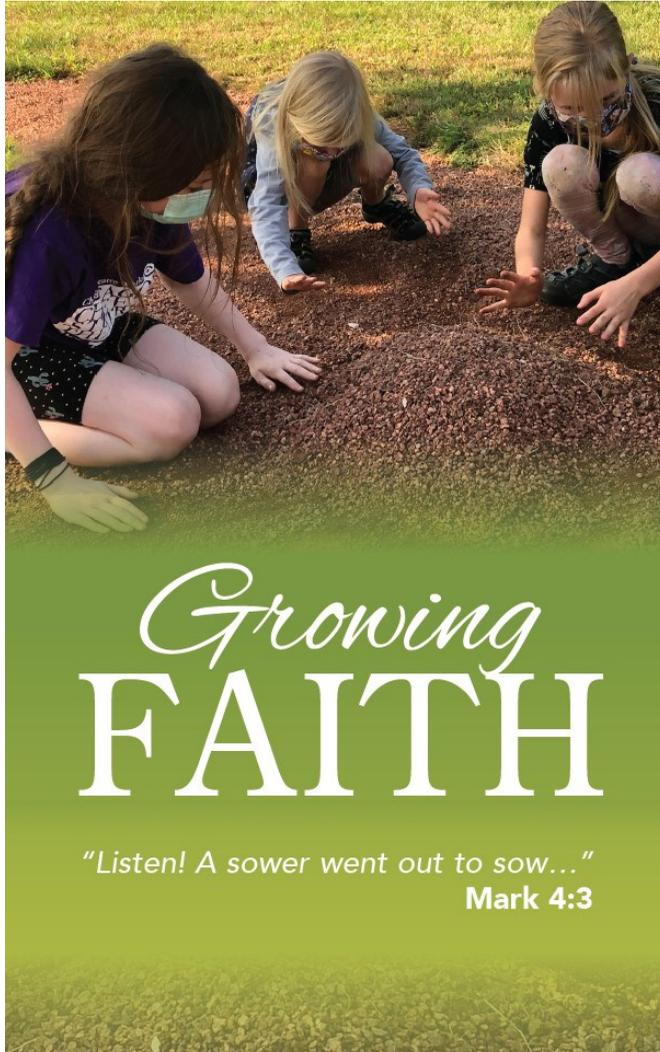




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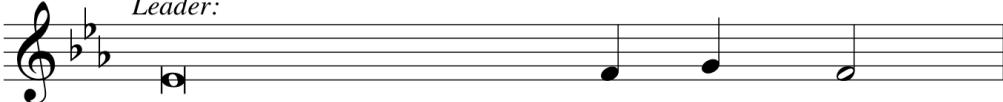


Mid-Week Lenten Service

For thousands of years, Christians have gathered for evening worship (Vespers, Evening Prayer, Evensong), gathering around the lighting of lamps and candles as the night sets in. Even before that, God's people gathered in their homes to light the Sabbath lights, as our Jewish brothers and sisters do to this day. This Lent as we gather for Evening Prayer, we gather around the Paschal candle - our symbol of the Light of Christ, of the resurrection, and of baptism - as we walk alongside Jesus the way of the cross.

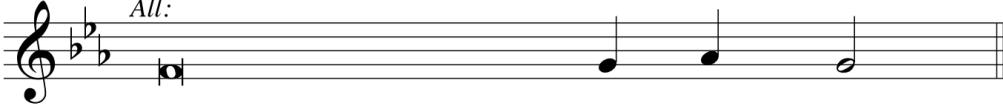
EVENING PRAYER

Leader:



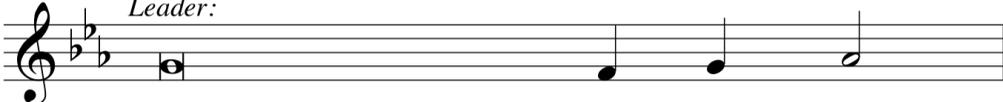
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



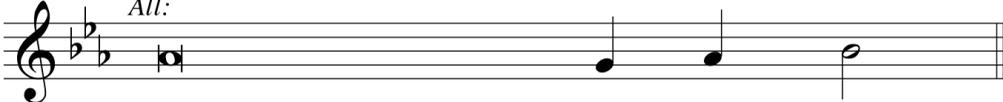
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



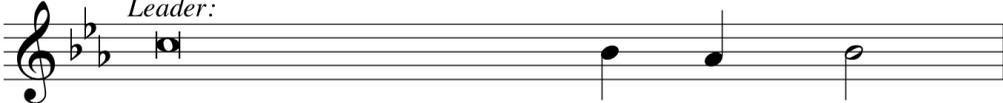
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

All: *a tempo*



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



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

Leader: *All:*

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

Leader:

Let us sing our thanks to — God,

All:

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.

All:

A - men.

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All:

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

fore you, the lift - ing up of my

hands as an of - fer - ing to you. —

Leader or Group One:

— O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:

O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I
call to you, come to me now; O

cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn - ing bright. — Let my prayer rise
light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. — All praise to the God of all - Cre -
of - fer - ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
 praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all
 Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise
 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you.
 of - fer - ing to you.

PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

THE ANNUNCIATION

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

THE MAGNIFICAT

LUKE 1: 46-55

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

HOMILY

Time for reflection follows the homily.

A *Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

B

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

3. For peace be - tween na - tions, for peace be - tween peo - ples:
 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:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

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.

Amen.

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

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, ho - ly be your name.

Your King - dom come. Your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For-give us our sins

as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Keep us from temp - ta - tion, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. (Optional)

For the King - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Leader: *All:*

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider:

May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

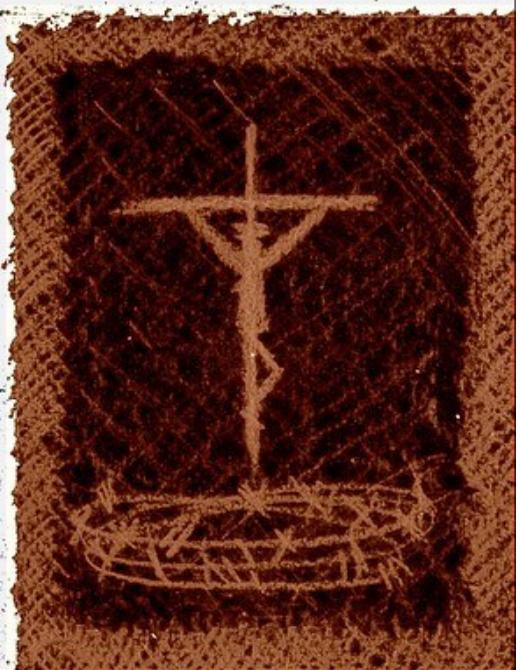
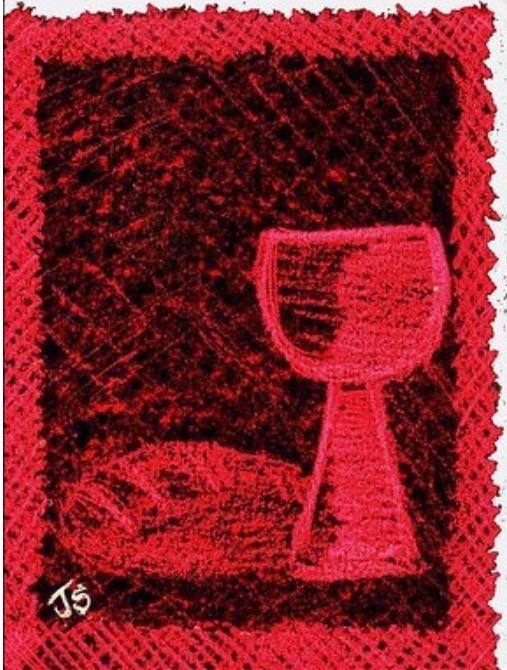
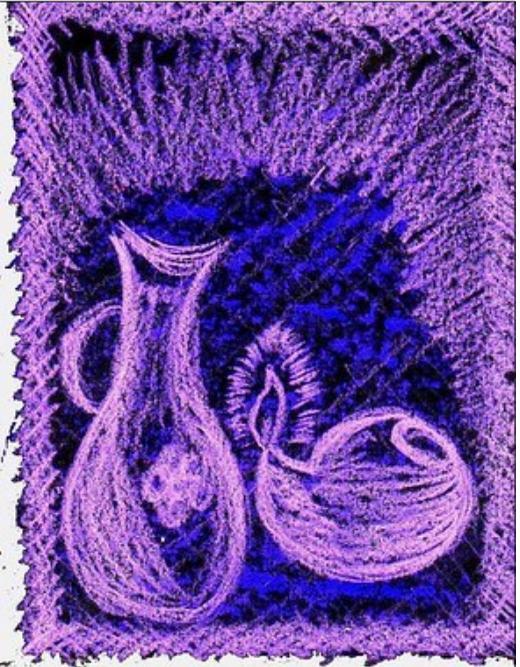
all of our days. _____

All:

A - men.

WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 9:20 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion Faith Formation/Sunday School In-person and Livestream Worship with Communion
Holy		
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	Holden Evening Prayer In-person and Livestream Worship



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday (April 6) - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 7) - 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight prayer around the cross.

All-ages Easter Vigil on Saturday (April 8) - 4:00 p.m.

We keep the ancient tradition, in a family-friendly way. Gather around the fire to hear the stories of God's saving love through the ages, remember the gift of Baptism, hear the Easter story as we gather around Christ's table.

Easter Sunday - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Festival worship to celebrate the Resurrection! Come celebrate the risen Christ.

ANNUAL YOUTH BAKE SALE

The Youth are excited about the annual Easter Bake Sale here at Christ Lutheran! The Gathering Area will be filled with a wide variety of goodies for you. The free-will donations raised from this bake sale will go towards youth special programs. Thank you!

Growing Faith

Living our Baptism through the 5 Gifts of Discipleship

When baptized Christians affirm the faith (often called confirmation) the minister asks the question: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

**to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?**

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

And so begins a daily claiming and re-discovering of the God-given gifts of discipleship. These gifts overlap and are intertwined as one gift flows into another and into faithful living. On Wednesdays through Lent we will explore (unwrap) these gifts, noticing the ways God uses them to show love and faithfulness to us, and the ways God uses them to equip us to love one another.