# March 2021 (Continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**March 28:** God, your Son chose the path that leads to peace before joy, and to the cross before glory. Thank him, cry to him, so that in his power and love we might come at last to joy and glory through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**March 29:** Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love might not grow cold in your service and that we might not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**March 30:** Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from dishonor to honor, from fear to faith. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**March 31:** Gather all you’ve collected throughout the Lenten journey and add up your total gift to ELCA World Hunger. Make your donation online at ELCA.org/40Days or bring your gifts to your congregation. Thank you for working creatively and courageously toward a just world where all are fed.

# April 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**April 1:** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, 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.” (Hebrews 12:1-2).

**April 2:** “Grace and freedom join the circle: Mary to the garden gate, now the radiance of the morning, heard the Fisher call her name, body may’ve been Christ’s called; step beyond the garden wall; beautiful the love proceeding with good news of death’s defeating.”

**April 3:** “Signs and Wonders.” (JW6472)

**April 4:** Christ is risen! Alleluia! Read, reflect on and rejoice in Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:11-18.

---

**WORSHIP:** Begin your week with the word of God, preparing your heart and mind to learn more about what it means to hope during the season of Lent.

**STUDY:** Use ELCA World Hunger’s 40 Days of Giving weekly Lenten study at home or with your church community to dive deeper into stories of hunger and hope this Lent. Download at ELCA.org/40Days.

**REFLECT:** Use these days to revisit and reflect on the weekly study readings, either in small groups or individually.

**PRAY:** Use the prayers of intercession shown throughout the calendar this Lent as, together, we humbly ask for God’s ears and blessing over all creation. Some prayers have been adapted from Sundays and Seasons (Augsburg Fortress, 2019).

**GIVE:** As you journey through Lent, consider the ways in which your own gifts to ELCA World Hunger can create hope throughout the world. Consider using a 40 Days of Giving jar, setting a specific goal amount (such as $7/day), or selecting one of the ideas shown through this calendar. See other ideas at ELCA.org/40Days.

**HEAR:** Read and reflect on each week’s selected Bible verses on your own, with your family or with a small group, to listen to the word of God this Lent.

**SING:** To close each week — and to remind yourself of the salvation to come in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ — read the included hymn text, either to yourself or out loud as a group, or consider singing the full hymn in your prayer group, Bible study or worship service.

---

**Goal amount:** $
**FEbruary 2021**

**SUNDAY**
- Worship

**MONDAY**
- Study

**TUESDAY**
- Reflect

**WEDNESDAY**
- Pray

**THURSDAY**
- Give

**FRIDAY**
- Friday

**SATURDAY**
- Sing

**21:** Being the church will require a definition of community that is more expansive, more organic, more beautiful than we may imagine. Read and reflect on Mark 5:19-20.

**22:** What does your church community look like? In what ways are people of every walk of life invited to share their experience and ideas freely? Read and reflect on Mark 8:27-38.

**23:** Gracious and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, you bring light and life for all the world. Help us to live into that truth and to share it with every community. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**24:** Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the scale of hunger around the world was on the rise. Now, forecasts warn that hunger and poverty could increase with nearly unprecedented speed. A gift of $10 to ELCA World Hunger this season can help 10 families with food for one week. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me. For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long! (Psalm 25:4-5).

**25:** "So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For he made him who knew no sin; for him we have all sinned since we were like him, in whom there is no sin; that is, we have been made like him in his righteousness. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we have been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Therefore, as for me, I am to live for the Lord, and I must die for the Lord. I have nothing to lose because of the empty tomb. Let us die daily until Christ is formed within us. (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)."

**26:** "Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many are thirsty. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until the last one is fed. Christ be our light! (Lk 22:25)"

**27:** "One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless, and woe to anyone who takes it. For there is one body in this one Lord."

**28:** "One bread, one body (Lk 22:19)"

---

**March 2021**

**1:** The honesty to which we are called forces us to confront the pain of the world with a vision to transform it. Read more in this week’s study, "Honesty."

**2:** What are some things you hunger for that do not include food (such as companionship, love, acceptance)? How might you and your community provide these to feed people in mind, body, and spirit?

**3:** Gracious and loving God, through the power of the cross and the grace of Christ, you gave us your only Son Jesus Christ. Help us to live into that truth and to share it with the world. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**4:** Around the world, 686 million people face hunger, and each of them has a story to tell. You can make a significant impact on someone’s life with a gift of $2 a day. Consider setting aside that amount through this season to donate to ELCA World Hunger. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer! (Psalm 119:169).

**5:** "By your hands you feed your people, 2000 meals. For they of the empty tombs, you are our bread, broken for others, shared until the last one is fed. Christ be our light! (Lk 22:25)"

**6:** "By your hands you feed your people! (Lk 22:25)"

**7:** Around the world, God is at work through communities driven by hope. "The things of earth become heavenly when we share in the love that will transform the world. Read more in this week’s study, "Justice."

**8:** Where is there a need for justice in your community? What will a "just world" look like in your neighborhood?

**9:** Gracious and loving God, at the font you wash us in water and the word, and you cleanse us of all our inward and outward iniquity. With love, inspire our prayer, work, and generosity, that all may have an abundance of clean, safe water. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**10:** A simple water well or other water project can help as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water. A gift of $260 can provide a share of a clean water project.

**11:** "In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God’s grace that God lavished upon us" (Ephesians 1:7-8).

**12:** "Let justice flow like streams of water, pure, 2000 meals. For they of the empty tombs, you are our bread, broken for others, shared until the last one is fed. Christ be our light! (Lk 22:25)"

**13:** "Let justice flow like streams of water, pure, 2000 meals. For they of the empty tombs, you are our bread, broken for others, shared until the last one is fed. Christ be our light! (Lk 22:25)"

**14:** If we are going to end hunger, we need to invest in one another by sharing resources, listening to each other and building the relationships that will ensure justice in the world God has promised. Learn more in this week’s study, "Investment."

**15:** Think, share or journal about a time when someone showed you kindness and mercy. What did you learn? How did it feel? Today would be a good day to set a goal for your giving to ELCA World Hunger as part of the 40 Days of Giving. That goal might be $2, $5, $10 or any amount of the ideas shown throughout this calendar. Write it down on the line below and refer back to it throughout the season.

**16:** Covenant God, since ancient peoples have led and fed your people through many wilderness journeys, you still give us strength to invest our gifts in our neighbors and communities, that all might be fed. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**17:** A woman might have the dream and skills to start her own small business, but with little savings or access to credit, starting a business can be a challenge. A gift of $125 can fund a microloan, which can be just what a woman needs to start her business, creating a steady stream of income for her and her family out of poverty.

**18:** "O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; for the Lord’s steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those the Lord redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the hands of the enemy, from the power of the sword, from the pestilence and the sword. (Psalm 103:1-3)."

**19:** "Crumbled walls that still divide us; make us one body in Christ our Lord." (Galatians 3:28)

**20:** "God of Tens and Trouble, God of Whirlpools" (Lk 22:25)

**21:** Ending hunger takes action within a community. It is fostered by the hope and trust that, with each step, God is moving us closer to the goal of all who are fed. Read this week’s study, "Action."

**22:** Where is there a need for action to end hunger in your community? What will it take to move this action forward?

**23:** God of promise, God of hope, God of faithfulness, God of love, guide us, your people, to be your hands and feet to work together as you build an equal world for all. The world where all are fed. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**24:** Your gifts matter—In India, the Unitas Foundation, ELCA in Germany, and other countries all around the world. Continue to learn more at ELCA.org/takeup. Thank you.

**25:** "Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life" (2 Corinthians 3:4-6)."