

In the kingdom of God we are entrusted with God-given life so that we might live as Jesus taught us to live. As a baptized child of God, and in the covenant God made with me in baptism, I, _____ (your name) offer my time and talents in my daily living:

To live among God's faithful people:

Live:

_____ I will strive to steward well the body God has given me: sufficient sleep, healthy eating, adequate exercise,

_____ I will strive to make choices that allow time for relationships with family and friends

_____ I will seek to be grateful for my energy and personality and trust that God is present in my life.

Among:

_____ I will strive to consider the importance of my participation in the congregation's life together, especially when I don't want to participate.

_____ I will pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's leading towards reconciliation when I am in disagreement with others.

God's faithful people:

_____ I will strive to remember that I am the same person no matter where I am or who I am with.

_____ God's claim that I am God's beloved child influences my willingness to participate in the worship life of the congregation. I can offer this ability or interest that God has given me:

Hospitality _____ Kindness _____ Public speaking/reading _____

Attention to detail: property _____ set-up/clean-up of Holy Communion _____

Count offerings _____ Record offerings on individual records _____

Artistic inclinations: Create seasonally appropriate decorations in or around the church building _____

Design/create wall hangings/banners _____ Provide fresh flowers (seasonally) for altar _____

Generosity _____

Technological Know-how: Sound System _____ Power point projection during worship _____

Video recording/transfer to DVD _____ Web site building/maintaining _____

Facebook page _____

Teaching/Learning the faith: Sunday School participant _____ Sunday School teacher _____
Bible School involvement _____ Mentoring of jr/sr high youth _____

Adult Small Group participant (short term groups) _____ Small Group Leader _____

Leadership: Serve on Church Council if elected _____ Attend Synod Assembly (2days/1 night in May/June) _____

Work on occasional team project for specific purpose _____ (area of your interest _____)

Music: Sing with occasional small group/choir _____ Play hand chimes with group _____

Be a Lead singer for introducing new song _____

Provide Christian CD music for prelude/postlude – of a non-organ/piano style) _____

Assist with Sunday hymn selection process _____

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper:

_____ There is time in my life to come to worship

_____ For the well-being of my soul and the well-being of the congregation, I am willing to make it a priority to worship God with the congregation regularly.

_____ God is at work in Holy Communion to strengthen my trust in God's goodness and my ability to allow that goodness of God to be evidenced in my life all week.

_____ God's desire to love me is at the heart of a relationship. I will claim time and ways that are meaningful for me to be with God in listening and talking with God, in silence with God, and in reading/learning more about Jesus and what it means to live as a follower/disciple of Jesus every day.

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed:

_____ In my speaking, I will give God credit when credit is due to God.

_____ God has given me the ability to listen and others seek me out as a listener.

_____ God has given me the ability to act in caring ways, and I recognize the opportunities when they arise.

_____ God has given me the ability to pray for others, and I pray for others.

_____ No matter where I am, if someone asked me about Jesus, I'd be willing to have conversation.

_____ Any place I am is a place where others can see the love of Jesus in my actions.

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus:

_____ When I become aware of a true need someone has, I am willing to do my part in assisting.

_____ There are times when my heart is moved to act in extraordinary ways to care for others.

_____ My daily work contributes to the web of life and provides me with income to support my life.

_____ My understanding about people and their ways needs to grow as I listen to their stories.

_____ God's will for my life is written into my very abilities, interests, energy and creativity so that I can care for others in all that I do.

_____ Daily work, play and rest provide the opportunities for living with care and kindness for others as well as myself.

_____ People are always looking for people to do things. I recognize that my time and energy are limited and that at times the Holy Spirit will lead me to say "no" to invitations and opportunities so that I have time for rest and renewal – maybe even going out to the mountain to pray, as Jesus did!

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth:

_____ God has entrusted the earth to me as my home, as well as the home of the 7 billion other people living on earth. I seek to have my personal choices contribute to the wellness and not the destruction of the health of the earth.

_____ Advertising messages promote personal comfort and desires. Following Jesus means that advertising messages will often numb me to the concerns of others in order to get what I want. I will pray for wisdom to recognize this effect and a heart that has the courage to limit my wants more to my needs so that I am freer to share with others of my time, money and energy.

_____ Daily news brings the world into my home. I can "pray the news" seeking to care about others and hear where God may call me to action on behalf others.

_____ God created a great diversity in humankind. Our local communities include only a small portion of that diversity. Seeking out relationships with people different from one's self breaks down the "me/us –them" categories and contributes to building peace. I'm open to getting to know people different from me.

_____ Wealth is a tremendous responsibility and easily lures one into self-centered living. I pray that God will lead me in stewarding well the resources of money, land and belongings that are in my control.

_____ Jesus is always going ahead of us into the challenging and hard places of life. I will seek to grow in trust that I might be willing to follow Jesus beyond my personal comfort level into new ways of caring about and for others.