Wednesday Evening Lenten Service
February 21, 2024

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
Liturgist: Gail Ohlson

***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 Jesus I Never Knew"
Part 2 - "Profile OF Jesus: What Would I Have Noticed"
(text: John 6:60-71)
Pastor Matthew 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, as we walk together, on the road to the cross, during the season of Lent, we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts, with a desire to know Jesus, more deeply than we have ever known him before. Set our hearts on fire, so that our lives may bear witness to the world, about the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sermon text: John 6:60-71

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a
hard saying; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself
that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you
take offense at this? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of
Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the Spirit who
gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken
to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not
believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who
did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 And he
said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it
is granted him by the Father."

66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no
longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you
want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to
whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we
have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One
of God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the
twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." 71 He spoke of Judas the
son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to
betray him.