

2027 Lent Calendar

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ELCA World Hunger

February

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ASH
WEDNESDAY

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy, you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

11
THURSDAY



Today would be a good day to set a goal for your Lenten giving to ELCA World Hunger. Write it down and refer back to it throughout the season.

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FRIDAY

"[Jesus said,] 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also'" (Matthew 6:19-21).

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SATURDAY

"Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart" ("Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service," ELW 712).



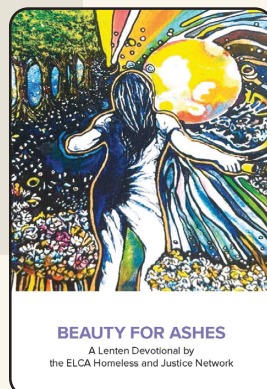
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Read and reflect on Mark 1:9-15.

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MONDAY

Journey through Lent alongside our neighbors experiencing poverty, homelessness and injustice with the ELCA Homeless and Justice Network's Lenten devotional, "Beauty for Ashes." Each week's entry follows one of the principles of the Homeless and Justice Network. **Download the full guide at [ELCA.org/WHLent](https://www.elca.org/WHLent)** and read week 1, principle 2: "Jesus stood on the margins so that all could be included, and so do we."



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TUESDAY

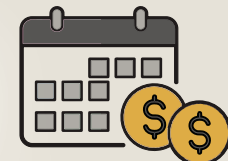
Across the ages, blessed Lord, your voice echoes: "Do not be afraid." Grant us the courage of Christ Jesus that with quiet confidence we may be who we are, blessed and beloved, sharing your mercy and living your justice.

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

17

WEDNESDAY

Around the world, over 640 million people are hungry, 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.** Throughout the season, consider setting aside that amount to donate to ELCA World Hunger.



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THURSDAY

"En este mundo por doquier habrá gente que llora y sin consolar. Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos, somos del Señor."
"Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind; and when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God."

("Pues Si Vivimos"/
"When We Are Living," ELW 639)

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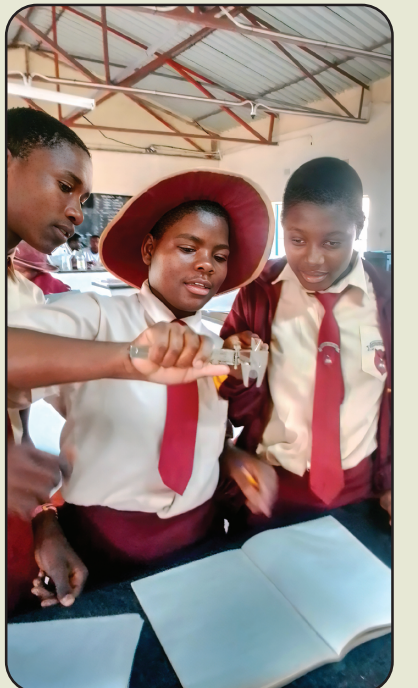
FRIDAY

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly. ... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, 'Here I am'" (Isaiah 58:6-9).

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SATURDAY

Mr. G. Mahwira, who teaches biology at a secondary school operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe, knows that hands-on learning is the best way for kids to understand science. But Mr. Mahwira's school is located in a rural area where it is hard to access up-to-date educational resources. Your support for ELCA World Hunger helped provide the tools his students need to do their best learning, such as chemical compounds for conducting experiments and calipers for taking precise measurements. A higher percentage of Mr. Mahwira's students are passing their final exams, and he knows that the lessons they are learning will stick with them long after they leave school. **Read the full story at [ELCA.org/WHLent](https://www.elca.org/WHLent).**



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Read and reflect on Mark 8:31-38.

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MONDAY

Study "Beauty for Ashes," week 2, principle 3: "God loves all people, no matter what." **[ELCA.org/WHLent](https://www.elca.org/WHLent)**

23

TUESDAY

Holy Wisdom, you give to all your people the way of righteousness, lighting for us the path of peace. Open our hearts to see our neighbors through your eyes, with the vision to do what you would have us do.

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.



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WEDNESDAY

Jenna and Georgia were in their second year of confirmation studies at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont, Minn., when a speaker came to talk to their class about hunger. The speaker shared alarming global and local statistics – and she gave Jenna and Georgia an idea about a new way to work against hunger: a community garden. Your gifts have helped provide Grace with an ELCA World Hunger grant that will allow the congregation to buy seeds and tools. The garden will help the church "feel closely linked to our community," Georgia says, "ensuring that no family worries about where its next meal comes from." **Read the full story at [ELCA.org/WHLent](https://www.elca.org/WHLent).**



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THURSDAY



"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. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old" (Psalm 25:4-6).

26

FRIDAY



A cow can produce a few gallons of milk every day. With the gift of a cow (\$500), a family can start a small business, selling extra milk, cheese, yogurt, butter and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.

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SATURDAY

"Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God" ("We Are Called," ELW 720).

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Read and reflect on John 2:13-22.

March

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MONDAY

Study "Beauty for Ashes," week 3, principle 4: "Unconditional respect for the dignity and value of all people." **[ELCA.org/WHLent](https://www.elca.org/WHLent)**

2

TUESDAY



"The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world" (Psalm 19:1-4).

3

WEDNESDAY

Holy God, through your Son, you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ.

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

4

THURSDAY

"O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed; then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!" ("How Great Thou Art," ELW 856).



5

FRIDAY

Rom Chan Oun lives in Cambodia. A few years ago, she says, "I was just a housewife, and not many knew me." Then she joined an agricultural cooperative supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. The co-op works to increase income for women by selling pure drinking water. Chan Oun drives the co-op's tuk-tuk, which helps her gather and distribute the water in local markets. Chan Oun is building a stronger future for her family, and she is inspiring others. Now, she says, "people say to me: 'Oh, you are such a strong woman.' I feel proud." **Read the full story at [ELCA.org/WHLent](https://www.elca.org/WHLent).**

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SATURDAY

A woman might have the dream and skills to start her own small business, but with little savings or access to credit, getting started can be a challenge. **A gift of \$125 can fund a microloan**, which can be just what a woman needs to start her business, create a steady source of income and help her family overcome poverty.



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March

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Read and reflect on John 3:14-21.

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MONDAY

Study "Beauty for Ashes," week 4, principle 5: "We minister with — not to or for — one another." ELCA.org/WHLent

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TUESDAY

Your generosity helps to fill the gaps of need left by government programs and other big organizations. A few years ago, members of Gathered by Grace ministry in **Montgomery, Ala.**, learned from their local partners that college students in their community are at an especially high risk of food insecurity. So Gathered by Grace partnered with Trenholm State Community College to help lessen that burden. It received an ELCA World Hunger Daily Bread Grant — supported by donors such as you — and this helped it to stock Trenholm's food pantry, where the number of visits has more than doubled in the past year.



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WEDNESDAY

God of the unheard and vulnerable, you have expressed your compassion and love for those who are often ignored, pushed aside or mistreated. Inspire us to welcome and advocate for everyone you cherish. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

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THURSDAY

"Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace" ("Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness," ELW 843).

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FRIDAY

Your gifts matter — in the United States, Cambodia, Zimbabwe and other countries all around the world. **Learn more at ELCA.org/Hunger. Thank you!**



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SATURDAY

"By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Read and reflect on John 12:20-33.

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MONDAY

Lack of access to safe water is one of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty. With the gift of a share of a **safe-water project (\$250)**, you can give a community the power to create change. A simple water well, spring box or other water point can provide as many as 500 families with access to clean, safe water. Visit goodgifts.elca.org for this gift and many more.

16

TUESDAY



God of grace, when Jesus invited all who thirst to come and drink, he promised to provide your living water. Fill us to overflowing with that same living water, that it might spill out of us and into the world. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**



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WEDNESDAY

Farmers in **Iraq** are experiencing the long-term effects of war, infrastructure damage and water scarcity, driven by their changing climate. You are helping them find new, sustainable ways to water their crops and feed their families. Farmer Wansa received a sprinkler irrigation system and training in how to use it. "The new irrigation technique led me to reduce costs in farming," she says, "and my income doubled and made me financially stable."

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THURSDAY

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit" (Psalm 51:10-12).

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FRIDAY

Study "Beauty for Ashes," week 5, principle 6: "A church is the people, not the building." ELCA.org/WHLent

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SATURDAY



"When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul" ("When Peace Like a River," ELW 785).

H O L Y W E E K

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PALM SUNDAY
Read and reflect on Mark 14:1–15:47.

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MONDAY

This **World Water Day**, set aside time to pray for neighbors, near and far, who face water scarcity and water injustice, and give thanks for local leaders whose tireless efforts inspire hope.



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TUESDAY

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he gave us a new commandment: to love one another as he loves us. Holy God, source of all love, write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others just as he did. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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WEDNESDAY

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:33-34).

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THURSDAY

"Vamos todos al banquete, a la mesa de la creación; cada cual con su taburete tiene un puesto y una misión. Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conque." / "Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, everyone, with your gifts to share. God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food" ("Vamos Todos al Banquete" / "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet," ELW 523).

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FRIDAY

Gather all you've collected throughout your Lenten journey and add up your total gift to ELCA World Hunger. **Make your donations online at ELCA.org/WHLent or bring your gifts to your congregation.** Thank you for working creatively and courageously toward a just world where all are fed.

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SATURDAY

"Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound" ("Where Charity and Love Prevail," ELW 359).



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Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Read, reflect on and rejoice in Mark 16:1-8.



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