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God's work. Our hands.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last night and through this week, there was more tragic news of violence and lives taken. This news has impacted the daily lives of many in this church and in the neighborhoods where we serve.

Please join us in prayer.

Praying and lamenting the ongoing violence in our world and across our country.

Praying and lamenting the loss of lives due to gun violence and racism.

Praying and lamenting for the needs of the whole human family.

Today, July 8, at 11:30 a.m. (CDT) the ELCA will be live streaming a service of prayer and lament from the offices of the churchwide organization over the loss of lives due to gun violence and racism. Watch live and join with us in prayer at ELCA.org/blacklivesmatter. A recording of the worship service will be available for those who are unable to view it live.

Please join us.

In the days ahead, we must consider how we might join together, and with ecumenical partners, to dismantle systems and structures that perpetuate hatred and violence in church and society.

But in this moment, our calling is to a ministry of presence. A ministry of "showing up" with each other and especially with the members of our congregations and the people in our communities.

God's peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton".

Presiding Bishop
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