



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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### **Become Active, Dear Church**

#### **ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Weekly Video Message**

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The crucifixion was an act of violence meant to silence Jesus and his gospel of liberation and hope. We live in a violent, violent country. And we witness acts of violence, particularly against Black and Brown people, on an almost daily basis.

This church, the ELCA, has passed social statements on a just economy, on education for all, on health care, so that even the most marginalized have a chance at good health. On racism, on immigration and migrants. We've passed those. They have implementing resolutions. What have we done about them? Some things in some places, and we've made some difference.

But now it's time for all of us to take a look at those again. And get in contact with our neighbors and our communities. And our lawmakers and our officials. And start to work for the change that will make it clear that one's zip code does not determine one's destiny.

God has gifted this church with intellect, with vision, but also and most importantly, with the good news of Jesus Christ. And we have been set free. Set free *from* sin, but set free *to* serve our neighbor.

Become active, dear church.