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Alone and together and not alone

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Weekly Video Message

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Thanksgiving is nearly here. And that starts, for us, the beginning of what we call the holiday season. Sometimes it's kind of stressful. But this year, we know it will be different.

Many of us will not be traveling on Thanksgiving. We will not be joining the rest of our family members, because of the pandemic and in order to keep each other safe. And some people feel a heightened sense of loneliness at this time, especially if they live alone and cannot be with family and friends.

But a colleague of mine once pointed out that, even though we're physically distanced, maybe, this Thanksgiving, we can think of ourselves as all being at one table. And I urge you all to call someone you know who is at home and not able to be with family. And to believe and trust, as we all do, that we're never alone and that nothing, not even COVID-19 and pandemics, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Blessed Thanksgiving. Be well, dear church.