



Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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Dear Gulf Coast Leaders,

*The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance,
but everyone who is hasty comes only to want.* Proverbs 21:5

Last week, I opened my journal and looked at my 2020 goals I had set in January, then laughed. As someone once said, "We make our plans and God laughs." Still, plan we must. Even Jesus thought so. Don't build a tower without first sitting down and counting the cost. This is what we are all doing right now.

This week I have two letters to you, the congregations and leaders of this synod. One is for Louisiana and the other for Texas:

- [Louisiana](#)
- [Texas](#)

Here are last week's [May 6 Updated Recommendations for returning to in-person worship](#).

My prayers are with you as we continue to walk through this pandemic. We are all in this together. It is good to be church together.

In Christ,

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