



Youth Ministry

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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ELCA Youth Core Leadership Team

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Candletime Online (Invite youth to get a candle to light during the prayers)

Game Scavenger Hunt Pick a random list of things, and then whenever youth arrive at Zoom, ask them to go and get each item (one at a time) and whoever gets back with it first gets to give the next item until everyone arrives.

Share your name and about your favorite place to walk or hike?

Watch <https://youtu.be/Be1igDFFGLU> Hike your own Hike | Tara Prescott | TEDxUCLA

Read Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Ask? Yes, this is a familiar passage, but what did you hear differently this time?

TALK Sometimes we would prefer to walk only in green pastures and completely skip the difficult trails. And when we get to the “steep and rugged” trail of life, we pray for the safety of green pastures, rather than the courage to climb and the strength to move forward.

There is no doubt that we should take comfort as our Shepherd leads us to green pastures beside still waters (see Psalm 23). And we should gladly rest in Him when He leads us there. But our Savior also calls us—and leads us—up the steep and rugged path, to higher, more beautiful, more dangerous places—places where it takes courage to hike the trail.

On the steep trails, we will be challenged to grow. Yet we might suffer for doing what’s right. On the rocky paths, we will see God working in amazing ways. But we may be persecuted for following Him. On the narrow mountain passes, our confidence in God will soar as we seek and see His face. But we may be hated for telling the truth or taking a stand. We may be mocked for standing for justice or for the poor or for the oppressed.

Ask What is your “life hike” like right now, this day, this week as we deal with Covid-19? A life of comfort in a pasture? Or a life on a steep and dangerous trail?

What do you want your life hike to be in the future?

Say In the midst of this chaos of Covid-19, I urge you to find time and space that you can connect with God. Take a walk or a hike and spend time sharing your cares, concerns, and dreams and listen to God about your own current and future life hike.

Pray Ask everyone to share one petition.

Dear God, in the midst of these chaotic days, help us hear your voice. We want to go with you wherever you call us. We desire to go places where only your grace and power and can get us through both green pastures, rocky trails, and roads. Please take us there and give us the courage to be who you have made us to be! Amen

Bless One another by marking the sign of the cross on your hand and raising it towards your camera.