



***PENTECOST, 2021***  
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*and the* **World Lutheran Parish**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

After the sorrows and reflections of Lent, the Joys of the Resurrection at Easter. and the excitement of a new beginning with the birth of the Christian Church at Pentecost, we settle into the period of the Sundays after Pentecost. As an aid to reflection on the liturgy there will be a long period where the altar cloths and the minister's stole are green.

Pentecost signals a new beginning in the life of the Christian Church. Christ is no longer physically present with His church on earth. But, as promised, we have the strength and comfort of the Holy Spirit to carry us forward to preach the Gospel to all nations. The green color on the alter symbolizes our growth in the spirit as we do God's work by our hands.

In the Lutheran Church - International we can be grateful for all the work by our faithful members in all of our ministries, ordained and non-ordained. We are strengthened and comforted by the Holy Spirit as we move forward in God's love.

We in the LC-I are especially blessed by the spiritual gifts of those who are members of our family in Christ. We are indeed messengers of the Gospel who offer support and comfort to one another. We are profoundly thankful for the ministry of many heroes of the faith who have worked in our midst and also for these who are currently among us.

I would particularly like to point to the example of Deaconess Anthonia Ataudo of recent memory. A faithful minister of Word and Service at The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Rosedale, N.Y. for many years, Deaconess Anthonia was from a highly respected Nigerian family. Her service at Christ Church touched many over the years. Her presence and service at countless liturgical and educational events were a blessing to many congregants and to the entire church.

Deaconess Anthonia touched my own family profoundly. Her healing touch empowered by her love of God had an incredible effect on the life of our elder daughter and our granddaughter. She was a blessing to my wife and to me personally as well.

Sometimes we are hesitant to recognize the goodness of God who in His mercy gives us brothers and sisters in the faith who are powerful supports in our work for His kingdom.

As I write this, I am thinking of you all. I give thanks to the Lord for your energy and devotion to this part of God's universal Christian Church.

**++** *Robert*





## Special Prayers:

*These prayers have been requested through communication to the archbishop's office. Please include them in your personal prayers and in the prayers of your congregation and let us know of others to be included in our prayers.*

- ✝ for our sisters and brothers in the LC-I in India. Pastor Rajendra Tanuku Prasad, Dean for our ministry in India, has informed us of the critical situation due to COVID-19 there. Pastor Prasad has lost a sister to the virus and other members of his family are ill. In India, there is a shortage of resources not only to treat the infected, but even to give a decent burial or cremation to the dead. Please pray for their pastors, congregants and families!
- ✝ for our associates in ministry in Brazil. Pastor Nelson Da Costa Filho says that the situation there is disastrous.
- ✝ for Ademar Terumassa Fudimori and for Eduardo Kenji Fudimori.
- ✝ for all those suffering from the scourge of COVID throughout the world.
- ✝ for the Very Reverend William Babbitt and his ministries in the LC-I.
- ✝ for Bishop Juan and Carmen Cepero.
- ✝ for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ, Rosedale NY in their Pastoral Call process.
- ✝ in thanksgiving for better health for Julie, daughter of Archbishop Robert and Lynn Hotes.
- ✝ in thanksgiving for the faithful leadership and service by the LC-I deacons, pastors, bishops and all others.
- ✝ for our new contacts for partnership in ministry in Africa.
- ✝ for developing communities of faith under the care of Pastors Bruce Hackman and Arthur Hebbeler.
- ✝ for all members of the LC-I Executive Board.
- ✝ for all the saints in the Church Militant and in thanksgiving for all the saints in the Church Triumphant.
- ✝ for The Rev. Steve Gewecke, elected to be the next NJ District President (LCMS); and for NJ District President Anthony Steinbronn upon his retirement in August 2021 after three terms in office.
- ✝ for the many U.S. Capitol Police and District of Columbia officers injured on the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol and still suffering the effects; and for their families who continue to support them and their service.



- ✝ for dealing with painful memories.
- ✝ for the memory of the Tulsa Race Massacre, June 1921, in which hundreds were deliberately killed and injured during the firebomb attack on the ground and from the air; and over 15,000 were left homeless in the racial violence that targeted and silenced the relatively affluent “Black Wall Street” Greenwood area of Tulsa, OK.
- ✝ for the memory of the 215 Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation children whose remains were recently found at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, some as young as three. Residential schools were established in the United States and Canada to implement and hide forced cultural, language and religious suppression and assimilation. Pray for the victims, families and communities.
- ✝ for the victims of daily gun violence and frequent mass shootings in the United States; and for guidance, justice and the willingness to end this violence.
- ✝ for the victims of war especially in the recent attacks in Israel and Gaza.
- ✝ for the memory of military and law enforcement men and women who gave their lives in the service of our country and the protection of our freedom. In the U.S., 18 service members died since Memorial Day, 2020; 377 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty since Memorial Day 2020.





## *When Messiah Comes: Truth and Justice!*

It is hard to believe that the Broadway hit musical “Fiddler on the Roof” has been heard and enjoyed for almost 60 years (and 3,242 performances on Broadway!), and the Oscar-winning film is now over 50 years old! Based on the stories of Sholom Aleichim, the beloved music and drama have been a part of Jewish theatrical lore and our popular culture. It is even quoted in difficult political circumstances:

*Leibesh: Is there a proper blessing for the czar?*

*Rabbi: A blessing for the czar? Of course. May God bless and keep the czar - far away from us.*

But one of the original songs by Sheldon Harnick never made the production; it was considered too slow and comical at a very poignant and tragic time in the story, when the people of Anatevka are forced to leave - forever. This now-loved song is “When Messiah Comes!”

*Mendel (the rabbi’s son to his father): We’ve been waiting for the Messiah all our lives. Wouldn’t this be a good time for him to come?*

*Tevye (before the rabbi can answer, says, singing):*

*When Messiah comes, he will say to us, “I apologize that I took so long. But I had a little trouble finding you, over here a few, over there a few..... You were hard to re-unite But, everything is going to be alright.*

*“Up in heaven there how I wrung my hands when they exiled you from the Promised Land. Into Babylon you went like castaways, On the first of many, many moving days. What a day.... and what a blow! How terrible I felt you’ll never know.”*

*Since that day Many men said to us, “get thee out.” Kings they were, gone they are. We’re still here.....*

*When Messiah comes, he will say to us, “Don’t you think I know what a time you had? Now I’m here, you’ll see how quickly things improve. And you won’t have to move unless you want to move. You shall never more take flight. Yes! Everything is going to be alright!”*

*When Messiah comes, he will say to us, “I was worried sick if you’d last or not, And I spoke to God and said, ‘Would that be fair, If Messiah came and there was no one there?’ And the Lord replied to me, ‘Wait! Everything will be alright, you’ll see!’”*

*Many times, many men, took our homes, Took our lives. Kings they were, gone they are. We’re still here!*

*When Messiah comes and his reign begins Truth and justice then shall appear on Earth. But if this reward we would be worthy of: We must keep our covenant with God above. So be patient and devout.... and Gather up your things and get thee out!*

Listen to a video: <https://youtu.be/dvzz3qaWrVw>

We know that **the Messiah, long-awaited, has come and will come again!** But have we, as God’s People during this “waiting time,” committed ourselves to the promised and delivered gifts of Truth and justice? There is a covenant that God made with us and which we are expected to follow with patience and devotion.

The gift of salvation has already been given, but there is still the expectation of our faithful life of worship centered in Word and Sacrament (*leitourgia*), proclamation of the Good News of Jesus (*kerygma*), teaching of Christian Truth (*didache*), loving fellowship between Christians (*koinonia*), a spiritual Life of Prayer, Bible-reading, and Devotion (*eusebia*), care of those in need (*diakonia*), evangelization of those who do not know Christ (*apostolé*), and the good order and tranquility of the Church in accordance with universal Christian governance (*episcopé*).

And so we live – in Truth and justice!

Bishop Richard W. Horn, LC-I Secretary, Editor





# Lutheran Church - International News:

As our nations and people throughout the world adapt to a “new normal” while COVID-19 continues to ravage many people in many areas, the work of the church goes on. The Constitution of the Lutheran Church – International establishes Annual Synods, but circumstances carrying over from 2020 still makes it unwise to schedule an Annual Synod in 2021. For that reason, the Executive Board has begun planning for the Annual Synod XXIII in 2022.

One of the actions to be taken at the 2022 Annual Synod will be the elections of officers and representatives to the Executive Board, including the election of a new Secretary for a four-year term. In addition, some changes to the Constitution will be presented for ratification.

**Your input is important** during the time of preparation for the Synod. Ideas for consideration and the names of candidates for offices can be submitted to the Archbishop’s office or to any member of the Executive Board.

St. Paul in writing to the Romans says that, “faced with all this, what then can we say?” In our proclamation of Christ and in the spirit of talking together, whether face-to-face or by Skype or Zoom or telephone, we are encouraged to talk together, to listen to each other.

What then can we say?

To our War and Peace dead?

To our Veterans?

To our active military and emergency services men and women?

To our families, friends and fellow church members?

**NEVER FORGOTTEN!**

**WELCOME HOME!**

**THANK YOU!**

**GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!**



## Our LC-I Website:

The official website of the LC-I has a lot of interesting features, including the current and past issues of the **BULLETIN**, the LC-I Constitution, photos of various ministries and people, and lots more. Pastor William H. Wigmore is the webmaster: <http://www.lutheranchurchinternational.org/our-church-1.html>

## LC-I on Facebook:

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**May God continue to bless + all of you and your ministries.**

**++ Robert W. Hates,**  
**Archbishop, Lutheran Church - International**

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