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Ascension of Our Lord

May 12, 2024

ANNOUCEMENTS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I Love to Tell the Story

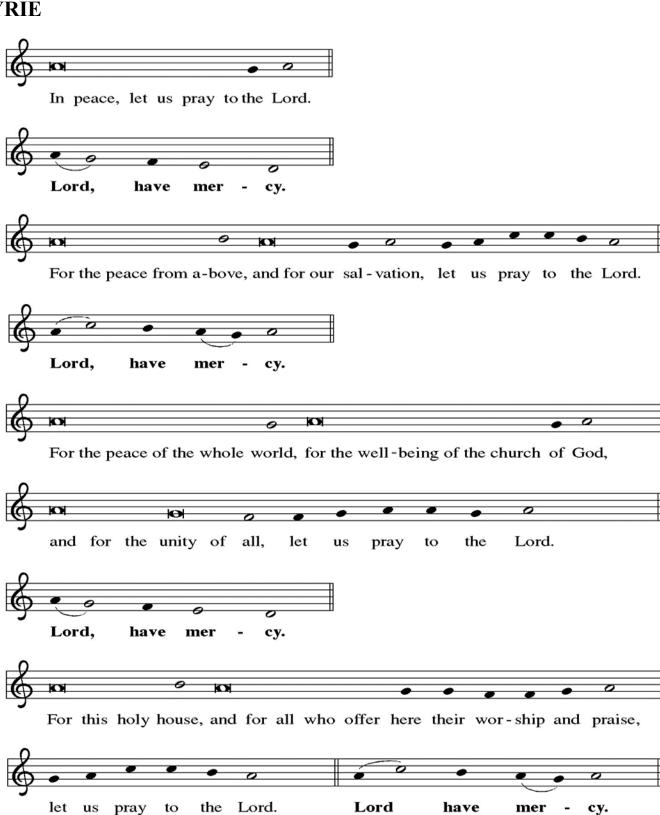


GREETING

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.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who presents this child to be baptized?

We present Bjorn Matthew Husby to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for him instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood, you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the

baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **I do.**

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, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Baptism

Bjorn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Bjorn: 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.

Amen

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

Amen

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

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for this child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with this child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Welcome

Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

LEC Choir

"Bless This Child with Love"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 47

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- ² For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
- a great king over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued peoples under us,
- and nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
- the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
- sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm.

⁸ God is king over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

We pray for the church and all ministers of the gospel, that the Spirit will empower them to be your witnesses throughout the earth. Keep all teachers and missionaries under your care and guide them as they proclaim your word to the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of creation and for all your creatures: for zoos, nature preserves, and conservation organizations, for endangered species, and for those who work to protect all that you have made. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and those who govern: for all countries, regions, and people in crisis or at war. Bring your peace on earth, in our homes, and in our hearts. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For all in any need: for exiles, refugees, and those fleeing war and poverty, for those who suffer from individual and institutionalized racism. For those who grieve, for those near death, and for those who are ill or suffering in any way, especially; Dan Skillings, Judy Clark, Bennett Anderson, Matthew Giefer, Irene Cotts, Chris (Vasey) Bechtel, Melissa Ahrens, and Bob Cramer. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this congregation and for its concerns: for visitors, for those who are absent, for those in prison, for the homebound, and for those who travel. Enliven our faith and invigorate our mission. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. Please share the peace

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

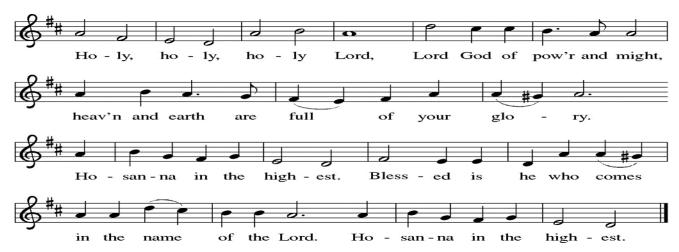
PREFACE

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

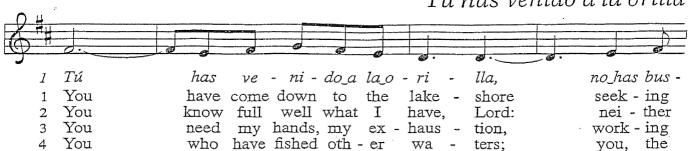
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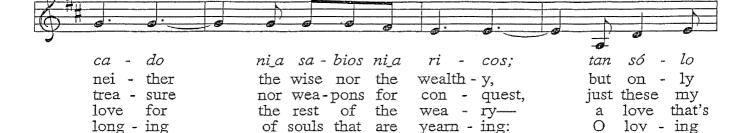
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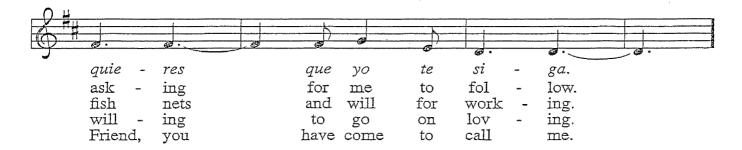
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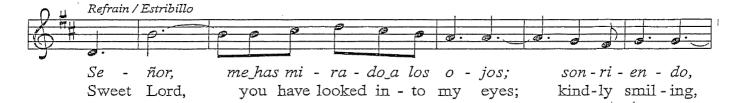
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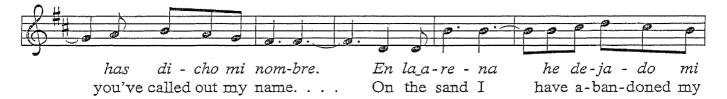
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Music: LEC: Dottie Hayden
Cantor: LEC: Olivia Mai
Lector: LEC: Phyllis Parish

Acolyte: LEC: Draven Schutts

LEC MAY Communion Glass washers: Roxane Schaefer, Nikki Turner,

Joss Turner & Jan Link

OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

9:00am – Worship – NH – Children's Time w/Cindy Bates

10:30am - Worship - LEC

1:30-2pm Autumn Village Service

Mon: Office Closed

Tues: *Office Open 8:00-3:30*

9am Quilting - NH

Wed: *Office Open 8:00-3:30*

9:00am Quilting – LEC

Thurs: Office Open 8:00-3:30

LEC Council meeting has been moved to May 23rd 7PM

Fri. Office Closed

4-7pm Carin House Meal

Sun. BLESSING OF THE TRACTORS AT BOTH SERVICES

9:00am – Worship – NH – Children's Time w/Jane Hulett

Last NH Children's time for the Summer

10:30am - Worship - LEC

BAPTISM TODAY: Bjorn Matthew Husby, son of Brady Husby & Cassandra Banks, born 10-17-2023 in Eau Claire, WI. Sponsors: Matthew Husby & Richard Banks



We will be celebrating Rogation Sunday on May 19, 2024. You may bring your farm tractors to be blessed by Pastor Judy.

The Bencke Family in Japan

During May, we have the opportunity to support our missionary. Between New Hope and Little Elk, let's fill every day! You can sign up at your church, with Pastor Judy or the church office. Donate for a full day at \$40.00 or a half day at \$20.00.

2024 - Graduation Quilts

Every year the Quilters at Little Elk Creek and New Hope Churches gift our High School Graduates with quilts that they have made during the year. Pastor Judy will bless each quilt during the church services on June 2, 2024 and present them, along with their parents, to the graduates. NH services are at 9:00 AM and LEC services are at 10:30 AM. Graduates, please plan to attend the church services along with your parents. The quilts will be displayed in the fellowship areas before the services for you to select your special quilt.

Below is a list of graduates and if we have missed anyone, please let the church office know.

New Hope Church: Alex Lammer

Little Elk Creek: Levi Suckow, Walker Ferguson, Madisynn Bauer, Andrew Schaefer, Colten Novak, Parker Blado and Kya Hayden

UW Stout College Graduates: Aaron Lee, McKenzie Christianson, and Shaelee Paul

LEC WELCA have committed to the third Friday of each month for 2024 to make meals at the Cairn House in Menomonie. The shift is 4:30 to 7pm. We are looking for anyone who would like to help us out with this project. It will require at least four volunteers a month. If you and/or your family would like to help, contact Roxane Schaefer at 715 308 3589 or (see me in church).

Upcoming dates are May 17th, June 21st and July 19th. Thank you!

"LET JOY BURST FORTH LIKE FLOWERS IN THE SPRING"



Looking forward to our garden parties again this year. Hoping there are some of you who would enjoy sharing your garden or patio. It is a joyful time to see all the beautiful backyards we are so blessed to create. Visit with and get to know each other and just relax on a nice summer evening. For more info or willing to host call Roxane Schaefer @ 308-3589 or I will see you in church!

