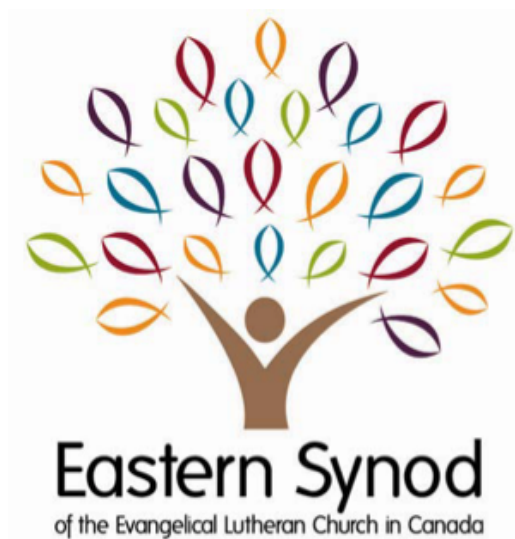


Festival Service of Holy Communion

Opening of the 17th Biennial Assembly



Thursday, June 21, 2018
National Indigenous Peoples Day

GATHERING

SCREEN: PowerPoint slide show of Indigenous Relations activities throughout synod (add link)

GATHERING MUSIC:

GATHERING SONG: *God Welcomes All* STCW #40

PROCESSION:

Bishop Susan, Bishop Michael, Rev. Ros, Cherub – all to baptismal font

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

B. Michael: We gather in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Cherub pours the water into the font and B. Susan refreshes the people with the waters of baptism.

Rev. Ros: Blessed are you, holy God.
You are the creator of the waters of the earth.
You are the fire of liberating grace.
You gather your people from sea to sea.
You breathe life into our dry bones.
In Jesus you taught us to bear your creative and redeeming
word to every neighbour and to all of creation.

Cherub: We praise you for the gift of water
and for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
By water and the Spirit enliven our baptism in these Assembly days
And renew our lives with your forgiveness and grace.

B. Michael: To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Praise to the Lord* STCW #8

GREETING:

B. Michael: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

B. Michael: Let us pray.

**Welcoming God,
you showed us your love by sending your son,
Jesus Christ into the world.
Grant us courage to follow his example so that we,
liberated by your grace, will be bold to be neighbour to those
we meet this week and in the days that follow.
Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen**

WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Syrian Alleluia* STCW #34
Assembly stands, led paperlessly

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25 – 37 (NRSV)

B. Susan: **The holy gospel according to Luke.**
Glory to you, O Lord.

B. Susan: **Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.**

Lector 1: 'Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

Lector 2: 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'

Lector 1: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'

Lector 2: 'You have given the right answer; do this and you will live.'

B. Susan: **But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus,**

Lector 1: 'And who is my neighbour?'

Lector 2: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came

near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?'

Lector 1: 'The one who showed him mercy.'

B. Susan: **Jesus said to him,**

Lector 2: 'Go and do likewise.'

B. Susan: **The gospel of the Lord.**
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Syrian Alleluia* STCW #34

SERMON: Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the ELCIC
The assembly is seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Deep in our hearts* STCW #1

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Cherub: **Let us pray to God, who liberates us to reach out in love for the life of the whole world responding to 'Deep in our hearts' with**

(sung) God hear our prayer.
God hear our prayer.

Intercessor 1: *(Spanish)* God of community, you gather us from far away and from next door to be your church. We pray, plant us to be the seeds of your presence in this world you so love, bringing healing and hope to all whom we encounter.

Deep in our hearts...

God hear our prayer.

Intercessor 2: *(German)* God of creation, you hold all life in your steady hands. We pray, enable us to be caretakers of our shared home, inspire innovative ways of living fairly and gently, and equip us to protect and advocate for the water, the soil, the air, and for all creatures in which you take delight.

Deep in our hearts...

God hear our prayer.

Intercessor 3: *(Finnish)* God of abundance, you provide for all we need. We pray, support all who offer their labour, their time, and their gifts here at Assembly. Bless the hotel staff, workers, volunteers, visitors, delegates, guests, and bishops who endeavour to make this gathering a fruitful time.

Deep in our hearts ...

God hear our prayer.

Intercessor 4: *(Malayalam)* God of the nations, you welcome the stranger and care for the orphan and widow. We pray, protect refugees escaping war, those who come to Canada seeking a new life, those who remain facing bullets and bombs, those who suffer loss of home, family, and safety. We pray today especially for migrant children forcibly separated from their parents. Impart a vision of peace and justice to leaders in government for all people in their care.

Deep in our hearts...

God hear our prayer.

Intercessor 5: *(Chinese)* God of relationship, you liberate us to perceive our common humanity in one another. We pray, humble us to continue walking the way of reconciliation with First Nations peoples that new possibilities and a new future arise. Give us the strength we need to look at ourselves with honesty of heart and grant us new ways of being neighbour together.

Deep in our hearts...

God hear our prayer.

Intercessor 6: *(French)* God of diversity, you celebrate in the people you have created. Bless those who live, work and play outside these hotel walls, the people of Toronto and the Mississaugas of the New Credit, and those participating in National Indigenous Peoples Day and the PRIDE parade and festivities. Teach us to celebrate diversity.

Deep in our hearts...

God hear our prayer.

Cherub: **All these things, the longings of our hearts, and our offerings given for Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, O God of grace, we bring to you, trusting in your steadfast love and tender mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

PEACE:

B. Michael: **The peace of Christ be with you always.**

And also with you.

OFFERING SONG: *Peace, Salaam, Shalom*
led paperlessly
The table is set

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

B. Michael: The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Rev. Ros: It is indeed right, our duty and delight
That we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
God of our neighbour,
through Jesus our Saviour, who calls us
To love you with our whole heart,
all our strength, all our soul;
and our neighbour as ourselves.

Cherub: And so with angels and archangels;
with our synodical family and “all our relations,”
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: *Sanna, sannanina* STCW #48
led paperlessly

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

B. Michael: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Rev. Ros: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

B. Michael: With all your saints; with sun and moon; with lodge pole pine and grizzly bear; with the Grand River and the grand prairies we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity now and forever one God.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:

B. Michael: Gathered into one, let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, ...

COMMUNION:

B. Michael: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG:

Way, way, way, way, way STCW #15

Other words: Jesus, Lamb of God; Jesus, Bread of Life; Jesus, Cup of Joy; Jesus, Risen One; Drink for all who thirst; Jesus, Bread of Peace; Send us in your peace.

Miren qué bueno STCW #26

Amen, siyakudumisa STCW #54

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Cherub: Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, liberating God,
that through bread and wine we are united
with all that you have created.**

**Strengthened and nourished, send us into Assembly,
to love the world as you do,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

SENDING INTO SESSION

OPENING OF ASSEMBLY:

B. Michael: With a heart of thanks, and in a spirit of respect and solidarity, I acknowledge that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, and I acknowledge that we are all Treaty people who share responsibility for taking action on reconciliation.

Gathered in this place by the Holy Spirit, we are now ready to begin our work. I, therefore, declare the 17th Biennial Assembly of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to be in session. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BLESSING:

B. Susan: *Your own OR*

**May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.**

Amen.

DISMISSAL:

Cherub: **Go in peace, ...to be neighbour**
Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG: *Draw the Circle Wide* STCW #2

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Intercessor: Uli Kuebler (*German*)
Intercessor: Rev. Dr. Philip Mattai (*Malayalam*)
Intercessor: Rev. Jun Gao (*Chinese*)
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