

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Service  
March 1, 2023**

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER  
Liturgist: Rick Cook**

*\*Indicates when you should stand, if you are able.*

**Prelude**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn #324            “In The Cross Of Christ I Glory”**

**\*Service of Light and Thanksgiving**

Pages 2-4 (Holden Booklet)

**\*Psalmody**

Pages 4-8

**Hymn #220 (TOSB)            “The Old Rugged Cross”**

**Sermon**            Series: “The Living Church”

**Part 2 - “Evangelism: Mission Through The Local Church”**

*(text: Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:6-9)*

**Pastor William Shields**

**\*Confession of Faith**

**P:**     What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**C:**     **That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from the power of the devil. And he so preserves me that, without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, from now on, to live unto him. Amen.**

**Offering**

**\*The Annunciation and Magnificat**

Pages 8-9 (Holden Booklet)

**\*Litany and Prayers**

Pages 10-11

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

Page 11

**\*Final Blessing**

Page 12

**\*Closing Hymn #565**

**“All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night”**

**\*Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Lenten Prayer**

Father in Heaven, You have called us to be your Church in the world. Strengthen our faith, so that our witness will be strong. Give us hearts that love and hands that serve. And in all that we do, help us to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

**Sermon text: Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Acts 1:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.