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Oh! The Places You'll Go!

Vocation



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Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship
↑ Please stand as you are able.



PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

↑ **GATHERING HYMN: Lord of All Hopefulness**

ELW Hymn 765

- 1 **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**
- 2 **Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.**
- 3 **Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.**

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↑ **GREETING**

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☑ **And also with you.**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☐ Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

LESSONS

☐ This morning's lessons are about seven heroes who WENT when God said "Go!"

From Genesis 6-8: **NOAH**, oh, the places you'll GO!

Good News Translation

^{6:12}God looked at the world and saw that the people were all living evil ... God told Noah, "GO build a boat, because a flood is coming. ⁷Then GO into the boat with your whole family and the animals and birds." Then the earth was flooded, but after things dried out ^{8:15}God said to Noah, ¹⁶"GO out of the boat with your family and the birds and animals with you. GO and multiply." ¹⁸So Noah did.

From Genesis 12: **ABRAM** [before God renamed him Abraham], oh, the places you'll GO!

Good News Translation

¹The Lord had said to Abram, "GO from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴So Abram went.

From Genesis 46: **JACOB**, oh, the places you'll GO!

English Standard Version

²God said, "Jacob, Jacob. I am God, the God of your father. GO down to Egypt, but do not be afraid, for ... ⁴I myself will GO down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again...

From Exodus 3: **MOSES**, oh, the places you'll GO!

New International Version

⁷The Lord said, "I have seen the misery of my people in Egypt and have heard them crying out from their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them ... ¹⁰So I tell you, Moses, GO! I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt. GO. Moses, be not afraid, I will be with you." So Moses went.

From Ruth 1:8-16: **RUTH**, oh, the places you'll GO!

New International Version

⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "GO back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to me ... ⁹ ... Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁶Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you GO I will GO, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

From Isaiah 1:1-8: **ISAIAH**, oh, the places you'll GO!

New International Version

When Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will GO for us?" Isaiah responded, "Here am I; send me!" Then God said, "GO!" And Isaiah did.

From Jonah 1 and 3: **JONAH**, oh, the places you'll GO!

Good News Translation

¹One day the Lord said to Jonah, "GO to Nineveh and speak out against it; I am aware of how wicked its people are." ³Jonah, however, set out in the opposite direction ^{3:1}Once again the Lord spoke to Jonah. ²"GO to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to the people the message I have given you." ³So Jonah obeyed the Lord and ... ⁵the people of Nineveh believed God's message. ... and gave up their evil actions.

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Your Word Is like a Lamp*

Tune: CANONBURY

1 **Your word is like a lamp, O Lord, and like a light to guide our way;
For in this ever-changing world it bears your promise every day.**

2 **God, open wide each heart and mind by your own Spirit now, we pray,
That in your scriptures we may find new strength to serve you every day.**

↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-7; Matthew 28:19-20**

📖 Listen for the Word of God from Luke and Matthew. 📖 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

From Luke 10:1-7: PEOPLE OF GOD, GO! Oh, the places you'll GO. *Good News Translation*

Jesus chose seventy-two others and sent them to GO ahead of him to every town and place where he himself was about to GO. ²He said to them, "There is a large harvest, but few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest. ³GO! I am sending you like lambs among wolves. ⁵Whenever you GO into a house, first say, 'Peace be with this house' ...

Matthew 28:19-20: PEOPLE OF GOD, GO! Oh, the places you'll GO. *International Children's Bible*

GO. Make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you wherever you GO, until the end of the world.

Oh, the places you'll go ... Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Ruth, Isaiah, Jonah, Paul, Peter, John, Mary ...

Oh, the places you'll GO! We are reminded that God has a strong record of telling people to GO.

God says to us, "I will teach you the way you should GO and keep my loving eye on you." *Psalms 32:8*
 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid nor be discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, will be with you wherever you GO." *Joshua 1:9*

📖 The Gospel of the Lord. 📖 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam, Stephen Gundersen, Sue Hamre Smith, Dean Hudson

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY: O God, Our Creator, You Work Every Day**

Tune: ST. DENIO

- 1 O God, our Creator, you work every day: a potter, you form us, your people, like clay.
 A shepherd, you guide us and seek out the lost. A parent, you love us, not counting the cost.**
- 2 Christ Jesus, how rough were your hard-working hands!
 Bless workers who struggle, their families to feed;
 Bless those who face hardship, oppression, or greed.**
- 4 We're baptized! Your Spirit gives new work to do, that we, through our serving, may glorify you.
 Each person's vocation, each calling, has worth
 as you send us out to bring Christ's love on earth.**

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1999

We have purchased her book, *Songs of Love*, © 2009 Discipleship Resources, and so we have permission to use her hymn.

↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

📖 Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

📖 **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."

*The prayers are ended with these words, "Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,
 gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior."*

Please respond, "Amen."

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OFFERING MUSIC: *Called to Ventures*

Sanctuary Choir

*O Lord God, who hast called thy servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown:*

*Give us faith to go out with a good courage, not knowing whither we go, but only that thy hand is leading us,
and thy love supporting us, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

Text: Eric Milner-White (1884-1963)

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↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

—ELW page 108

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

↑ THE LORD’S PRAYER

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church. Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles. You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice. You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine (as we have been using throughout the pandemic). At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise: “The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”

COMMUNION HYMN: *O Master, Let Me Walk with You**ELW Hymn 818*

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,**
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.**

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, altered

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞** May The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life this day and always.
- ☞** Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN: *There Are Many Ways of Sharing**Tune: NETTLETON*

- 1 There are many ways of sharing, but God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; it's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing. May we hear you when you call
Keep us serving, keep us growing, for the common good of all.**
- 2 We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, you give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.**
- 3 All are blest by gifts you give us; some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.**

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- ☞** Go in peace, with God beside you. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!
- ☞** Thanks be to God.

↑ POSTLUDE

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in celebration of her grandson's, Jackson Manes's, birthday.*