

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Service  
March 20, 2024**

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER  
Liturgist: Rick Cook**

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

**Prelude**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn # 338                   “Beneath The Cross of Jesus”**

**\*Service of Light and Thanksgiving**

Pages 2-4 (Holden Booklet)

**\*Psalmody**

Pages 4-8

**Hymn # 779                   “Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound”**

**Sermon                   Series: “The Jesus I Never Knew”**

**Part 6 - “Mission: A Revolution Of Grace”**

*(text: Luke 18:9-17)*

**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 # 759**

**“My Faith Look Up To Thee”**

**\*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: Luke 18:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”