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# A Word about Ordination

To ordain does not mean to consecrate. Accordingly, if we know of godly persons, we choose that person and, on the strength of the Word which is ours, we give authority to them to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments. This is what it means to ordain.

The ministry is not to be unduly exalted above other callings. All callings in order of creation, which contribute to the community, are equally holy.

On the other hand, the ministry is not to be degraded and made common. The Office of Word and Sacrament not only lends dignity and authority, but also makes exacting demands. It is not one's gifts, learning, efficiency, or charm of personality which makes one a minister, but the Gospel which one is called upon and ordained to preach.

One must, therefore, stand before the people as one of them, a fellow-sinner, and yet in the full dignity and authority of one's office, which one strives to adorn with a holy life and conduct. *Martin Luther, 1534*

# Welcome!

**Accessibility**

- An *elevator* is located at the north entry. Turn right as you exit the nave.
- A large *unisex restroom* is located on the lower level (across the hall from the elevator).
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- *Hearing Assistance*
    - *T-coil* is provided in our nave and other large gathering areas.
    - *Small headsets* are also available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

# Holy Eucharist

## with the ordination of Erik Charles Nelson into the ministry of Word and Sacrament

## October 31, 2026 11:00 a.m.

### Mount Olive Lutheran Church
### Minneapolis, Minnesota

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## Entrance

PRELUDE

Fantasia on "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"
(Komm, Heiliger Geist), BWV 651 – J. S. Bach

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(standing and facing the entrance at the bell)*

℗ In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℃ **Amen**

℗ Holy God . . . fountain of resurrection.

℃ **Blessed be God now and forever.**

℗ Praise to you . . . never be thirsty again.

℃ **Blessed be God now and forever.**

℗ At this font, holy God . . . drown the evil around us.

℃ **Blessed be God now and forever.**

℗ Satisfy our thirst . . . now and forever.

℃ **Amen**

*The assembly is sprinkled with water as a reminder and sign of the gift of baptism.*

ENTRANCE HYMN
"O God, Beyond all Praising" ELW 880

GREETING
*Response:* C **And also with you.**

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE
"Glory to God" page 158

PRAYER OF THE DAY

B Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, you built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of Word and Sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Erik, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
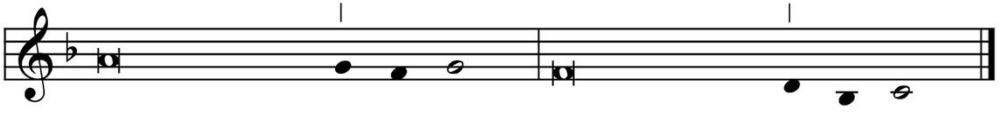
C **Amen**

## Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-13 *(seated)*
*Response:* C **Thanks be to God.**

*A brief silence follows the reading.*

PSALMODY: Psalm 23 ELW 23
*Sung responsively between choir and assembly.*
*The choir sings an antiphon at the beginning and end:*
You have anointed my head with oil, my cup is running over.



*A brief silence follows the Psalm.*

SECOND READING: Romans 10:13-17

*Response:* C **Thanks be to God.**

*A brief silence follows the reading.*

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*Standing and facing the cross as it is carried into the assembly.*

*Verse:* How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace, who brings good news,
who announces salvation. *(Isaiah 52:7)*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-18

*Response after the announcement:* C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Response after the conclusion:* C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.*

SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY *(standing)*

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ELW 502

*Stanza 1: All*
*Stanza 2: Low voices*
*Stanzas 3 & 4: All in harmony*
*Stanza 5: Treble voices*
*Stanza 6: All*

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## Ordination

PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINAND

L I present for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament Erik Charles Nelson.
Erik has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and has been called by the Church to this ministry through Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ADDRESS TO THE ORDINAND *(seated)*

**B** All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation.

According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of Word and Sacrament in the one holy catholic Church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

A *reading from John*: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." *(John 20:21-23)*

A *reading from Matthew*: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *(Matthew 28:18-20)*

A *reading from First Corinthians*: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*

QUESTIONING OF THE ORDINAND AND VOWS

**B** Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the Church's call is God's call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?

℟ I will, and I ask God to help me.

**B** The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the Holy Scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the Holy Scriptures.

Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

℟ I will, and I ask God to help me.

**B** Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and Sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

℟ I will, and I ask God to help me.

**B** Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

℟ I will, and I ask God to help me.

**B** Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**C** **Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(kneeling)*

*Response to each petition:* **C** **hear our prayer.**

HYMN OF INVOCATION *(standing)*

"Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove" ELW 578

*Stanzas 1, 3, 5, 7: Choir (singing ELW 577)*

*Stanzas 2, 4, 6: All*

THANKSGIVING

B The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

B Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

B Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of God's grace.

We thank you that by his death your Son overcame death, and that, raised by your mighty power, Christ gives us new life.

We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours out God's gifts abundantly on the church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinand. All present may come forward in the aisles and place one hand on the ordinand on behalf of the whole Church.*

*Following a time of silent prayer, the bishop continues the prayer.*

B Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Erik and fill him with the gifts of grace for the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Bless his proclamation of your Word and administration of your Sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make him a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things he may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

*All return to their places and are seated.*

GIVING OF A STOLE

**B** Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." *(Matthew 11:28-30)*

CHARGE TO THE ORDINAND

*Hear the words of the apostles:* Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. *(1 Timothy 6:11-12)*

*And again:* Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. *(Acts 20:28)*

*And again:* Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. *(1 Peter 5:2-4)*

*And again:* Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. *(1 Corinthians 4:1-2)*

**B** Erik, care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

BLESSING

**B** The God of peace, who brought again 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 God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**C** **Amen**

ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY *(standing)*

**B** Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Erik as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard him as a servant of Christ?

**C** **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**B** Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**C** **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**B** Let it be acclaimed that Erik Charles Nelson is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. He has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God!** *The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

PEACE

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

# Meal

OFFERING *(seated)*

*There will be an offering gathered to support Augusta Victoria Hospital on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Augusta Victoria is a partner of Mount Olive Minneapolis, run by the Lutheran World Federation and UNRWA. The hospital serves Palestinians through its specialized services, including comprehensive cancer and diabetes care, kidney care and dialysis, skilled nursing and long-term care.*

OFFERTORY HYMN *(standing as the gifts are brought forward)*

"Holy God, Holy and Glorious" ELW 637

*Stanza 1: All*
*Stanza 2: Low voices*
*Stanza 3 Choir*
*Stanza 4: Treble voices*
*Stanza 5: All*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Response:* C **Thanks be to God.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda – "Lift up your hearts" page 161

Sanctus – "Holy, holy, holy" page 162

Eucharistic Prayer

B Holy God, holy and mighty, . . . until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**.

B With this bread and cup . . . sins and sorrows will be no more.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

B Send upon us and this meal . . . bounty with all the world.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

B Receive our praise and petitions . . . now and forever.

C **Amen**.

Lord's Prayer – *sung* page 163

COMMUNION *(seated)*

*Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. The bread is gluten-free. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.*

Agnus Dei – "Lamb of God" page 164

"The Spirit of the Lord," Prologue from *The Apostles,* op. 4 – Edward Elgar

The spirit of the LORD is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind—
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;

To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called the trees of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD,
that he might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden that causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth
before all the nations.

The spirit of the LORD is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel

- *Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:3, 11 (KJV)*

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW 631

*Stanza 1: Treble Voices* *Stanza 3: All in harmony*
*Stanza 2: Low voices* *Stanza 4: All*

"Ubi caritas et amor" ELW 642

TABLE BLESSING *(standing)*

*Response:* C **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit. As you have again raised up among us a faithful servant for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, grant that we, with Erik, may joyfully serve you all your days and finally rejoice in your glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

## Sending

BLESSING

*Response:* C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Built on a Rock" ELW 652

*Stanza 1: All*
*Stanza 2: Treble voices*
*Stanza 3: All in harmony*
*Stanza 4: Low voices*
*Stanza 5: All*

DISMISSAL

*Response:* C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove"
(Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist), BWV 667b – J. S. Bach

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*Thank you from Erik*

*I could write forever about all my gratitude for today. If you're reading this, I want to thank you personally for taking time today to join us for this occasion! I want to thank the people of Mount Olive in Minneapolis for hosting today and providing such wonderful hospitality. I can't say enough about how loved I have felt in my time with Mount Olive and how grateful I am for every single person. I also want to extend my gratitude to the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota and Grace Lutheran Church of Northeast Minneapolis. I was deeply formed and shaped by those communities and will carry them in my heart always. I want to thank Joseph and Kate personally, two pastors whom I admire greatly and want to emulate in my call. I also want to thank my Vicar Committee and the people of Mount Olive Rochester for recognizing God's call in my life and inviting me to step into it.*

*And above all, I want to thank God for leading the way and providing abundantly for us all.*

Erik is called to serve as pastor of
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