



Companion Synod Liturgy

The month of May has been designated as Companion Synod Month. This liturgy is dedicated to the spirit of being companions in the faith with our brothers and sisters from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina.

This service can be used with any setting of the Hymnal. Setting 7 is a Spanish service and may be appropriate for those looking for something new and challenging.

The hymns are from the new cranberry Worship Hymnal.

Please see the sasksynod.elcic.ca website for a liturgy based on other hymnals.

As “Companions in the Faith” we share many things in common so we begin with what we all share as members of the body of Christ...

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Gathering Hymn #555 “Cantemos al Señor” “O Sing to God Above”

Call to Worship

L=leader

C= Congregation

L: The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

**C: They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, “The Lord has acted!”**

L: “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want;

**C: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies
You anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

**C: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands
Lift up your voice, rejoice and sing!**

Hymn of Praise: #822 “Cantad al Señor”

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God you lead us to rivers of Grace and Mercy. Join us together this day in worship with our Companions in Faith in Argentina and may all that you inspire in us bear fruit that come only through your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Option Hymn #649 “Miren Que Bueno”

Scriptures

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #720 “We are Called”

The common confession of the faith we share:
The Apostle’s Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Option – Use Hymn #407 “Soplo de Dios” between prayer petitions

Jesus the Good Shepherd, we give thanks to you for how you gather us together as your redeemed flock. Gather us together in heart, mind and will with our brothers and sisters in Argentina so that just as we are fed with one common food may we help feed each other in faith and in community for the sake of those we serve.

Gracious God you are the vinegrower and Jesus your Son is the vine. Your vine has connected us to yet another branch of your church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina. May our working together bear many fruits as we abide together in your Grace.

Caring God, you have told us to love one another as you have loved us. Build us up on your love with our companions in faith in Argentina. May our hearts burst open with compassion driving us to reach out to all in need around us. “No one has greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

We pray for the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina; for President Alan Eldrid, for Pastors Sergio Utz and Gustavo Gomez who work in the Patagonia and we pray for the people of the congregations, people like Anna who work so diligently for the day care in Comodoro Rivadavia, for Lina Pastore and Juan Carlos congregational chairpersons in Esquel and Bariloche, for Amelia Meli and the congregation in Cushamen where the cup of milk program supports hungry children;

Unite us in prayer, in will and in minds so that together we may work for the mutual benefit of all and for the building up of relationships with our Companions in the Faith in Argentina; so that we may be one.

Other petitions may be added as needed...

Option – Use Hymn #646 “La Paz del Señor” to introduce the “Sharing of the Peace”

The Meal

Option - #473 “Holy Holy Holy”

Lord’s Prayer

Post Communion Prayer.

Blessing

Sending Hymn #538 “Enviado Soy de Dios”