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Go and...!

September 29, 2022

CENTERING
TIME

LET'S PRAY!



GO
+
MAKE
DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING
THEM IN THE NAME
OF THE FATHER + OF THE SON,
+ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand pouring water onto a small green seedling growing from soil. The background is a blurred green field. The word "DISCIPLESHIP" is overlaid in large white serif font across the upper middle of the image.

DISCIPLESHIP

Disciples as Followers of Jesus

LIVING OUR **BAPTISM**...*Five gifts of discipleship*

The Affirmation of Baptism provides five faith practices to integrate into our daily life. Receive each as a gift from God:

- **live** among God's faithful people
- **hear** the word of God and **share** in the Lord's supper
- **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- **serve** all people following the example of Jesus
- **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth

(Affirmation of Baptism, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236)

- [Faith Practices - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](http://elca.org)



75% of kids left the CHURCH from 18-29



WHY 25% STAYED CONNECTED WITH CHRIST from 18-29



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**BREAKOUT ROOMS:
WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU TO FOLLOW JESUS?**



Divine Encounter: Faith Formation from the Wild

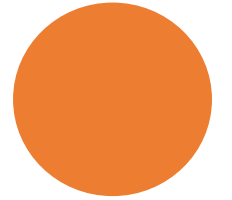
A Practice that Transforms Us

Pastor Brett Ballenger

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,
Marlton**

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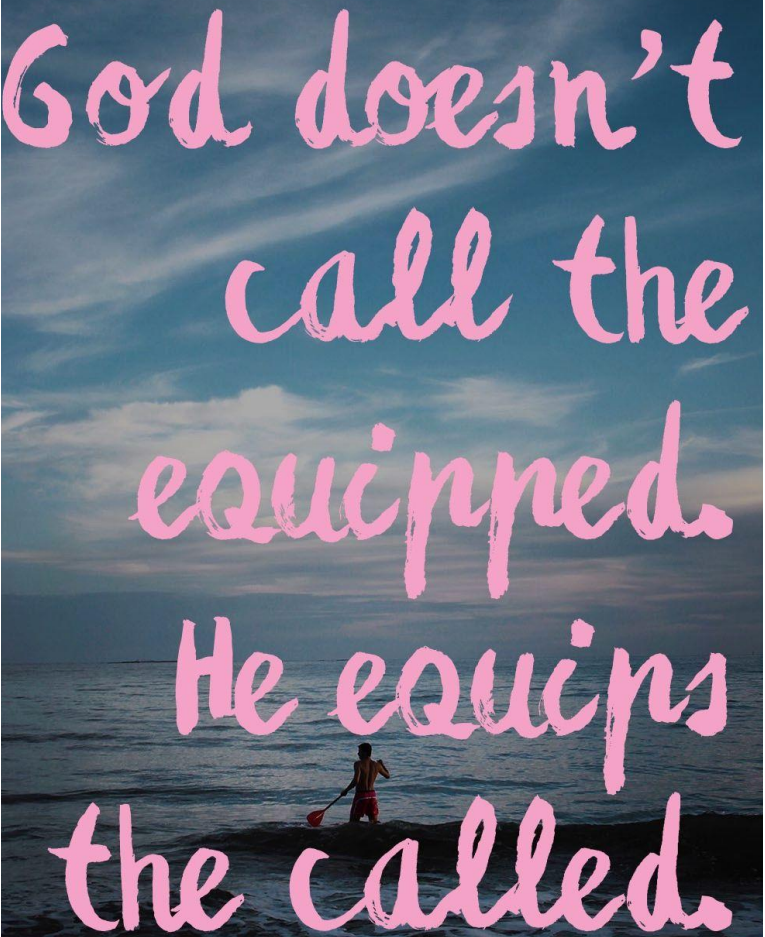
Dwelling in the Word

Matthew 28:18-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

BREAKOUT ROOMS:

HOW MIGHT GOD BE
EQUIPPING YOU TO BE SENT
ON GOD'S MISSION INTO
THE WORLD?

A photograph of a person in a small boat on the ocean at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, and the water is dark. The person is in the distance, and the text is overlaid in a pink, handwritten font.

God doesn't
call the
equipped.
He equips
the called.



SENDING



Go and...! Resources

ELCA Website:

[Faith Practices – Living Our Baptism - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org)

Other resources:

Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home

https://www.amazon.com/dp/0827211228/?coliid=I1DW8AoRIVCN2G&colid=28EDULBIFR6NV&psc=1&ref=lv_ov_lig_dp_it

Courageous Leadership: The Big 4 Ministries with Jake Sorenson (who was my youth director!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K29ZmoVDtqk&ab_channel=ELCACoaching

You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are leaving Church and Rethinking Faith

https://www.amazon.com/You-Lost-Me-Christians-Rethinking-ebook/dp/B005LOPNRU/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=you+lost+me+dauid+kinnaman&qid=1663097323&srefix=you+lost+me%2Caps%2C156&sr=8-1

Vibrant Faith of the Congregation by David Anderson

God is cracking open the Church to go and...



Be with & Love Neighbors

Pray

Listen

Try Something

Meet new People

Serve & Witness

Join us for our next virtual gathering on Zoom
October 27, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

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