Gathering Music
Greeting/Announcements
Song "Seek Ye First"
Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness
Prayer of the Day  Lord God, rule our hearts and govern our minds by your Holy Spirit, that we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in the life to come. Through all the trials and tragedies that assail us, strengthen our faith and keep us steadfast in lives that follow your Son; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.
Song "Shout to the Lord"
First Reading Zephaniah 3:6-9, 12-13 L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.
Second Reading
Faith Seeds
The Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone. Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.
Gospel
Sermon "A Hard and Blessed Life" Pastor Scott Grorud
Song "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" WOV #684
Service of Holy Baptism: Harley Marie Albrecht daughter of Brennen and Ashley Albrecht Sponsors: Brittany Radtke and Danielle Christie

### **Grady Lane Yanish**

son of Patrick Yanish and Kaelyn Fish Sponsors: Bobby & Jill Fischer, Max Martin and Jacob Schwarzrock

#### Apostles' Creed

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

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 into hell. 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Welcome for Newly Baptized

**Pastor:** God has made this new brother and sister members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive them with love and rejoice with them at their entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering/Special Music ...... "Thankful Hearts" ...... Kid's Music Club

Offertory Response ... "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

### Prayers of the Church

### The 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.

#### Benediction

Song .... "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*" ...... WOV #780

## What Does This Mean?

- 1. Are you more inspired by tasks that are really easy or are more difficult?
- 2. Why did Jesus paint such a grim picture of the Christian life?
- 3. What promises are included amidst Jesus' many warnings?
- 4. Given this hard text, why would anyone want to follow Jesus?

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# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota 10:10 a.m. Sanctuary Service November 17, 2024 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

And everyone will hate you because you are my followers. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Mark 13:13