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Each week, we will explore one of the gifts of discipleship. In the Affirmation of Baptism service (a.k.a. Confirmation), we speak publicly before God saying that we intend to continue to live out our baptismal callings claiming the faith as our own. The question that we respond to asks us to affirm these five gifts of discipleship as our intent of living out our faith.

QUESTION: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- **To live among God's faithful people.** (Week 1)
- **To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,** (Week 2)
- **To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,** (Week 3)
- **To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,** (Week 4)
- **And strive for justice and peace in all the earth?** (Week 5)

RESPONSE: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236)*

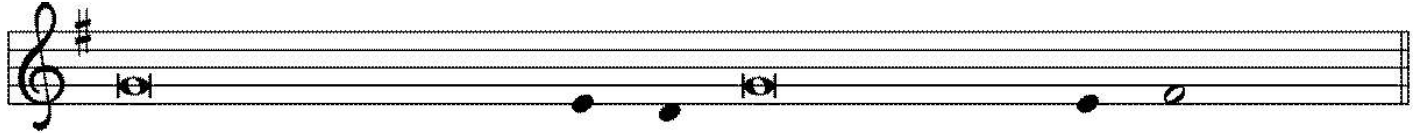
Introduction to This Week's Gift of Discipleship:

Lent always begins with the reading of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Jesus of course 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. This community isn't limited to a select few, but it is all of God's people. And together as God's people, we have the opportunity and privilege to do some of God's work in the world today.

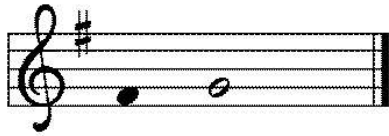
In our scripture appointed for this week we are reminded of the joy and gift of being in community. We are grounded in gratitude for all that God has done, and connected with each other through prayer (Philippians 1:3-5). We are also reminded that it is God's peace which we are invited into community with, and with that peace we are invited to live a life of the Gospel- a life of truth, confession and forgiveness, real grace (John 20:19-23). This grace makes community with one another possible. It flows through our baptisms and guides and grounds our discipleship.

Night Prayer (Compline)

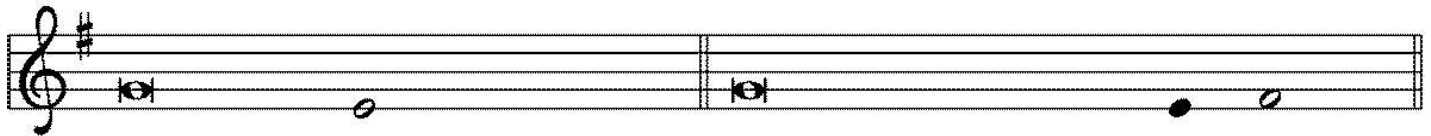
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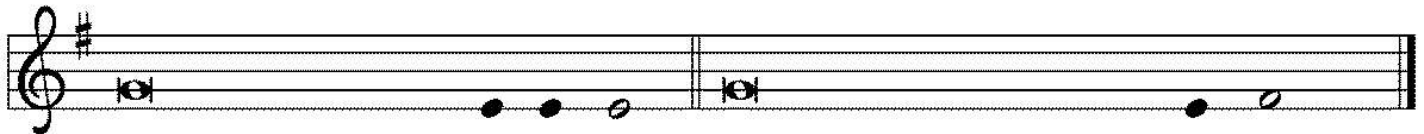
Almighty God grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



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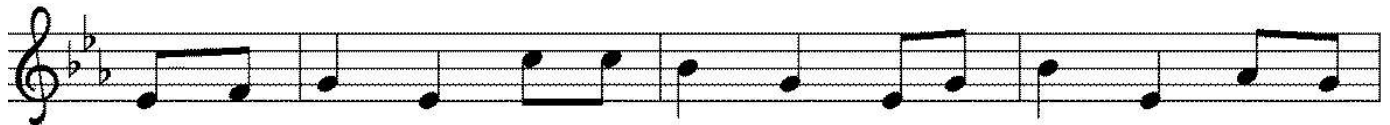


By day, O God, you grant your stead - fast love,



and at night your song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

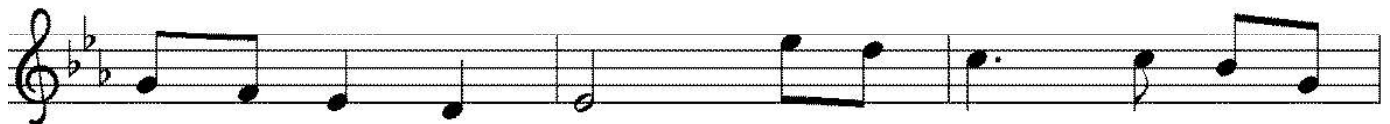
*NIGHT HYMN: ELW #561, "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"



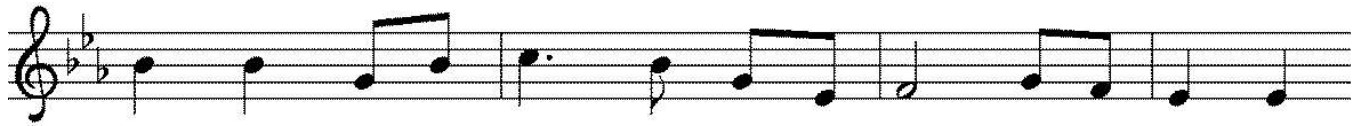
1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



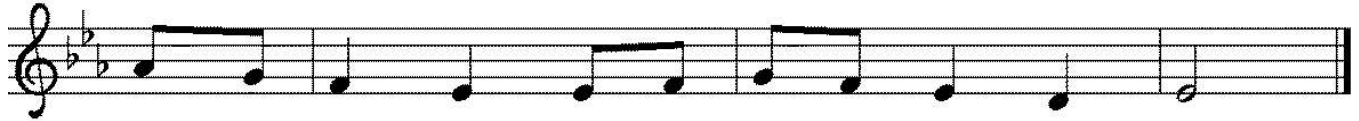
face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole,
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Let us pause for a moment of self-examination.

Holy and gracious God,

**I confess that I have sinned
against you this day.**

**Some of my sin I know—
the thoughts and words and deeds
of which I am ashamed—
but some is known only to you.**

In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

**Deliver and restore me,
that I may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God

We are united with Jesus Christ,

In whom we are forgiven.

We rest now in the peace of Christ

And rise in the morning to serve.

Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray,

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 a disciple and Child of God, and for those who have modeled love, kindness, and mercy. Bless our church and guide us to be a model of faithful living today and always. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

WEEK 1 READINGS, Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

GUEST PREACHER

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HYMN OF THE EVENING

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

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1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty

in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come;
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;

Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by

sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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*NIGHT PRAYERS

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be our light in the darkness, O God, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

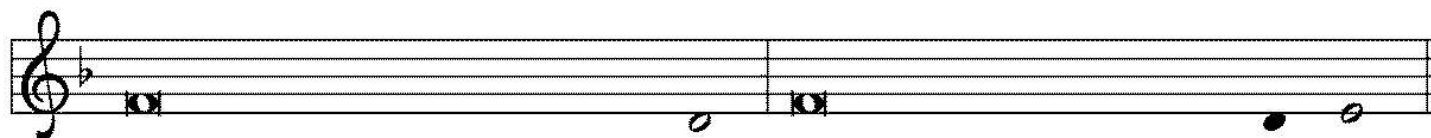
*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

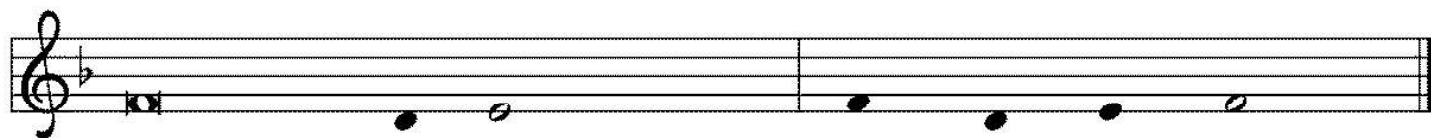
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

*BLESSING



Now in peace I will lie down and sleep; **you alone, O God, make me se - cure.**



Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rest in God. Rise to serve.

Thanks be to God.

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