

2nd Wednesday in Lent

March 3, 2021

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)



**This picture comes from the ELCA's 2016 Lenten Resource.*

Introduction to This Week's Gift of Discipleship

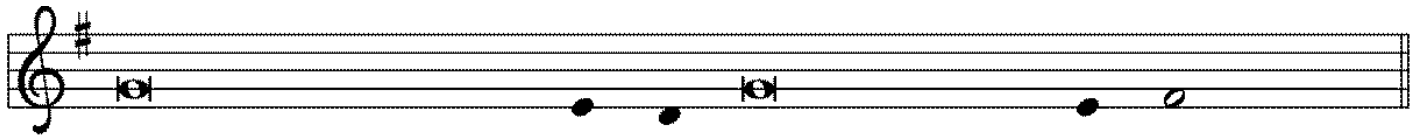
Discussion Questions to Ponder:

What does it mean for you to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper?

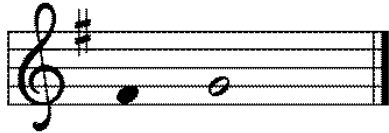
How have you experienced new ways of doing this during this pandemic time?

In what ways has the Word and sacrament filled you in the good and hard days of life?

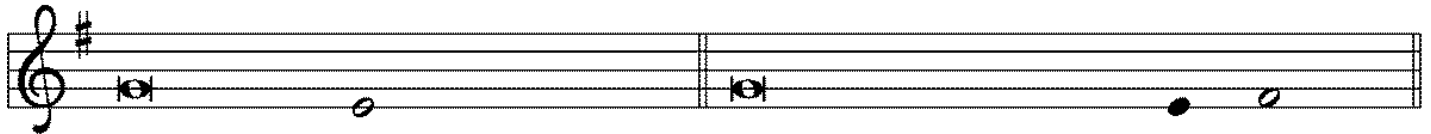
Night Prayer (Compline)



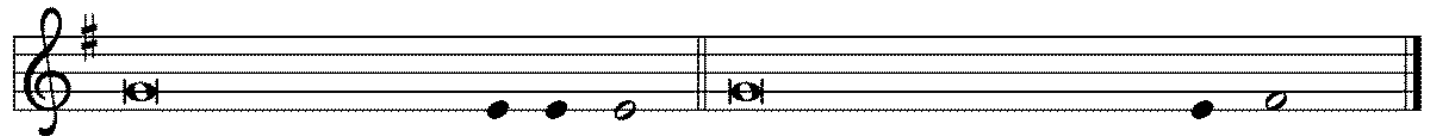
Almighty God grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



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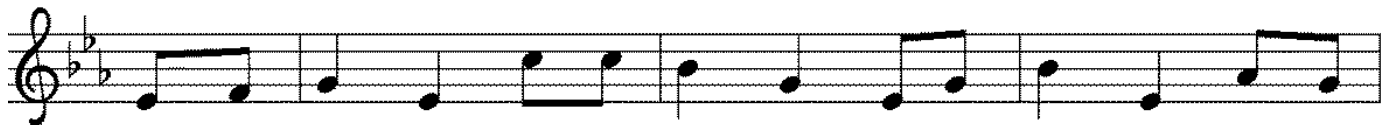


By day, O God, you grant your stead - fast love,



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

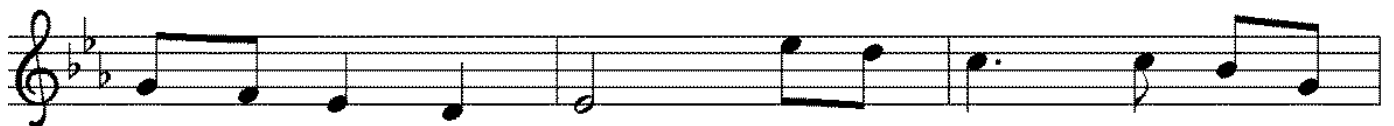
*NIGHT HYMN: ELW #561, "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"



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



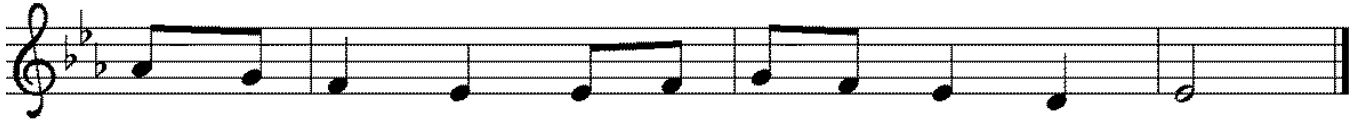
face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



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 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.

WEEK 2 READINGS, 1 Corinthians 10:14-17

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Luke 24:28-35

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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HYMN OF THE EVENING

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW 515

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

*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.

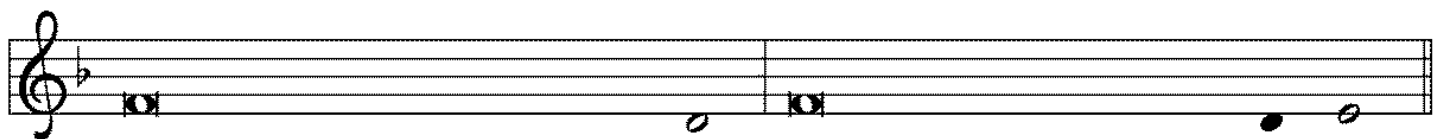
***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

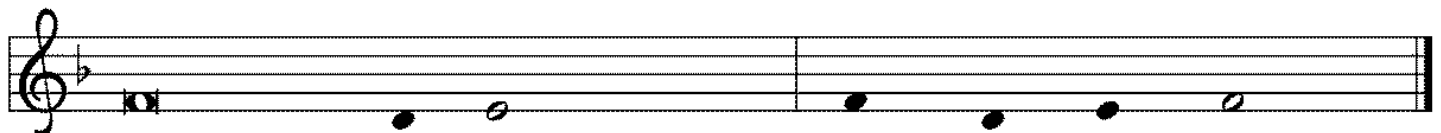
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, 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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Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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LENTEN OFFERINGS

-Lenten Offerings can be left in the offering plate in the back of our worship space (in the narthex), or made online (GivePlus+), or mailed into the office (10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134). This year's Lenten offerings will be split in half to support both the Food Bank of the Heartland and the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response to help provide food to area pantries and support areas where natural disasters have left their mark.