Resources to lean into the work of fighting racism:

The resource will continue to be updated with new resources as I am able to review them. This is on-going work, and may we engage in it in an on-going way. Blessings to our community, and may the Holy Fire of God's Spirit empower us for the learning and the work.

Direct support: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is providing on-the-ground service to protesters and community members injured and in need due to the riots. You can support their work here:

- Webpage: https://htlcmpls.org/
- Donation page: https://htlcmpls.org/donate/

ELCA Statements:

- Condemnation of White Supremacy and Racist Rhetoric (first link) https://www.elca.org/Resources/Faith-and-Society#Socialresolutions
- See also the Social Statement on Race, Ethnicity and Culture: https://www.elca.org/Resources/Faith-and-Society
- Study Resource: Troubling the Waters for Healing of the Church (available through download links): https://www.elca.org/Resources/Racial-Justice

NJ Synod Resources

- The NJ Synod has assembled a variety of resources available here: https://www.njsynod.org/anti-racism

Podcasts:

- The Next Question (Austin Channing Brown): https://www.tnqshow.com/
- The Good Ancestor Podcast (Layla Saad): http://laylafsaad.com/good-ancestor-podcast/
- Black Coffee with White Friends: https://www.blackcoffeewithwhitefriends.com/

Books/Articles:

- Dear Church, by Rev. Lenny Duncan (A book written specifically to the ELCA)
- White Fragility. by Robin DiiAngelo
    - Also search for her talks on youtube; or check out this article: https://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/a-sociologist-examines-the-white-fragility-that-prevents-white-americans-from-confronting-racism
- I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness, by Austin Channing Brown
- Between the World and Me, by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- How To Be An Anti-Racist, by Ibram X. Kendi
- Just Mercy, by Brian Stevenson
    - The Just Mercy movie is currently available free via streaming
- The New Jim Crow, by Michelle Alexander