior. We are called
to learn and share
the Good News.
Welcome and serve
all people. We are
serv-ants of God to
others. Holy Spirit,
mighty in prayer
leads us to answer
God's call. Fellowship
sustains each other.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (Mark 16:1-8 NRSV)

In Mark, there are no resurrection appearances as there are in the other Gospels. There is only the empty tomb, and the young man who tells Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome that Jesus has been raised and that he is going to Galilee "just as he told you" (Mark 14:28). The women fled in fear, as had the disciples at his arrest, and say "nothing to anyone". Not a very satisfactory ending to a Gospel.

Yet, that is exactly the point. All along Mark's language is terse and percussive. Everything happens immediately. Jesus runs from place to place, one person to the next. "Beginning the good news of Jesus Christ, Son of God" is how Mark begins. And in that same way, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is just that, a beginning. Mark invites us to keep the good news going, to bear witness. Will the disciples follow Jesus word and run to Galilee? Will we also head to Galilee? The promise to those terrified disciples is that the risen Lord runs ahead of them on road, already traveling their path as they seek to follow him. And that is the promise for us also. As we hear the story of death and resurrection, we are reborn and nothing for us is the same. Jesus runs along the way with us and ahead of us clearing the way. Have no fear!

Pastor John Schraan





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Church in America

Presiding Bishop Eaton's Easter Message

*Imagine what it must have been like on that first Easter morning when there wasn't the knowledge of the resurrection. When, instead, it was all about death and disappointment. Imagine Mary Magdalene's encounter with the risen Lord. Hear Bishop Eaton's message and a hymn from our newest worship resource, *All Creation Sings*, about the transformation of Mary's grief into joy. Happy Easter!*

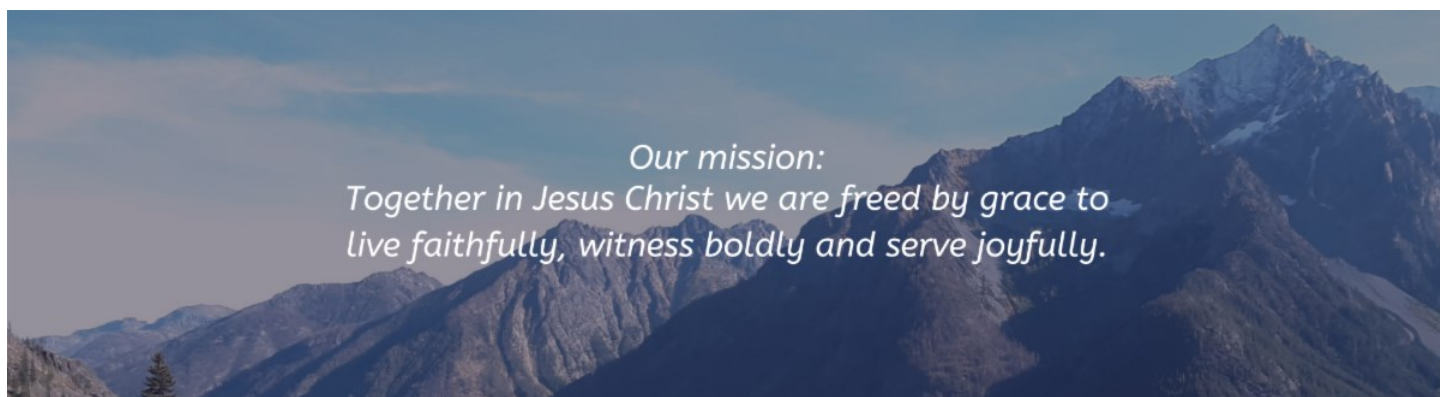
I try to imagine what it must have been like on that first Easter morning when there wasn't the knowledge of the resurrection. When, instead, it was all about death and disappointment. And I imagine Mary Magdalene coming to the tomb in order to care for Jesus' body, to prepare it for burial. The story was over. The hope was gone. And then someone shows up in the garden, and Mary can't recognize him. Thinking that he's the gardener, she says, "Sir, tell me where you've taken the body so that I may bring it back here."

Imagine a woman, literally, thinking that she could carry the deadweight of a man. All of that grief, the heaviness of that physically as well as spiritually, and just then Jesus speaks her name. "Mary," he says, and her eyes are open. And she can see Jesus because she has been seen by Jesus. Her name has been called by the risen Lord, and now she is part of the resurrection story that happens for all of us in baptism. Jesus has called all of us by name and knows every one of us. And we too now are part of the resurrection story. Her mourning was turned into dancing. I'm going to leave you with this hymn from our newest worship resource, *All Creation Sings*, about the transformation of Mary's grief into joy.

Happy Easter, dear Church.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton,
Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Northwest Intermountain Synod Upcoming Events



April 24, 2021 Northwest Intermountain Synod Assembly

Voting members need to be members of a NWIM Synod congregation and ministry. This assembly is being held over Zoom, so voting members should be comfortable with that platform. Additionally, there will be a pre-assembly orientation in the weeks leading up to Assembly. It is expected that all voting members attend one orientation session. Hearings on the budget and on resolutions/memorials will be held in the days and weeks leading up to Assembly as well. Registration will open soon!

May 2, 2021 NWIM & UKD Joint Worship Service

This service is being written by our Ulanga Kilombero Diocese partners and will include videos from both the UKD and the NWIM Synod. It will be released on May 2 as a YouTube video. Plan now to use this resource for your congregation as a wonderful way to worship across the world with our sisters and brothers in Tanzania.

Women's Bible Study

April 15th at 12:30

We will meet, socially distanced, in the courtyard, or in the Fellowship Hall, depending on the weather.

Bring your own chair or use the picnic tables.

Wear masks indoors or if you cannot maintain 6 ft distance outdoors.

Study Hannah and discuss plans for our continued study

Opal Marie Dingerson Scholarship

For our college scholars:

Applications are available from the church office or Cheryl Sauer (acmnsauer@msn.com)

Applications are due May 15

CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays



April 8 Wayne Selvog
April 14 Konner Burgin
April 14 Benjamin Lake
April 24 Darold Larson
April 25 Evelyn Roberts
April 26 Joshua Guillard

April Anniversaries

April 12 Dan & Lorie Murphy



Ilene thanks everyone for all the cards, phone calls and prayers during her recovery. Prayers are being answered; she is improving.

In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

(Please keep these people and their concerns in your prayers)

Evelyn Roberts	Dave Zanger	Bettie Roberts
Nalda Bryson	Collette Bower	Vicki Isaacson
Jackie Larson	Lefty	Ben Welch
Cyndi Orel	Monica Rider	Ted
Gary Whitcom	Santiago	James
Gwen Marvin	Traci Dorich	Carol Chavez

(Please help us keep this up to date and let us know when prayers have been answered and no longer needed)

Serving Our Country

Taylor Bunker - USN	David Carlson
Brian Eling - USA	Luke Harper
Chris Wendt - National Guard	Justin Hughes

From your CLC Social Ministry Committee

Help Wanted

Needed immediately: 4 families/people willing to feed the hungry once a year. Also needed: 4 families/people willing to provide desserts for the hungry once a year. No prior experience needed – just willing hands and ability to cook!

For a few years, Christ Lutheran has been joining with Central Lutheran to provide a meal to Camp Hope on the second Monday of the month. We provide that meal once every three months. Jan Frank has taken over this project after Jean Raabe began the ministry. Although she has provided the meals with grace and love, she is ready to share with others. Would you be willing to plan, cook and help serve a meal once a year? The meals don't have to be elaborate since the facilities are limited. They just need to be nourishing.

Donations of money are also appreciated because the groceries needed do add up. There is grant money available from the synod for feeding the hungry. Christ Lutheran will apply for some of this money. However, financial support from our members will reinforce how this mission is important to our congregation.

Please contact either Jan Frank or Kathy Sebree if you feel Jesus calling you to feed the hungry.

Years ago, Lutheran missionaries were sent to start new churches around the world, and now those churches run their own seminaries and ministries. What, then, is the role of the ELCA missionary today? Today's missionaries are doctors, nurses, teachers, educators, and community organizers—and the ELCA sends them to work alongside other Lutherans only when an invitation is issued by one of the ELCA's global companion churches. "Instead of approaching us for long-term people to help start and grow a church, [our global companions] are asking us to fill more specific technical positions," said Heidi Torgerson, ELCA director for global service. "Our fractured world needs healing. ELCA missionaries are agents of healing through the work they do." Adrienne Gray and her husband, Ben, for example, are missionaries working in technical positions as communicators for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Whether they are taking photos, writing stories, or preparing press releases, their charge is to connect the English-speaking Lutheran world to the reality of life for Arab Lutherans in Palestine, Jerusalem, and Jordan. "The amazing thing is that [in spite of the conflict], our co-workers are joyful, hopeful people," Adrienne said. "They are living." While the majority of ELCA missionaries are in their 20s, early 30s or close to retirement, the Grays are in the middle of their careers and raising their 14- and 11-year-old kids. They came to Jerusalem after Adrienne completed her training as a deaconess in 2015 and was looking for a call. "We didn't have this part of the world on our radar at all, but when we saw the opening, we knew immediately that our talents fit its need," she said. "We wear the term 'missionary' proudly—it's central to the work of the church."

Christ Lutheran helps support missionaries like the Grays with some of our benevolence dollars. Thank you for supporting these missions around our world.

Easter for our adopted Veterans! Charlotte, Cheryl and Laura collected your generous donations and went on a shopping spree to purchase personal hygiene products for the vets. The Easter baskets were presented to the vets with the assistance of Pastor Rigo, their case worker. Not only did we provide for our 18 vets at the Pear Tree Place, but added eight more from the new Bicycle Apartment complex. What an enlightening experience to be able to give to others who sacrificed of themselves for our freedom!



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