

A young girl with curly hair, wearing a white tank top, is kissing a woman on the cheek. The woman has her hair in a bun and is wearing a dark blue top with a choker. They are in a crowded outdoor setting with other people in the background. The image is framed by a white border.

Go and...!

June 30, 2022



Agenda

- Theme of the day – **Tell the Story**
- Spiritual practices – Dwelling in the Word
- Story sharing – The Rev. Nancy Nyland
- Faith Stories



God's Story

Our Stories

CENTERING TIME - LET'S PRAY

Go and Tell

- Luke 8:38-39 NLT -



Dwelling in the Word - Luke 8: 26-39 - NIRS

²⁶ Jesus and his disciples sailed to the area of the Gerasenes across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped on shore, he was met by a man from the town. The man was controlled by demons. For a long time he had not worn clothes or lived in a house. He lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet. He shouted at the top of his voice, “Jesus, Son of the Most High God, what do you want with me? I beg you, don’t hurt me!” ²⁹ This was because Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times the spirit had taken hold of him. The man’s hands and feet were chained, and he was kept under guard. But he had broken his chains. And then the demon had forced him to go out into lonely places in the countryside.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus again and again not to order them to go into the Abyss.

Dwelling in the Word - Luke 8: 26-39

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs. And he allowed it. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs. Then the herd rushed down the steep bank. They ran into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ Those who were tending the pigs saw what had happened. They ran off and reported it in the town and countryside. ³⁵ The people went out to see what had happened. Then they came to Jesus. They found the man who was now free of the demons. He was sitting at Jesus' feet. He was dressed and thinking clearly. All this made the people afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the others how the man who had been controlled by demons was now healed. ³⁷ Then all the people who lived in the area of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them. They were filled with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

DWELLING IN THE WORD - LUKE 8: 26-39

Go and Tell
- Luke 8:38-39 NLT -

- ³⁸ The man who was now free of the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him away. He said to him, ³⁹ “Return home and **tell how much God has done for you.**” So, the man went away. He told people all over town how much Jesus had done for him.



Faith Stories

Tell about a time when you didn't think you could have made it through a situation if God had not been there to bring you through it.

Tell about a time when you felt God very close to you...right there present with you.

Tell about a time when you heard God speaking to you through another person or a situation.

Tell about a time when you experienced God's angels watching over you or guiding you.

Tell about a special time of prayer that you had with God.

Tell about a time when you were really worried about someone or something. How did you feel God's presence?

Tell about a time when you knew God was enabling you to use your God-given gifts to bless someone.

Tell about a time of forgiveness or reconciliation. How was God involved?

Tell about a time that you were frightened or afraid. How was God involved?

Tell about a time when the Holy Spirit was empowering you to do something.

Tell about a time when you created a new thing, idea, event, artwork, writing, etc. How was God involved?

Breakout groups



1. Share about a time when you have told others how much God has done for you?

**Go
and...!**

A Practice that Transforms Us

The Rev. Nancy Nyland

DEM Indiana Kentucky Synod



Creating an Opportunity to Share Your Faith and/or Invite

Scene:

•You are sitting in a doctor's office and you strike up a conversation with the person next to you. This young woman says to you, "I am worried about my little boy. He just hasn't felt well for a long time."

•What is your response?

Scene:

•It's Monday morning at work and a co-worker asks you what you did over the weekend that was fun.

•What is your response?

Scene:

•You are visiting with some co-workers and they invite you to go see a movie after work. You are tempted to go out with them, but you would rather go home and spend some time with your family.

•What is your response?

A close-up photograph of a person's hand, palm facing up. The words "Everyone has a story to tell." are written across the palm in blue ink. The text is written in a casual, cursive-like font. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a plaid shirt and a blue surface.

Creating an Opportunity to Share Your Faith and/or Invite

Scene:

A neighbor has not been feeling well or has just arrived home from the hospital, so you take some food over to their house. They invite you in to visit for a few minutes. In the conversation, the person says to you, “It is so nice of you to bring this food.”

What is your response?

Scene:

Your child has a friend over for supper and you bow your heads to pray. When you are finished, the friend asks, “Why do you pray? We don’t do that at my house.”

What is your response?

Scene:

A friend says that she/he has not gone to church for a long time. In fact, they are mad at God, feeling that God has abandoned them.

What is your response?

Scene:

Someone overhears you talking about going to the Lutheran Church and asks, “What is a Lutheran?”

What is your response?

A close-up photograph of a person's hand, palm facing up. The hand is holding a pen and has just finished writing the phrase "Everyone has a story to tell." in blue ink. The ink is written in a casual, cursive style. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a window with a grid pattern.



No Longer Welcoming

- 1) Motivation: Discover your Ministries, Articulate the Passion, Go Public
- 2) Bite Size Piece's:
 - Month 1: “my church”
 - Month 2: “my church is _____”
 - Month 3: Think and talk about one thing we do well
 - Month 4: Invite one person to something going on
 - Month 5: Invite one person to worship



Tell the Story – Resources

Faith Stories document
No Longer Welcoming article
Shy Lutherans document

Sending



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

Pray

Listen

Try Something

Be with &
Love Neighbors

Meet new People

Serve & Witness

Join us for our next virtual gathering on Zoom
July 28, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

A photograph of two young women of African descent kissing on a city street. The woman on the left has curly hair and is wearing a white tank top. The woman on the right has her hair in a bun and is wearing a dark top with a choker. They are both smiling and looking at each other. In the background, other people are walking on the street, and there are colorful buildings and a red awning. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in the center in a white serif font.

Thank you!