



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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**Let Us Be Healers of the Breach**  
**ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Weekly Video Message**  
**Jan. 8, 2021**

This past Wednesday, January 6th, was the Day of Epiphany. It's a time in our calendar when we mark the arrival of the magi to give homage to the boy Jesus. We know that the magi were warned in a dream not to return to Herod nor to disclose the location of the boy. And that, soon after that, Herod ordered the murder of all male children two years old and younger because of a threat to his power.

This past Wednesday, January 6th, on the Day of Epiphany, we saw another abuse of power. Of raw power and privilege, when people masquerading or posing as protesters stormed the Capitol, vandalized it, threatened police. We also know that there were very few arrests of those responsible. Perhaps our epiphany from this year's Epiphany events is that our country is broken. God knows I love my country. But yesterday made it abundantly clear for all of us that justice is not equal and that there isn't freedom for all.

So may we have an epiphany, dear church. May we have an epiphany of looking squarely and truthfully at ourselves, at our church, our communities, our country, acknowledging where we are broken, and then determining that we are going to be part of the solution, so that there is equity and justice and equality for all.

Let this be our epiphany. That we are, in Christ, given the power and also the mission to be healers of the breach. Be well, dear church.