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As a community following Christ, we LOVE with an open heart GROW with a curious mind and SHARE with a generous spirit.

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones.

If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.

Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

Child care is available for children ages 5 years and under in the Child Care Area, across from the Life Together Hall.

In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

## SUMMER NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

# **Time after Pentecost:**

# **OLD TESTAMENT WISDOM & POETRY**

Sunday, July 23, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

### **PRELUDE**

The congregation gathers around the baptismal font.

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of Nils Erik Hansen son of Erik and Tanja Hansen. Sponsors: Angela Olson and Björn Binzegger.

Baptism of Henrik Theo Hansen son of Erik and Tanja Hansen.

Sponsors: Simone Murphey and Darren Hansen.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

#### **PRESENTATION**

### Angela and Björn

We present Nils Erik Hansen for baptism.

#### Simone and Darren

We present Henrik Theo Hansen for baptism.

Erik and Tanja, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Nils and Henrik baptized into Christ?

## Erik and Tanja

We do.

As you bring Nils and Henrik to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that Nils and Henrik may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Nils and Henrik grow in the Christian faith and life?

### Erik and Tanja

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Nils and Henrik and pray for them in their new lives in Christ?

We do.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you, as a baptismal party, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

## **Baptismal** party

We renounce them.

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

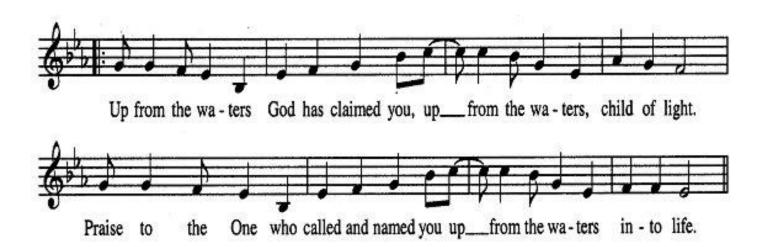
#### **BAPTISM**

Nils Erik Hansen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Henrik Theo Hansen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### Congregation sings twice:



#### Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Nils and Henrik with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

#### Amen.

Nils Erik Hansen, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Henrik Theo Hansen, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

#### WELCOME

Let us welcome Nils and Henrik:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation returns to their seats while singing the Kyrie.

# **KYRIE** • "KYRIE"

With One Voice 601 • Ghana





### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

# **HYMN OF PRAISE** • "LEARNING TO LEAN"

CCLI #9976

Sing twice.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Wisdom of God, from the street corners and at the entrance of the city you proclaim the way of life and of death.

Grant us the wisdom to recognize your Messiah, that following the way of the cross, we may know the way of life and glory.

Amen.

Sit.

#### READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

<sup>2</sup>For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight,
<sup>3</sup>for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity;
<sup>4</sup>to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young —
<sup>5</sup>let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill,
<sup>6</sup>to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles.
<sup>7</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

<sup>1</sup>My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; <sup>2</sup>for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. <sup>3</sup>Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. <sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. <sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup>It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "CELTIC ALLELUIA"**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 174

Sing twice.



#### READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

### Matthew 13:34-35

<sup>34</sup>Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. <sup>35</sup>This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

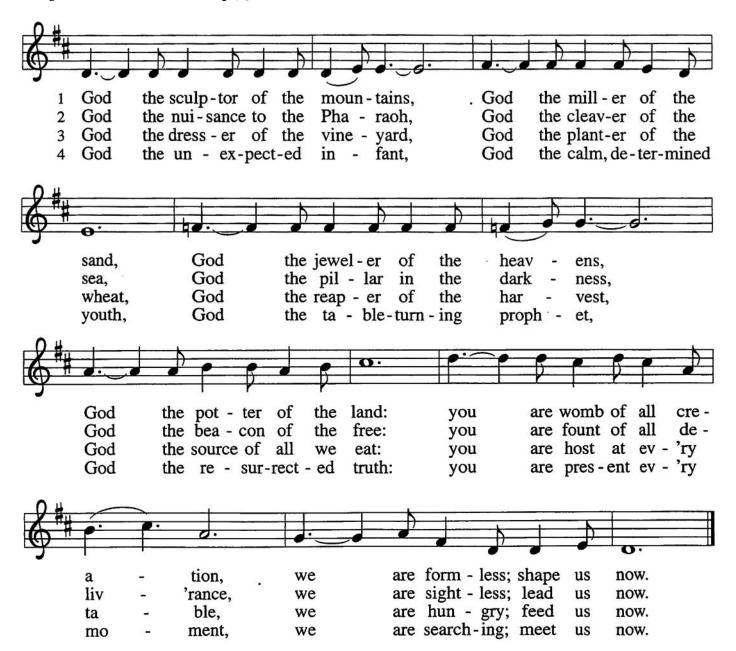
#### **SERMON**

Pastor Rhonda Bostrom.

Stand.

# **HYMN OF THE DAY • "GOD THE SCULPTOR OF THE MOUNTAINS"**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 736



### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

#### **OFFERING**

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." —LUKE 6:38

God desires to multiply good through us now while we're on earth. That's why he created the church. So I'd like to ask of you, today, to give because that's why God created you—to enjoy him and to bring that joy to others.

You can participate in the Offering electronically by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.



#### **OFFERTORY**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" • woodwind quartet Nancy Careaga, Bill Kohler, Joan Kohler, Eli Lockhart

Stand.

# **OFFERTORY RESPONSE** • "THANKS TO GOD, AUTHOR OF LIVING" Samoa



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# **SANCTUS** • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

All Creation Sings • Holy Communion, Setting 11 • Puerto Rico



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

# THE LORD'S PRAYER • "CAMBODIAN LORD'S PRAYER"

 $Global\ Choral\ Songs \bullet Cambodia$ 



#### COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

Sit.

#### DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who are loved by God, whether you feel loved or not.

It is for those who desire to grow in love with God.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

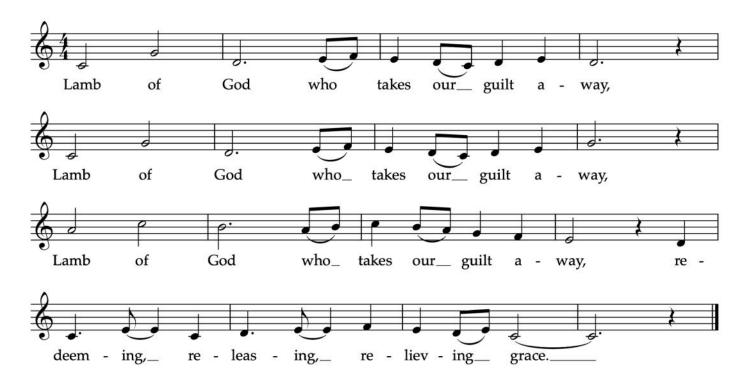
Come, you who have tried to follow and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Please come. Receive the gifts of God for all the people of God.

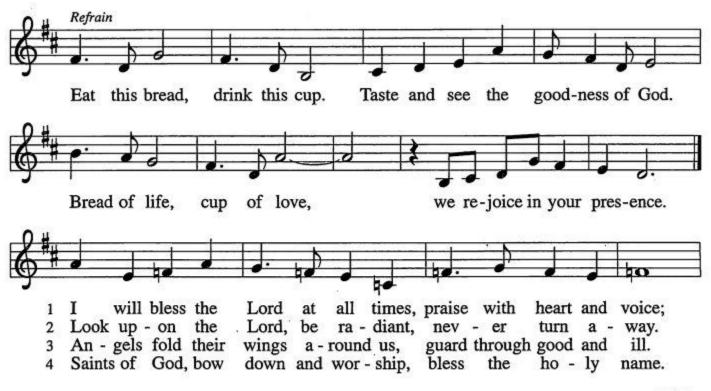
# **LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"**

Sweden



# **COMMUNION HYMN • "EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP"**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 492

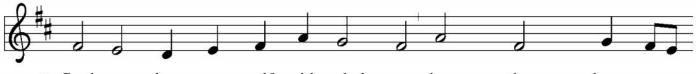




in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice! God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray. Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill. Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

# **COMMUNION HYMN • "SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS"**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 488



- 1 Soul, a dorn your self with glad ness, leave the gloom y
- 2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea ger ly and
- 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon-der o ver this sur-
- 4 Je sus, source of last ing plea sure, tru est friend, and



sad - ness, haunts of come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, glad - ly greet him. he stands al - read - v knock - ing: There pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less un - der - stand - ing, dear - est trea - sure. peace be - yond all



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast-closed with feeds are count - less; the choic - est though the souls it wine of iov in - to all life ex-pand - ing: hum - bly now, bow be -



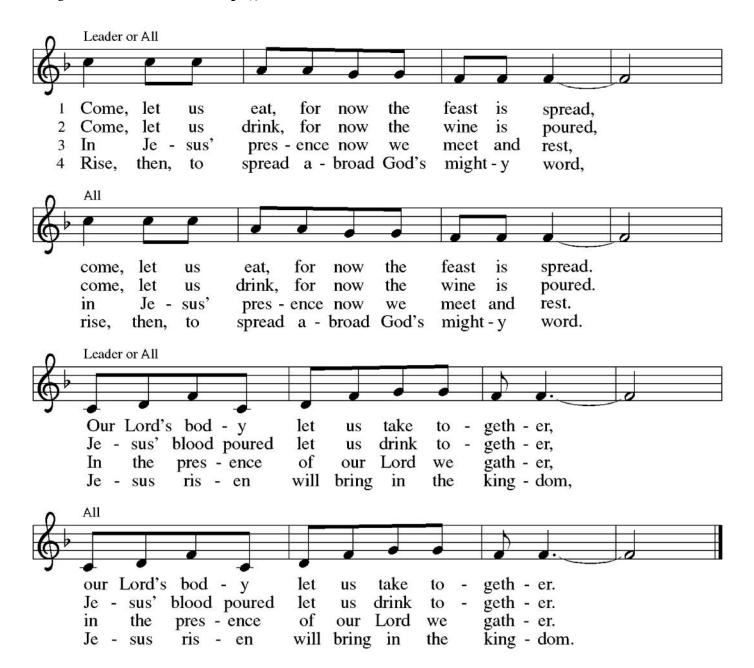
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# **COMMUNION HYMN** • "COME, LET US EAT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 491



Stand.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,

for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

Send us now as a community following Christ, to LOVE with an open heart, GROW with a curious mind, and SHARE with a generous spirit.

Amen.

#### **DEACON SENDING**

Deacons are called to "make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example." (1 Timothy) Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

O God of tender compassion,

as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

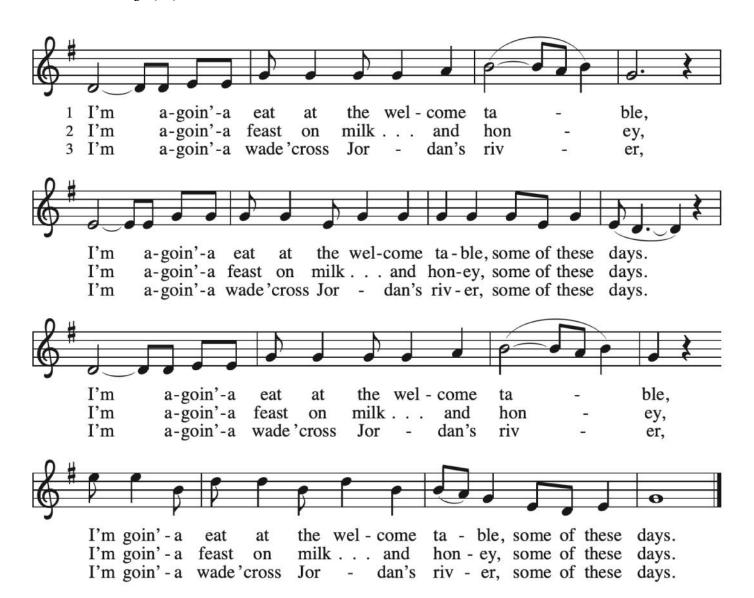
### **BLESSING**

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, + the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

#### Amen.

## **SENDING HYMN • "WELCOME TABLE"**

All Creation Sings 969



## **SENDING**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

"Welcome Table"

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