**Suggestion for worship planners for Pentecost Sunday:**

**Include this litany of partnership, which will be used at the Closing Worship at the Montana Synod Assembly, in your congregation on Sunday, June 9th, Pentecost Sunday. This document will also be included in the Synod Packets and is also available on the Montana Synod Website under “Synod Assembly”. On behalf of the Montana Synod, thank you for your partnership in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**Litany of Partnership:**

We the people of the Montana Synod, on the weekend of our Synod Assembly were together from the corners of the Synod, from Plentywood to Hamilton, from Libby to Sheridan, WY, joined to worship, learn, celebrate and discern. As we worship today in our congregation to celebrate the day of Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit descend on our hearts as the Spirit once descended in Jerusalem.

**Together, we are partners in ministry.**

God has joined us to one another, in our congregations, in the Montana Synod, in the ELCA and with Christians around the world. May we as church together, faithfully strive to participate in God’s reconciling work.

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We give thanks for the ministry of the Montana Synod, for the service of Bishop Crist and our new Bishop, (NAME). We give thanks for the global witness of our companions from the Cape Orange Diocese, for Bishop Manong and Pastor Khunou. We give thanks for the participation of partners around the church, for Bishop Eaton, Secretary Boerger, Bishop Wickstrom and Bishop Kuempel and for all who ignite the passion of your word throughout the church.

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Together we support the work of the Montana Synod, churchwide ministries, Lutheran Disaster Response and World Hunger. We support more than 200 missionaries sent to more than 40 countries; we facilitate dialogue and common action among communities of faiths that God’s love may spread far and wide.

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We equip current and future leaders through our colleges, universities, seminaries and training for lay pastoral associates; we engage in hopeful conversation about current issues that impact our world.

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Christ has freed us fromsin and death so that we can live with and for our neighbors; in worship we cry out to be forgiven, fed, and equipped that our faith may be aligned with God’s good purposes of justice, mercy, and peace.

**Scattered into the world, we do God’s work.**

Let us pray: Gracious God, you call us together, and you send us out. Give us strength to be your people, both when we gather and when we scatter. Deliver us from service of ourselves alone. By the power of your Holy Spirit working in us and in our congregations, may we feed the hungry, heal the sick, and lift the broken. In our daily lives and through our congregations, Synod and the whole church, inspire in us the holy work of giving away our lives that all creation may live as one in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**