Questions for Mentors and Confirmands Lent 3/16/2022

Read Bible Verses Luke 15:11-24 Caring for the One Who is not Sick

- 1. Read Luke 15:3-6. How does this parable explain life by comparing the relationship of the sheep with the shepherd and the relationships of the sheep with each other? Why does Wangerin say that being "lost" is equivalent to death itself?
- 2. We may define our life in terms of our relationships. Wangerin explains that we know who we are in terms of how others see us, as they react to us with joy, appreciation, anger, or encouragement. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and discuss how relationships function among people who are called together in a marriage, a family, or a church community.
- 3. Reflect on a time when you believed that you were "infinite and limitless" and would never be touched by any frailties such as illness or death. See Genesis 11:3-9. How did humanity try to exceed or ignore its limitations?
- 4. Wangerin talks about wanting to pass on something to his children and grandchildren. He desires that his spirit will live on in those who live on after him. The trees he planted for his grandchildren are one such instance. What lessons can you draw from his example?
- 5. One emphasis of this lesson is the importance of finding our life in the eternal voice of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. See John 10:3-4. Why is knowing Christ's voice critical to overcoming the fear of death?