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Dear Bishop Azar, pastors, staff and members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land,

I write to you today on behalf of the bishops, clergy and lay members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. As we approach Holy Week, we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. As we follow our Lord's journey from the table to the cross, we think of his suffering, and we remember your suffering, and the suffering and deaths of so many in Gaza.

May we together be strengthened by the joy and hope that is found in Jesus' resurrection from the dead and his assurance that he still walks with us all – in Jerusalem, in the West Bank, in Gaza, in Canada and indeed around the world.

In the meantime, please know we accompany you, we are your partners, we pray for you, we advocate for peace in Gaza and the West Bank with our government and we continue to collect funds for your need.

Blessings be with you for Holy Week and Easter,

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Susan C. Johnson
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