

EQUIPPED

Our 2024 Lenten Journey



BRING A TOOL

We are the body of Christ. We all use tools everyday of our lives. Tools can look like hammers, screwdrivers, and saws. They look like pencils to teachers, needles to quilters, paper to students, a computer to web designers, shoes to runners, Bibles to pastors, a pacifier to an infant. We are to share the love of Christ in our everyday lives, the tools we use represent where we bring the love of Christ on a daily basis. Let's represent the body of Christ through our tools and remind ourselves that we give our entire lives to God. Please bring a tool – from the very young to the very old and place them on our EQUIPPED display. Thank you for participating!

Wednesday, March 6th, 2024

**Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Mid-Week Lenten Holden Evening Prayer**

**The order of service is the order printed in the Holden Evening Prayer Booklet. Thank you for picking one up each week, and returning it after worship service.*

Prelude

Welcome

Holden Evening Prayer

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<i>(Silence for meditation)</i>	

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Children's Sermon

March 6 Spiritual Gift Assessment

Theme & Scripture

March 6 "Gifts"

Ephesians 4:7-13

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not

make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Message

March 6: Skit "Jesus' Dream"

Offering (*collected during hymn*)

Hymn

"We Are Called"

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Holden Evening Prayer

Litany and Prayers

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Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

Holden Evening Prayer Final Blessing

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Dismissal: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Thank you!**