



ELCA World Hunger
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MARCH 2019

SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

ELCA World Hunger's 40 DAYS of Giving

Goal amount:

\$ _____

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	<p>Fill our fasting bodies with your spirit of justice. Lead us into the challenging work of feeding and freeing all people. Fulfill your purpose in us. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>1</p>	<p>St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran Church's Lunchtime Ministry offers a warm meal, hospitality and community to neighbors in Hoboken, N.J. While different things bring people there, the only requirement is respect for the space and people. Read more in <i>One lifeline that never goes away</i>.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>More than 30 million children in the U.S. depend on free or reduced-price lunches each weekday. But on weekends, many students go hungry. A gift of \$10 is enough to ensure children and their families have a couple of days of healthy eats, and one less thing to worry about.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>On this day of prayer and fasting, I will: Clothe myself in patience and let go of indifference. <i>Colossians 3:12</i></p> <p>4</p>	<p>For families in Akron, Ohio, DLM (Dare to Love More) Food and Resources is a place to find nourishing food, warm clothes and an equally warm welcome. "Our clients feel seen, heard and loved," said Rachel Breece, special programs coordinator. Read more in <i>Dare to Love More</i>.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Millions of Americans struggle to get enough to eat. Whether looking for a refuge from the streets or a little extra help to get by, a warm meal and a seat at the table can go a long way. A gift of \$100 to ELCA World Hunger can help feed 50 people at a soup kitchen.</p> <p>6</p>
<p>Read today's Gospel reading together, John 12:1-8</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Reveal the treasures of heaven through the witness of all your saints. Give us the will to journey faithfully and to bear Christ's salvation to all who yearn for it. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>8</p>	<p>In addition to funding relief and development projects that assist our neighbors in need, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger allow the church to advocate alongside our neighbors to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty. Learn more about our approach at ELCA.org/Advocacy.</p> <p>9</p>	<p>According to World Food Bank estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10.7 percent of the world's population. With a gift of \$2 a day, you can make a significant impact on hunger and poverty in our world.</p> <p>10</p>	<p>On this day of prayer and fasting, I will: Clothe myself in forgiveness and let go of blame. <i>Colossians 3:13</i></p> <p>11</p>	<p>In 2018, your gifts helped our church respond to hunger and poverty through 500 projects in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States. Thank you. Your continued support through 40 Days of Giving will help us do even more in 2019 — and beyond.</p> <p>12</p>	<p>There are many ways gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work, including agriculture, water and healthcare programs. Every gift goes a long way toward a just world where all are fed!</p> <p>13</p>
<p>Read today's Gospel reading together, Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49</p>	<p>Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>On this day of prayer and fasting, I will: Clothe myself in love and let go of hate. <i>Colossians 3:14</i></p>	<p>Gather all you've collected throughout your Lenten journey and add up your total gift to ELCA World Hunger. Bring your gifts to worship or make your donations online at ELCA.org/40Days. Thank you for working creatively and courageously toward a just world where all are fed!</p>	<p>Your gifts matter — in Malawi, Mexico, Cambodia, Zimbabwe, New Jersey, Ohio and around the world. Continue to follow this story at ELCA.org/Hunger. <i>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you (John 13:34).</i></p>	<p>Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God (<i>Hebrews 12:2</i>).</p>	<p>"When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. ... The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced" (<i>Psalms 126:1-3</i>).</p>
<p>Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)</p> <p>21</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27
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