



## Hunger and Poverty in Worship

**Follow the lectionary**—It’s impossible to avoid talking about hunger and poverty because the topics appear so often in the three-year lectionary cycle! *Sundays and Seasons* is a great resource for seasonal planning; hymn suggestions; and special litanies, confessions, prayers, great thanksgiving and words of institution, blessings, dismissals, ETC.

**Prepare the worship environment**—*tasteful* displays that focus attention on some aspect of hunger and poverty can mix art and information. Work with the people who “decorate” the worship space. Don’t be afraid to think outside the “box.” Use technology if it is available to you!

**Support prophetic preaching**—if you are lucky enough to have a pastor willing to preach about hunger and poverty when it is appropriate, support that gift!!! Lay people can help make a safer place for this kind of preaching. Many “new” and “old” members want to have a sense of vision and mission in their congregation. Provide ideas and stories, bulletin inserts, hunger facts for newsletters, etc.

**Tell the story and invite people into the mission**---**DO NOT USE GUILT TO MOTIVATE!** Provide offering envelopes and frequent information about the life-saving work of ELCA World Hunger. Let God work among God’s people...just prepare the ground and plant the seeds!

**Other ideas???**

## Worship Websites and Other Resources

From the ELCA World Hunger home page ([www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger)), follow side bar links for “resources” and then “congregational resources.” Specific links are below.

- *Worship Helps*: [www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger/Resources/For-Congregations/Worship-Helps.aspx](http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger/Resources/For-Congregations/Worship-Helps.aspx)
- *Congregation Connections*: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger/Resources/For-Congregations/Congregation-Connections.aspx> and in semi-annual resource packets.
- *Reproducible Stories*: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger/Stories.aspx> and in resource packets.
- *Sundays and Seasons* (available from Augsburg-Fortress in paper or on line)

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- *Photos:* [www.globalpix.smugmug.com/elcaworldhunger](http://www.globalpix.smugmug.com/elcaworldhunger) (albums by ELCA Communicators and ACT Alliance staff) is a great source of pictures you can use in presentations and displays.
- *Sermon Starters:* Get ideas for sermons or devotions or “temple talks”—you can also sign up to automatically receive these via email. ([www2.elca.org/hunger/sermon-starters.asp](http://www2.elca.org/hunger/sermon-starters.asp))

## Hunger Web Resources

### ELCA World Hunger—

- [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger)
- [www.elca.org/education](http://www.elca.org/education)
- [www.elca.org/domestichungergrants](http://www.elca.org/domestichungergrants)
- [www.elca.org/hunger/donate](http://www.elca.org/hunger/donate)
- <http://blogs.elca.org/hungerrumblings>
- <http://blogs.elca.org/advocacy>
- [www.twitter.com/elcaworldhunger](http://www.twitter.com/elcaworldhunger)
- [www.twitter.com/hungerbites](http://www.twitter.com/hungerbites)
- [www.elcaworldhunger.ning.com](http://www.elcaworldhunger.ning.com) Look for **The Table**
- [www.elca.org/advocacy](http://www.elca.org/advocacy)
- [www.elca.org/malaria](http://www.elca.org/malaria)
- [www.elca.org/resources](http://www.elca.org/resources)
  - This is the new online e-store where all ELCA World Hunger materials can be ordered, free of charge.

### Affiliated and Partner Organizations—

- [www.lutheranworld.org/lwf](http://www.lutheranworld.org/lwf) (Lutheran World Federation)
- [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org) (Bread for the World)
- [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) (Lutheran World Relief)
- [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) (Church World Service)
- [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org) (World Council of Churches)
- [www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org) (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service Lutheran Social Services)
- [www.LutheranPeace.org](http://www.LutheranPeace.org) (Lutheran Peace Fellowship)
- [www.webofcreation.org](http://www.webofcreation.org) (creation care)
- [www.un.org/millenniumgoals](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals) (Millennium Development Goals)