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Tonight's webcast: Ecumenical witness and the Reformation anniversary

Our next live webcast, "Ecumenical Witness on the Eve of the Reformation Anniversary," is airing tonight, **Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. CDT.** Lutheran religious scholar **Martin Marty** and other great panelists will join Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for the conversation.

Tune in by visiting [ELCA.org/webcast](#), or follow along through Facebook Live at [Facebook.com/Lutherans](#). If you would like to submit a question to be considered during the live webcast, please send it to livinglutheran@elca.org and provide your name and your congregation's name, city and state. We also invite you to join the conversation by using **#ELCAwebcast** on social media.

[Learn more.](#)

Upcoming webcast:
THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 7-8 p.m. CDT

Ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation

Tune in on Oct. 31 when The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Roman Catholic Church host an ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation in Lund, Sweden. Pope Francis, LWF President Bishop Munib A. Younan and LWF General Secretary Martin Junge will lead a common prayer service in Lund Cathedral, and a public event in Malmo Arena will follow. The event will be televised and live-streamed globally, which can be viewed on the LWF website.

[Learn more.](#)



Living Lutheran: Advocacy as witness

In its October cover story, Living Lutheran takes a look at the many facets of the ELCA's advocacy work. Amy Reumann, director of ELCA Advocacy in Washington, D.C., said, "Advocacy is witness. It is where my witness to Christ makes me care for my neighbor." Read how serving as a witness and being a "public church" shape the ELCA's advocacy work, and learn about the different advocacy issues being addressed in the ELCA's Washington, D.C., Advocacy office, the Lutheran Office for World Community at the United Nations in New York City and in state public policy offices around the country.

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Mercer Island, Wash.

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OCT 27 TODAY - WEBCAST WITH BISHOP EATON
Ecumenical witness
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OCT 31 ECUMENICAL REFORMATION COMMEMORATION
Livestreamed worldwide
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NOV 1 ELCA VISION FOR MISSION WINDOW CLING
Offer ending soon
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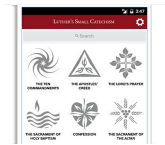
FEATURED RESOURCES



Supplemental ELW marriage resource

Created to offer more inclusivity in language and openness for all who seek to be married within the ELCA.

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Luther's Small Catechism app

This free app features great resources for youth and adult education and anyone interested in Martin Luther's basics of Christian faith.

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ELCA World Hunger Advent Study

This study goes through each week of Advent with devotions based on the lectionary, prayers and hymn suggestions.

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BULLETIN BLURBS

[These snippets are available for you to copy and paste into your bulletins.](#)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence affects many people in our society—intimate partners, spouses, children, siblings and elders. It occurs in many places, including the church. As God's people we are called to face this sin and to act to end it. The ELCA's "A Social Message on Gender-based Violence" provides insight, guidance and encouragement to do so. To [view the message](#) and to find additional resources, go to [ELCA.org/justiceforwomen](#) and click on "Social Issues" in the left column.

Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Matthew
One of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes in years recently ripped through the Caribbean and southeastern U.S. Coast. Your gifts to [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) are needed to bring God's hope, healing and renewal to those affected by the hurricane in the U.S. and internationally. Learn how you can respond at [ELCA.org/disaster](#).

2017 ELCA Vision for Mission window cling
God's grace grants us the freedom to love and serve our neighbors, boldly responding to the needs of the world. Your gift to ELCA Vision for Mission helps carry out this mission. **For a limited time, now until Nov. 1, with every gift, you will receive a special 2017 ELCA window cling. Give now at [ELCA.org/visionformission](#).**

Your gift is an opportunity to extend the love of God through hundreds of ELCA ministries—ministries that grow the ELCA and the Lutheran church around the world, support and develop current and future church leaders, sustain ecumenical and interfaith relationships and so much more. Thank you!



Finish the ELCA World Hunger annual theme year strong with ELCA Good Gifts!

Give a gift that keeps on giving to your loved one that also touches someone who is supported by ELCA ministries. [ELCA Good Gifts](#) go beyond your regular congregational offering to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you.

[Check out](#) fun and educational ways to get your congregation involved with ELCA Good Gifts, especially during Advent. Your gifts will also count toward ELCA World Hunger's five-year goal within *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA!*

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