



Vocational Sunday

May 8, 2022 — 4th Sunday of Easter

Prayer for Vocation in daily life (EvLW pg. 82)

O God, give us grace to set a good example to all among whom we live, to be just and true in all our dealings, to be strict and conscientious in the discharge of every duty; pure and temperate in all enjoyment, gracious and generous and courteous toward all; so that the mind of Jesus Christ may be formed in us and all may know that we are Christ's disciples; in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn Suggestions:

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (EvLW)

- 546 To be Your presence
- 712 Lord, whose love in humble service
- 722 O Christ, Your heart, compassionate

All Creation Sings

- 991 Go to the World
- 1047 What is the world like
- 1086 O God, who gives us life

Sermon starters

- ◆ When Peter arrived at Joppa, at the request of Tabitha/Dorcas's friends, the widows brought him upstairs. As they stood beside him, weeping, they showed Peter the tunics and other clothing Tabitha/Dorcas had made. In their grief, they shared with Peter something about Tabitha/Dorcas – her gift of clothes making. How can we come alongside those who grieve and bear witness to the gifts of the person who has died?
- ◆ Think about a time when you felt like you were beside still waters, in green pastures, or on right paths. Think about a time when you found yourself in the darkest valley. How has God anointed you under both sets of conditions?
- ◆ Jesus calls on us to listen for his voice – to truly hear his voice. What can we do to tune our ear to listen for the voice of God? What might we be called to do as we hear God's voice, through our vocations and lives?
- ◆ We all live out different vocations throughout our lives – not just the work we get paid for, but our vocation within our family and community. Think about some of the vocations you have had or currently are living out. How has God invited you into that vocation? What are the ways you live out the Good news of Jesus's love and grace in your different vocations?