

Today's devotion was written by Rev. Becki Verbridge, Interim Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria.

#### **Psalm 78:1-4 NIRV**

***“My people, listen to my teaching.  
Pay attention to what I say.  
I will open my mouth and tell a story.  
I will speak about things that were hidden.  
They happened a long time ago.  
We have heard about them and we know them.  
Our people who lived before us have told us about them.  
We won't hide them from our children.  
We will tell them to those who live after us.  
We will tell them what the LORD has done that is worthy of praise.  
We will talk about his power and the wonderful things he has done.”***

There is so much truth in this psalm. We know the stories of our faith tradition because they have been passed down to us by others over the years. Those stories provide us with a foundation – a basic understanding – of **who** we are, **whose** we are, and **why** we are here. And, of course, every generation of God's people has added to the larger story as they lived out the faith in their own time and place.

Now it's our turn. We are the ones charged with passing on those stories to those who come after us and tell them how we went about being God's people – today.

This got me to thinking...

How would we describe to future generations what it has been like to be the people of faith during a pandemic? What has it been like to be the Body of Christ in a world of masks and social distancing and virtual worship. What has kept us going? What has sustained us? Where have we seen God at work during this challenging time? And, perhaps most importantly, how have we offered our sanitized hands – ourselves – to participate in God's work?

What would **we** say to those who come after us? What would **you** say?

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*“All Creatures of Our God and King” and “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*