

Eastern Mission

Apostolic Lutheran Church of America

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Revelation 6:9-11

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

Revelation 14:6-7

And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

This month we remember the persecuted Church and the martyrs who have given their lives in following Jesus as well as loved ones who have passed away this last year. Believing and trusting in Jesus results in eternal life, so we know that their bodies are resting in the grave awaiting the resurrection when they will become brand new, and that their souls are already with Jesus, very much alive in His presence.

Those who've gone before us are waiting for that blessed reunion of all believers together, united and alive in Christ. They ask how much longer that will be. The Lord says they need to wait just a little while longer. While they are waiting we are told that there is an eternal gospel to be preached to those who live on the earth, to everyone-every nation, tribe, tongue, and people. We are to fear God, give Him glory, and worship Him.

That's our charge as we wait for His return. That's what we can help others to do and proclaim also through equipping and sending them as the Lord leads us, giving Him the glory.

Shalom2u!
Pastor Joel