

KEEPING UP WITH THE NTNL YOUTH IN HOUSTON

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MASS GATHERING LIVE STREAMING

All of the evening Mass Gatherings will be livestreamed. Watch the ELCA Youth Gathering Facebook site or ELCA Youth Gathering Facebook page for links.



The Gathering seeks to be a ministry that helps open up pathways of discovery. We want youth to understand the fierce love that God has for them, just as they are, and that by grace, through faith, they have been saved. When young people (or really any age person!) truly claim this reality, it indeed **CHANGES EVERYTHING!**



NTNL Youth
2018
ELCA Youth Gathering
Houston, TX

Wednesday, June 27 Morning Prayer

Wednesday morning, congregations from all over across the NTNL – 38 to be precise – will pack their cars, vans and buses bound for Houston, Texas!

Theme: God's CALL Changes Everything!

Morning Prayer: Thanks be to God the creator for this new day! We welcome this new day as we anticipate all the amazing wonders God has in store for us. We pray also for traveling mercies.

Bible Story: Exodus 3:1-12, the Calling of Moses

Reflection:

What did God ask of Moses?

What have you been asked to do that seems an impossible task or something you don't think you could do?

How was God present with you in that task?

What is one hope you have for today?

What is one way you will respond today to God calling each of us to step out of our comfort zone?

Blessing:

Stand Up for being open to new experiences

Stand With all people we encounter today

Stand For encouraging all people to live out their calling from God

St. Paul reminded the community of the Ephesians: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your doing; it is the gift of God." This changes everything! Amen.

Sunday, July 1 Morning Prayer

We head to NRG Stadium in the morning for our final worship. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will give the message and NTNL Young person, Sam Noble from Calvary, Ft. Worth will be performing the song "This Changes Everything". Savanna Sullivan from Faith, Flower Mound will also be speaking today.

Mass Gathering: Watch it live streamed (9:30am)

Reflection: Today's theme was Jesus Changes Everything. Remember we talked about Jesus caring for the sick woman and raising the girl from death. Today we heard Presiding Bishop Eaton share how Jesus continues to change the world!

What was something you experienced in the Gathering that really impacted or surprised you?

What is something significant you got from the Gathering?

Where did you see God today?

How do you understand "Jesus Changes Everything" in a different way because of today?

How are you changed because of our experiences today?

Evening Prayer:

God of call, love, grace, hope and Jesus, we give you thanks for this amazing Gathering! We experienced so many things we will hold close to our hearts. Help us to be changed by your call, love, grace and hope for each of us, and help us build others up with these very things. We thank you for watching over us this day and as we rest to be ready for a whole new day tomorrow. All this we pray in your name and the name of Jesus, who changes everything! Amen.



Sunday, July 1 Early Morning Prayer

Our Gathering comes to a close today. We will worship and then travel home with all of the memories, experiences and friends. May our NTNL youth, and all in attendance, remember that Jesus Changes Everything!

Theme: *JESUS Changes Everything!*

Morning Prayer: Thanks be to God the creator for this new day! We welcome this new day as we anticipate all the amazing wonders God has in store for us! Be with us and we explore and encounter God in the Interaction Center.

Bible Story: Read Matthew 9:18-26, Jesus heals a woman and raises a girl from death

Reflection:

What did you hear in this story?
Jesus changed everything when he came to earth! How do you feel your life is impacted because of your faith in Jesus?
What is one hope you have for today?
Today, what is one way you will be an example of how Jesus changes everything?

Blessing:

Stand Up for being open to new experiences
Stand With all people we encounter today
Stand For encouraging living a radical life like Jesus did!

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your doing; it is the gift of God." This changes everything!

Amen.

Wednesday, June 27 Evening Prayer

Wednesday evening will bring us to the NRG Stadium, where we will gather with 30000 Lutheran Youth and leaders. This is a breathtaking moment for kids and adults alike!

Mass Gathering: Watch it live streamed (7:30pm)

Reflection: Today's theme was God's Call Changes Everything. Remember we talked about Moses' call this morning. Today we heard lots of great stories about call! This evening we heard about how God calls people in a variety of ways to many different things.

What was something you experienced today that really impacted or surprised you?
Where did you see God today?
What is something significant you got from the speakers tonight?
How do you understand "God's Call Changes Everything" in a different way because of today?

Evening Prayer:

God of calling, we give you thanks for this amazing day! We experienced so many things we will hold close to our hearts. Help us to be changed by your calling for each of us, and help us build others up in their calling. We thank you for watching over us this day and as we rest to be ready for a whole new day tomorrow. All this we pray in your name and the name of Jesus, your dear Son! Amen.



Thursday, June 28 Morning Prayer

Thursday is our Synod Day! We will all have lunch at the Galleria and then gather as a Synod for an afternoon of worship and Bible Study. This will be led by NTNL Youth and the bishop will preach.

Theme: God's LOVE Changes Everything!

Morning Prayer: Thanks be to God the creator for this new day! We welcome this new day as we anticipate all the amazing wonders God has in store for us! Bless the youth and adults who are leading our Synod Day!

Bible Story: John 4:4-30, Jesus shows love to a Samaritan woman

Reflection:

What do we hear from this story?
When have you been in a situation that you've stood up against what society tells you to do?
How was God present with you in that time?
What is one hope you have for today?
Today, what is one way you will follow Jesus' example of showing love for all?

Blessing:

Stand Up for being open to new experiences
Stand With all people we encounter today
Stand For encouraging all people to live out the example of Jesus' love

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your doing; it is the gift of God." This changes everything!

Saturday, June 30 Evening Prayer

This is our final evening in Houston and we will be at the NRG Stadium with 30,000 of our friends once again!

Mass Gathering: Watch it live streamed (7:30pm)

Reflection: Today's theme was God's Hope Changes Everything. Remember we talked about the disciples not recognizing Jesus after the resurrection. Today we heard lots of great stories about how God's hope is found in all kinds of places! This night we heard about how God's hope is witnessed in so many astounding ways.

What was something you experienced today that really impacted or surprised you?
Where did you see God today?
What is something significant you got from the speakers tonight?
How do you understand "God's Hope Changes Everything" in a different way because of today?
How are you changed because of our experiences today?

Evening Prayer:

God of hope, we give you thanks for this amazing day! We experienced so many things we will hold close to our hearts. Help us to be changed by the hope you give freely for each of us, and help us share this hope with all we encounter. We thank you for watching over us this day and as we rest to be ready for a whole new day tomorrow. All this we pray in your name and the name of Jesus, your dear Son! Amen.



Saturday, June 30 Morning Prayer

The NTNL will spend the day at the Interaction Center. It is a “Holy Playground” of sorts, that invites Gathering participants to encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences.

Theme: *God’s HOPE Changes Everything!*

Morning Prayer: Thanks be to God the creator for this new day! We welcome this new day as we anticipate all the amazing wonders God has in store for us! Be with us in our Holy Play today! May we learn something new and have a spark ignited!

Bible Story: Luke 24:13-35, Disciples on the Road to Emmaus

Reflection:

What was significant in this story?
When have you been unable to see hope?
How was God present with you in that time?
What is one hope you have for today?
Today, what is one way you will live in the hope given to us in Jesus’ resurrection?

Blessing:

Stand Up for being open to new experiences
Stand With all people we encounter today
Stand For encouraging all people to live in the hope that is given for all in Jesus’ resurrection!

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your doing; it is the gift of God.” This changes everything!

Amen.

Thursday, June 28 Evening Prayer

NTNL Groups will venture out in the late afternoon/early evening for dinner and then head back to the NRG Stadium. An NTNL Youth from Preston Meadow in Plano will be one of the speakers – watch for Caroline Meeker!

Mass Gathering: *Watch it live streamed (7:30pm)*

Reflection: Today’s theme was God’s Love Changes Everything. Remember we talked about Jesus’ love for the Samaritan woman. Today we heard lots of great stories about how God’s love surrounds us in all places and spaces! This evening we heard about how God’s love changes us and the world.

What was something you experienced today that really impacted or surprised you?
What is something significant you got from the speakers tonight?
Where did you see God today?
How do you understand “God’s Love Changes Everything” in a different way because of today?

PRAYER: God of love, we give you thanks for this amazing day! We experienced so many things we will hold close to our hearts. Help us to be changed by your love for each of us, and help us build others up with this love. We thank you for watching over us this day and as we rest to be ready for a whole new day tomorrow. All this we pray in your name and the name of Jesus, your dear Son!
Amen.



Friday, June 29 Morning Prayer

Today is our Service Day! We will board busses early today to go out into the community where we will be the hands and feet of Christ!

Theme: God's GRACE Changes Everything!

Morning Prayer: Thanks be to God the creator for this new day! We welcome this new day as we anticipate all the amazing wonders God has in store for us! Be with us in our serving today and bless those Houstonians whom we encounter.

Bible Story: Acts 8:26-39, Philip Baptizes the Ethiopian

Reflection:

What do we hear from this story?
What does your baptism mean to you after hearing this story?
How was God working through Philip?
How does God work through you?
What is one hope you have for today?
Today, what is one way you will be an example of God's grace for all?

Blessing:

Stand Up for being open to new experiences
Stand With all people we encounter today
Stand For encouraging all people to see God's grace available for everyone

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your doing; it is the gift of God." This changes everything!

Amen.

Friday, June 29 Evening Prayer

There is a Celebration of Service when we return to the NRG complex and then we will have dinner before going to the NRG Stadium.

Mass Gathering: Watch it live streamed (7:30pm)

Reflection: Today's theme was God's Grace Changes Everything. Remember we talked about God's grace for the Ethiopian man through Philip. Today we heard lots of great stories about how God's grace surrounds us just as we are! This evening we heard about how God's grace is present even in hard, difficult times.

What was something you experienced today that really impacted or surprised you?
What is something significant you got from the speakers tonight?
Where did you see God today?
How do you understand "God's Grace Changes Everything" in a different way because of today?
How are you changed because of our experiences today?

Evening Prayer:

God of grace, we give you thanks for this amazing day! We experienced so many things we will hold close to our hearts. Help us to be changed by the grace you give freely for each of us, and help us share this grace with all we encounter. We thank you for watching over us this day and as we rest to be ready for a whole new day tomorrow. All this we pray in your name and the name of Jesus, your dear Son! Amen.

