

Prayers for March 7, 2010, Third Sunday in Lent

*As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,
Awaking and warming and healing our land.
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow
And ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember the **ELCA Allegheny Synod**.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of our grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory. Amen.

*We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;
We thank you, good gardener, for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield
For harvest of grace in our once barren soil.*

RW 166

Prayers for March 14, 2010, Fourth Sunday in Lent

*To be your presence is our mission here,
To show compassion's face and listening ear,
To be your heart of mercy ever near, Alleluia!*

*To be your presence is our mission bold,
To feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
To be your hands of justice, right uphold, Alleluia!*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **Lutheran Social Services of Montana**.

We pray for the ongoing important work of Lutheran Social Services of Montana in its ministry of birth-parent counseling, adoption services, disaster relief, and coordination of a Montana and northern Wyoming counseling network for clergy and congregational members.

*To be your presence is our mission here,
To speak for all the broken and oppressed,
To be your voice of hope, your love expressed, Alleluia!*

*We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
To serve your people is our call and choice,
And in this mission we, the church, rejoice, Alleluia!*

ELW 546

Prayers for March 21, 2010, Fifth Sunday in Lent

*We who once were dead now live, fully knowing Jesus as our head.
Life is overflowing when he breaks the bread.*

*We were lost in night, but you sought and found us.
Give us strength to fight; death is all around us. Jesus be our light.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **Broadview Lutheran, Broadview; Our Savior's, Laurel; and American, Lavina:**

Lord Christ, We pray that as the sun warms the ground, to ready it for seed, make us good soil for your Word, that it may be alive and growing within us. Amen.

*He became our bread; Jesus died to save us.
On him we are fed, eating what he gave us, rising from the dead.*

*Let us share the pain you endured in dying; we shall then remain living;
Death defying, we shall rise again.*

ELW 495

Prayers for March 28, 2010, Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

*The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
Shared human life and toiled throughout the day;
From common folk he called the twelve to be
Co-workers in his sacred ministry.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **St. John's, Our Redeemer's, and New Life, all in Helena:**

Lord of life, as the days begin to lengthen and we begin to see signs of new life, make us every mindful of the new life we have by grace through faith in Christ. We give you thanks and praise for many years of combined ministry. Give us your vision and guidance as we move forward with plans to serve your people. Lord in whose abundance we trust and rely, continue in your blessings for your people called and gathered in your name. We seek your blessing upon the children of each congregation and parents and older members involved in the LOGOS ministry education program. Amen.

*In city street, in town, or on the soil,
May each serve Christ in faithful daily toil,*

*And in each thought and kindly word and deed,
Obey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.*
ELW 584

Prayer for April 1, 2010, Maundy Thursday

*Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.*
ELW 348

Prayer for April 2, 2010, Good Friday

*Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit your equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption
For your burden makes us free.*
ELW 355

Prayers for April 4, 2010, Resurrection of our Lord

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed!
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **King of Glory, Good Shepherd, Atonement, Messiah and First English, Billings:**

O Lord our God, creator of all that exists, we thank you for the joy of watching new life begin and for the privilege of sharing with you in your continuing creation. We pray for churches everywhere in transition and ask for willingness to join you in the work you are doing in our churches, communities, and the world. Amen.

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*
ELW 383

Prayers for April 11, 2010, Second Sunday of Easter

*How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news; announcing peace,*

Proclaiming news of happiness, our God reigns, our God reigns.

He had no stately form; he had no majesty, that we should be drawn to him.

He was despised and we took no account of him yet now he reigns with the Most High.

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia:**

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. We ask for your blessing on missionaries everywhere and especially on Pastor Justin and Kari Eller as they serve you for the ELCA in Bolivia. Strengthen them, protect them and renew them daily. Amen.

It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wounded him,

It was our sin that brought him down. When we like sheep

Had gone astray, our Shepherd came and on his shoulders bore our shame.

Out of the tomb he came with grace and majesty;

He is alive, he is alive. God loves us so; see Jesus' hands, his feet, his side.

Yes, we know, he is alive.

TFBF 99

Prayers for April 18, 2010, Third Sunday of Easter

Our Father, God in heaven above, pour out on us the Spirit's love

That we unite in word and deed and call to you in every need;

Help us no thoughtless words to say, but, as our Savior taught, to pray.

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **First Lutheran, Lambert; Pella, Sidney; American, Baker; Peace, Plevna; and St. Elizabeth, Ekalaka:**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing. We pray for our worship spaces that they may be places of welcome with Jesus as the cornerstone. We also pray for the number of aging parishioners in all our congregations, that their needs may be met alongside our responsibilities to parishioners of all ages.. We thank you for supplying our needs on this awesome journey of faith. Amen.

Amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and make it grow;

Beset by doubt, help us believe what here we ask we shall receive.

So, by your promise, in your name, with loud Amen your Yes we claim!

ELW 747

Prayers for April 25, 2010, Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
Nourish the life of the world in our care:
Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

*Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
Water that blesses, and air that is sweet,
Health in God's garden, hope in God's children
Regeneration that peace will complete.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **American, Bethlehem and Peace, Billings:**

As the sun brightens and warms our days, let your sun shine in our hearts as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We thank you for raising up people willing to serve and for success in ministries that proclaim your Word to the world around us. Amen.

*God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
Using us gently, and making us one.*

ELW 739

Prayers for May 2, 2010, Fifth Sunday of Easter

*The poor ones of the world await the dawn of hope,
When justice will shine and make oppression flee.
The empty hands of all are raised to you, Lord God: oh, set us free!*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **Kogodus Renewal Ministry:**

We pray that this ministry of spiritual renewal may continue to ignite in the hearts of those it serves. Equip and empower the ministry with new passion and new vision, for proclaiming the Good News of Jesus through word and deed. Amen.

*The people walk throughout the world together and cry out, "Come, O Lord";
The people who long to claim the promise, God's liberating Word.*

ELW 706

Prayers for May 9, 2010, Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.*

*Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **Galata and Devon, Greater Galata Area; St. Luke's, Shelby; Trinity, Choteau;**

Holy Jesus, come and dwell among us in our congregations, families, and communities. Give us hope in your promises, and trust in your love for us.

*Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience; hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.*

ELW 735

Prayers for May 13, 2010, Ascension of our Lord

*God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land;
You are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **Outdoor Camping Ministries:**

Lord of all creation, we give you thanks for the blessings of **Christikon and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camps**. We pray for all who will serve as summer staff, that "the Lord of the harvest will provide workers sufficient unto it" who are faithful, insightful, dedicated and competent. Bless all who participate as campers, that they may meet the Lord Jesus Christ through time shared at camp. Amen.

*God, the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:
You are present every moment, we are searching; meet us now.*

RW 255

Prayers for May 16, 2010, Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Father, we thank you that you planted your holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus your Son to us imparts.
Lord, you have made all for your pleasure and given us food for all our days,*

Giving in Christ the bread eternal; yours is the power, yours be the praise.

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **Jocko Valley, Arlee; Valley of Christ, Frenchtown; Prince of Peace, Missoula; Our Savior's, Bonner:**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world.

*Watch over your church, O lord, in mercy, save it from evil and guard it still;
Perfect it in your love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto your will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands your church be gathered into your kingdom by your Son.*

Prayers for May 23, 2010, Day of Pentecost

*Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
O Comforter and Friend, how we need your touch again;
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
Let your power fall, let your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts as we stand on your word;*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember the **Montana Synod Office of the ELCA:**

Holy Spirit, breathe life and energy into your Church. Refresh and inspire all those gathered for the Synod Assembly in Billings in June. Give your gifts of leadership and discernment to Bishop Jessica Crist, Associate Bishop John Allen and Dave Peters, Director of Mission and Outreach. We thank you, Lord for Susan Hedahl, Susan Smith, and others who support and assist the various congregations and ministries of this synod. May all associated with this church be the work of your hands to all they meet and instruments of love and service in the world. Amen.

*Holy Spirit, rain down.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind can know what God has in store.
So open up heaven, open it wide,
Over your church and over our lives.
Rain down, rain down.*

RW152

Prayers for May 30, 2010, The Holy Trinity, First Sunday after Pentecost

*Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
Set people free at Pentecost, to tell the Savior's name.*

*We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth'
Go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember **Hope, Powell, WY; Trinity, Sheridan, WY; and Trinity, Cody, WY:**

We pray, O Lord that you will continue to guide us as we seek to balance our human wants and needs with our responsibility to care for the world you have lovingly created. Amen.

*Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
We sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
To shape in song this joy, this life: the Dance of Trinity.*

RW 298