

Faithful Election Engagement:

a resource for young adults

“From the 95 Theses onward, Lutherans have been known as reformers. Martin Luther himself was a dedicated advocate, not just in the church but in the public sphere as well. Luther argued for education for all, not just the wealthy, as was the custom in his time. An active citizen, he exhorted the church to hold public leaders accountable.”

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Micah 6:8 | “He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?”

What does it look like to do as we are commanded? To “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God” at a systemic level? What does civic engagement rooted in these values look like?

conversation

1 Corinthians 20-21 | “When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk.”

The Apostle Paul can be seen flaming the Corinthians for inequity around the participation in the Eucharist in this passage. Concerns for inclusion across socioeconomic divides demonstrate a Christian ethic of full participation. In what ways might some people today “go hungry” or be excluded from participating in important aspects of society, such as voting or accessing resources, while others have more than they need? How might we work together to advocate for systems where everyone has a voice and equal access to resources?

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LEARN WHAT’S ON YOUR BALLOT AND RESEARCH BEFORE YOU VOTE!

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conversation

Matthew 13:31-32 | “He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

Sometimes one person’s vote feels insignificant. The parable of the mustard seed tells us that faithful acts, even if they feel small, have much greater potential that it might seem at first. What is an example of a time when a seemingly small act of faith, justice, or service led to a much larger impact than you anticipated? How does this challenge the way we think about our role in the world? How does this challenge the way we think about the value of our one vote?

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