

June 20, 2020



Gathering

Led by Rev. Catrina Ciccone,
Luther Seminary—Anti-Racism
Team, Together Here

Call to Worship and Welcome

Led by Rev. Luke Lekander,
Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
Outing, MN—Anti-Racism
Team, Together Here

Confession and Forgiveness

Led by Rev. Erika Foss,
Trinity Lutheran Church,
Cook, MN

Northeastern Minnesota Synod Commemoration of Emanuel 9 Sunday

At the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members designated June 17 as a commemoration of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people shot and killed on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC. On the Sunday closest to June 17 each year, ELCA congregations in NEMN Synod join our siblings in Christ from the AME Church to host Commemoration of Emanuel 9 Sunday. Resources for this Sunday are compiled by Together Here Ministries.

As the assembly sings the gathering hymns, you are invited to light a candle in memory of someone who has died from violence of any kind or been affected by violence of any kind.

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee (ELW #697)
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW #773)
My Lord, What a Morning (ELW #438)*

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Just as the prophet Jeremiah proclaimed, let us not rush to the language of healing before understanding the fullness of the injury and the depth of the wound. **Let us not rush to offer a band-aid, when the gaping wound requires surgery and complete reconstruction.**

Let us not offer false equivalencies, thereby diminishing the particular pain being felt in a particular circumstance in a particular historical moment. **Let us not speak of reconciliation without speaking of reparations and restoration. Let us not speak of healing before we can repair the breach and how we can restore the loss.**

Let us not rush past the loss of this mother's child, this father's child ... someone's beloved son. **Let us not value property over people; let us not protect material objects while human lives hang in the balance.**

Let us not value a false peace over a righteous justice. **Let us not be afraid to sit with the ugliness, the messiness, and the pain that is life in community together.**

Confession and Forgiveness Continued

Let us not offer clichés to the grieving, those whose hearts are being torn asunder. Instead, let us mourn black and brown men and women, those killed unjustly and illegally every 28 hours. **Let us lament the loss of a teenager, dead at the hands of a police officer who described him as a demon.**

Let us weep at a criminal justice system, which is neither blind nor just. **Let us call for the mourning men and the wailing women, those willing to rend their garments of privilege and ease, and sit in the ashes of this nation's original sin.**

Let us be silent when we don't know what to say. **Let us be humble and listen to the pain, rage and grief pouring from the lips of our neighbors and friends.**

Let us decrease, so that our brothers and sisters who live on the underside of history may increase. **Let us pray with our eyes open and our feet firmly planted on the ground.**

Let us listen to the shattering glass and let us smell the purifying fires, for it is the language of the unheard. **God, in your mercy, show me my own complicity in injustice. Convict me for my indifference. Forgive me when I have remained silent. Equip me with zeal for righteousness.**

Pause for personal reflection

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)

Opening Hymn

Led by Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmö, MN

Prayer of the Day

Led by Rev. Liz Cheney, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower, MN

Let us pray.

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infections and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

Teach us, Lord God, to serve you as you desire, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN**

First Reading

*Read by Mr. Charles Bernu,
Supporter of
Together Here Ministries*

Psalm

*Read by
Rev. Rebecca LeMenager,
Anti-Racism Team, Together Here*

Second Reading

*Read by Dn. Colleen Bernu,
DEM and Minister of Diversity,
Equity and Inclusion, NEMN Synod*

Gospel Acclamation

*Led by Bethesda Lutheran
Church, Malmo, MN*

Gospel Reading

Read by Rev. Luke Lekander

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

*Led by Bethesda Lutheran
Church, Malmo, MN*

Apostles Creed

*Read by Rev. Terry Frovik,
People for Racial Justice—Anti-
Racism Team, Together Here*

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Isaiah 40:6-11

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46:1-6,10

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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“Wade in the Water” refrainx2 (ELW 459)

Luke 10:23-37

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Given by Rev. Luke Lekander

Christ, Be Our Light, vs 1,2, 5 (ELW 715)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrections of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

*Led by Dr. Mark Hollabaugh, Trinity Lutheran Church,
Hovland, MN—Bridge Building Task Force, Together Here*

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Rev. Joy Armstrong,
Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
Cloquet, MN—Bridge Building
Task Force, Together Here

NEMN Synod Remarks

Peace

Led by Rev. James Muske,
Bethesda Lutheran Church,
Malmo, MN

Offering Hymn

Led by Bethesda Lutheran
Church, Malmo, MN

Offering Prayer

Led by Rev. James Muske,
Bethesda Lutheran Church,
Malmo, MN—Bridge Building
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Lord's Prayer

Led by Bishop Amy Odgren

Charge to the Synod

Sending Hymn

Blessing and Dismissal



...Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Given by Bishop Amy Odgren

Sharing of the peace

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (ELW 708)

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered to love the world, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Given by Bishop Amy Odgren

We Are Marching in the Light (ELW 866)

Given by Rev. Luke Lekander

MOTHER EMANUEL
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remember. Reflect. Refocus.

