

# SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

## ELCA Youth Gathering

**Pastor:** Claimed by God, crafted with your own authentic gifts, you are a brave community of disruptive disciples, called to be participants in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

In this, there will be times when you feel energized, and times when you feel exhausted.

Times when you enjoy every activity planned, and times you wish you were in charge.

Times when the Holy Spirit will show up in joy, and times when the Holy Spirit will show up in challenge.

And so, I ask you:

Will you use your braveness for the sake of the Gospel as you step into the journey ahead? If so, respond with “we will and we ask God to help us.”

**We will and we ask God to help us.**

Will you use your authenticity to enrich the gathering and the community of New Orleans?

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Will you freely participate in the gathering and with the people of New Orleans with the love and compassion of Jesus?

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Will you seek to disrupt injustice, working together in solidarity for the sake of your neighbors?

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Will you be respectful, curious, helpful, open and kind?

**We will and we ask God to help us.**

**Pastor:** And now, I ask the congregation - Will you, led by the Holy Spirit, pray for these youth gathering participants in your daily prayers, asking for God’s guidance, love, safety and blessing in their endeavors? And upon their return, will you receive them and their stories/experiences with love and openness?

**ALL:** **We will and we ask God to help us.**

Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

