

**Celebrating Our Generations:**  
**A Milestone Celebration of Lives of Faith**  
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*Those being honored stand where ever they've been seated in the assembly*

P: *(To those celebrating the milestone.)* Today we celebrate the lives of faith of our members who are a part of the \_\_\_\_\_ generation. Throughout the years you have trusted in the promises of God made in your baptism. You have shared of yourselves, your time, your talents, and your possessions to strengthen the Body of Christ that is the church.

A: A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ...<sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:3-6, 9-10)

P: Let us pray, Merciful God, we thank you for these, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold these, your servants, in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. Amen. (ELW pg 234. Affirmation of Baptism)

A: A life in faith is a gift to all of us as a community. We thank you for the examples you have been to us as you have lived out your baptismal covenant "to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth." (ELW pg 237. Affirmation of Baptism) We give thanks for the blessings you have received, and the blessings you have bestowed upon us along your baptismal journey.

A: *To the congregation.* Let us thank these individuals for their work among us, and offer a blessing:

**C: You have shared your faith with us freely. We thank God for your life and for the example of faith you have been in our midst. May God continue to bless you and keep you.**

P: Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for all the ways you have been faithful to the promises made to each of these people in baptism. May they always feel your presence in their lives, and may we all learn from their example to walk closely with you. In Jesus name, Amen.

*The congregation is invited to recognize these individuals with their applause.*