

# Living our Baptism...Five Gifts of Discipleship

Wednesday Evening Services

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## February 24 Lent 1 - Live among God's faithful people

Lent always begins with the reading of Jesus being tempted in the desert. He is able to resist and choose God's way. Sometimes we are not as strong, choosing paths which are not healthy or of God. It is not easy. But God gives the gift of community to teach us, accompany us, and encourage us. In the beginning of Paul's letter to the Philippians, Apostle Paul reflects his love for Christian community. What does it mean for you to live among God's faithful people?

## March 3 Lent 2 - Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper

For centuries, Christians have been encouraged to give up something during the season of Lent, and in doing so, increase an appreciation of the sacrifice of Jesus. Apostle Paul recognizes his own personal sacrifices to follow Jesus, but he confesses how much he has gained. The sacrifices pale in comparison to the gain in Christ. More than anything, Paul wants to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Hear the word of God. What does it mean for you to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper?

# March 10 Lent 3 - Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

Lent invites us to go inward and become more contemplative. This is an important part of the Lenten journey, but Jesus did not die to keep it a secret. His death and resurrection are meant to be the good news proclaimed from the housetops. Apostle Paul found courage to boldly proclaim Christ—despite imprisonment and threats of death. He even discovered how God used the negative experiences of his life to proclaim Christ. What does it mean for you to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed?

# March 17 **Lent 4** - **Serve all people, following the example of Jesus**

We associate acts of loving kindness and mercy with the season of Lent. Through art, music, preaching, teaching, and other means, the church tells the story of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. But the example of Jesus is more than his death. Throughout his life, Jesus served. He was a servant leader, one who was willing to get down on his knees and wash the feet of the disciples. What does it mean for you to serve following the example of Jesus?

# March 24 Lent 5 - Strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Holy Week tells the story of Jesus—a story filled with injustice and violence. Though innocent, Jesus was sentenced to a violent death. Where is the justice and peace? On our behalf, Jesus encountered injustice, violence, and death itself in order to bring a new order—one in which the lion and lamb might lie down together. Until that time comes, we continue to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

## Live among God's faithful people

## **Gathering Hymn**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" #325

- I want Jesus to walk with me;
  I want Jesus to walk with me;
  all along my pilgrim journey,
  Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

  Text: African American spiritual

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of the church. We are especially grateful for those who have taught us what it means to be Christian, those who have modeled love, kindness, and mercy. Bless our church and guide us to be a model of faithful living. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Holden Evening Prayer p. 2-6 (see back of booklet)

Lesson Philippians 1:3-11

**Sermon** Pastor Erik Jelinek - Central Lutheran

Hymn "Build Us Up Lord" #670

Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation.

Lead us to do your holy will; form and shape your new creation.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we guide and teach each other, help us to share your love with the world: ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

#### Refrain

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom; we follow in faith what's begun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word to spread the news of your Son!

Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our lives reflect your glory.

Cast away all our doubts and fears; help us tell the world your story.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us bear good fruit for you,

Lord, give us vision and keep us sure. Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.

Refrain

Text: Mark Glaeser, b. 1956, and Donna Hanna, b. 1952

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# Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper

## Gathering Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #803

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Open our hearts to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Open our lives to your freeing love; for you alone can feed our hungry spirits through your Word and satisfy our every need. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Holden Evening Prayer p. 2-6 (see back of booklet)

Lesson Philippians 3:7-11

**Sermon** Pastor Jennifer Jelinek - Grace Lutheran

### Hymn "We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus" #451

- We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death; that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.

  And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his, we will all be reunited, for he lives.
- 2 In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.
- 3 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a cong that has no ending

in a song that has no ending. Amen Text: John C. Ylvisaker

# Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

### **Gathering Hymn**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

### Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

- 2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

  I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. <u>Refrain</u>
- I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
   And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. <u>Refrain</u>

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for the good news of Christ Jesus. Use our lives to boldly proclaim your good news made known in Christ. Use our words and our actions to reflect the goodness of your love. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Holden Evening Prayer p. 2-6 (see back of booklet)

Lesson Philippians 1:12-20

**Sermon** Pastor Jerry Pribbenow- Central Lutheran

**Hymn** 

# Serve all people, following the example of Jesus

### Gathering Hymn

"Let us Ever Walk With Jesus"

#802

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.

  Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.

  Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.
- Since by death he conquered death, he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.

  Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin; and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven.

  Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.

  Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy: all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.

  Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
  He has risen from the dead
  that to life we may awaken.
  Jesus, you are now our head,
  we are your own living members;
  where you live, there we shall be
  in your presence constantly,
  living there with you forever.
  Jesus, let me faithful be;
  life eternal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, alt.

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of service. We are recipients of your love made known in Christ. Fill our hearts with compassion, so we might serve out of a spirit of love rather than under the mantle of obligation. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Holden Evening Prayer p. 2-6 (see back of booklet)

Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

**Sermon** Pastor Kristin Rice – East Koshkonong

Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #810

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear My foes are ever near me around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

# Week 5 Strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Gathering Hymn "Wade in the Water" #451

### <u>Refrain</u>

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(See that host all dressed in white,) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(the leader looks like the Israelite.) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain

2 (See that band all dressed in red,) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(looks like the band that Moses led.) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain

3 (Look over yonder, what do I see?) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. <u>Refrain</u>

4 (If you don't believe I've been redeemed,) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for the promise of a world of justice and peace. Your love for your beloved humanity is breathtaking. To send your son Jesus Christ to live among us and die for us is humbling. Allow us to partner with you to bring justice and peace in all the earth. Show us the way. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Holden Evening Prayer p. 2-6 (see back of booklet)

Lesson Philippians 4:8-9

**Sermon** Pastor Holly Slater – St. Paul-Liberty

Hymn "Here I am Lord" #574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

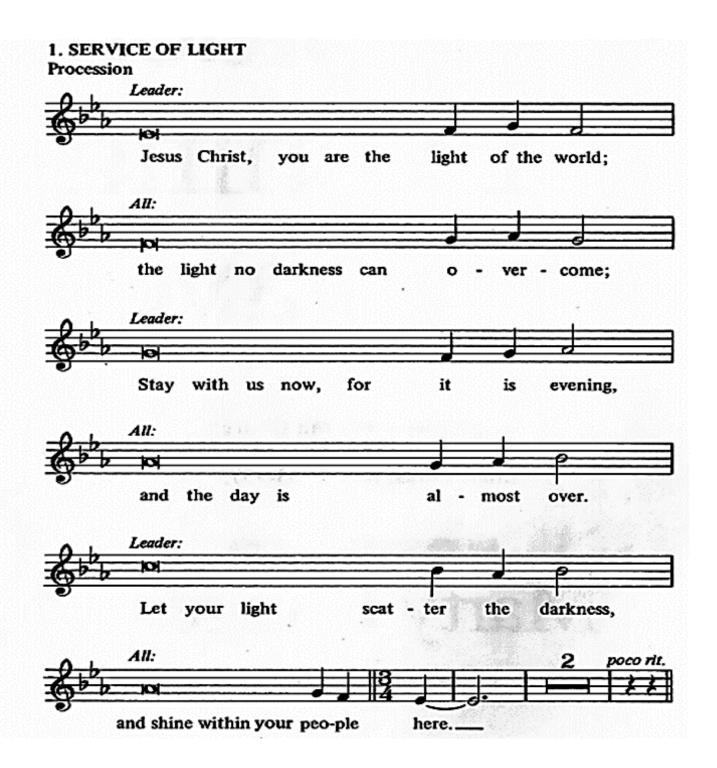
#### Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.I have wept for love of them. They turn away.I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
  - I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"

    Refrain
- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
   I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
   Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
   I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" Refrain

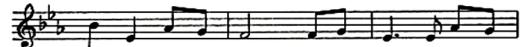
# Holden Evening Prayer p.2-6



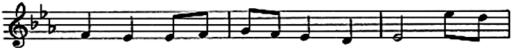
#### **Evening Hymn**



- 1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo ry, lov ing
- 2. In the stars that grace the dark ness, in the
- 3. You who made the heav-en's splen dor, ev 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre-a - tion's blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and danc-ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



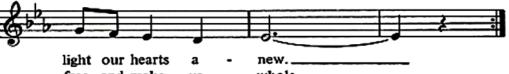
sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that jus - tice, let us each re-flect your light. Might - y



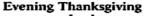
eve-ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to fills the night with won-der, love that warms the wea-ry God of all cre - a - tion, gen-tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us way, Lov-ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

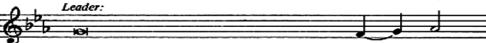


free and make us on to end - less whole.





May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to \_\_\_\_ God,



It is right to give God

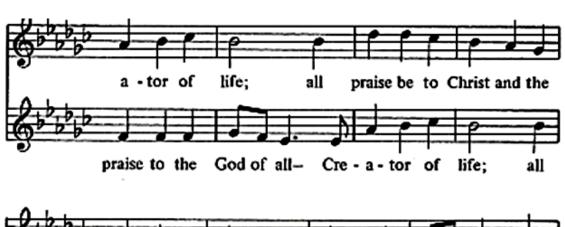
thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

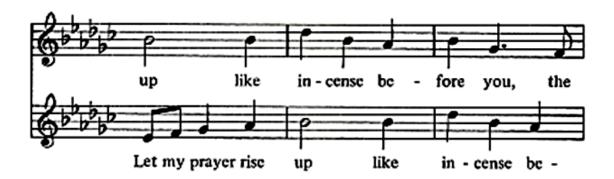


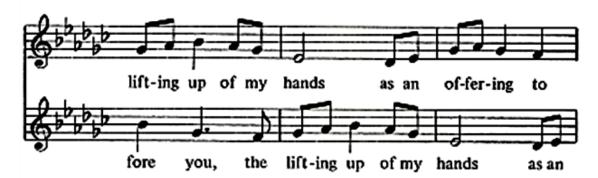














# Holden Evening Prayer p.8-11

Leader: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives

All: Amen.

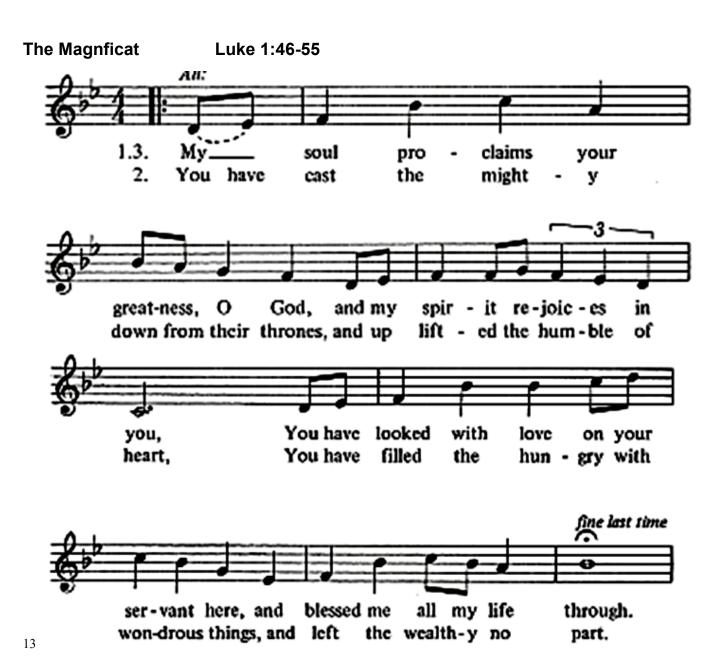
Leader: The Light shines in the darkness

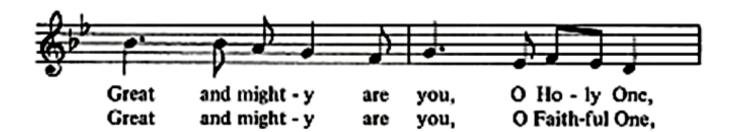
All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

#### The Annunciation

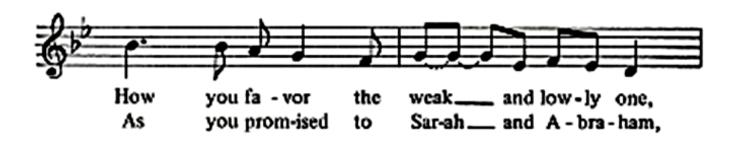
Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his names shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

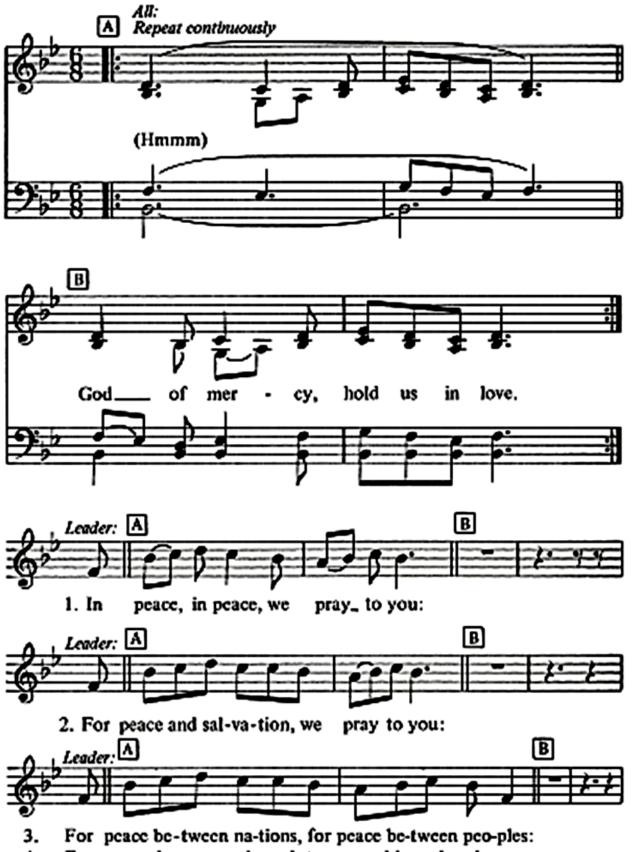












- 4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
- 5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
- 6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
- 7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
- 8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish es all of cre a tion:
- 9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
- 10. For all the be-lov-ed who rest in your mer-cy:





Leader: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name.

Your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

### **Final Blessing**

L: Let us bless our God;

All: Praise and thanks to you.

L: May God, Creator bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives, may the Spirit of love be our guide and path, for all of our days.

All: Amen