



The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

January 2019



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Friends in Christ:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" **Luke 2:14**

Last month we talked about the music we sing around the beginning of a worship service. One piece of that is the Kyrie (short for the Greek for "Lord, have mercy"). This month we'll look at the **song of praise**, which seems particularly appropriate during the Christmas season. Can you guess why?

We may sing lots of songs that involve praising God in any worship service, but the official "song of praise" is in the beginning, either after the gathering hymn or after the Kyrie, depending on what we're doing that season. We're especially likely to include this part of the service during more festive seasons like Easter and Christmas.

This piece can be called the "song of praise", "canticle of praise", or "hymn of praise". Which is correct? It depends on the text and the music.

A **canticle** is any song that comes from the Bible that isn't in the book of Psalms (such as Mary's Song, the Magnificat, or Moses' song after crossing the Red Sea). A **hymn** is a song of praise to God, generally defined by musicians as having a particular type of structure. In practice, the songs we sing at this part of the service often qualify as both, so either word can be used.

Both of the texts we typically use here are canticles.

The first, "Glory to God in the highest" is the older of the two. Its words are an elaboration on the greeting of the angels to the shepherds at the time of Jesus' birth. (That's why this is a good time to talk about it!) Its use in the beginning of a worship service goes back hundreds of years.

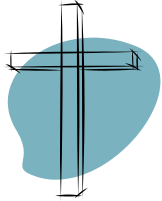
The second, "This is the feast" (it's supposed to be called "Worthy is Christ" but everyone calls it "This is the feast"), was brand-new with the 1979 release of the green *Lutheran Book of Worship*. However, it is just as biblical, drawing from hymns in the book of Revelation.

I grew up believing that you were supposed to use "This is the feast" for communion Sundays and "Glory to God" for non-communion Sundays, because that was the practice of my home congregation (possibly because we had a really fantastic descant for Easter Sunday), but that isn't actually a rule. You can always use either (or neither, though I've never heard of anyone using both).

In some of our worship settings, the first line (either "Glory to God in the highest..." or "This is the feast...") is sung by a worship leader, with the rest of the assembly joining in after that. (It's supposed to be easier to join in once you've heard a phrase sung.) It doesn't have to be the pastor who leads this part—in fact, it's written to be led by another worship leader, as a representative of the people.

Just as it is fitting and appropriate to start worship by asking for God's mercy, you also can't go wrong with praising God. Starting our worship service with a song of praise that's based on Scripture reminds us that we can praise God always, no matter what. We remember praising God in the past (think of the angels at Christmas) and look forward to praising God in the future (the hymns in Revelation). Because God is always with us, there's always a reason to praise!

Pastor Sarah Taylor



January Worship Schedule

January 6th: 9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30a.m. Worship at Zion/Sunday School

January 13th: 9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30a.m. Worship at Zion

January 20th: 9:00a.m. Worship at Zion - Note Change
Sunday School during worship
10:30a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
(followed by meal and Lake Hanska's annual meeting)

January 27th: 9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
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Vital Statistics

Lake Hanska

Nov 18	24	\$2,027.00
Nov 25	81	\$1,389.50
Dec 2	22	\$2,257.00
Dec 9	18	\$4,715.00
Dec 16	18	\$349.00

Zion

Nov 18	44	\$775.00
Nov 21	Thanksgiving	14
Nov 25	34	\$15,794.78
Dec 2	16	
Dec 9	35	
Offering for Dec 2nd and 9th		
		\$3,667.00
Dec 16	35	\$1,938.00

Wedding at Lake Hanska Church

Riley and Carrie (Mohr) Ahlness - Saturday, December 8, 2018



Funeral in the PLLP

Geneva (Gwen) Harbo - Thursday December 6, 2018 at Zion Church



Annual Meetings are coming up soon!!

Please drop off your information for the Annual reports at the office or e-mail it to Jill as soon as possible. (pllpssecretary@gmail.com)

January 20th Lake Hanska
January 27th Zion

Orvis Lilleodden says Hi to everyone from Hanska! He enjoys getting mail and keeping in touch. He recently moved. His new address is
Crystal Brook
1006 Crocus Hill St
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Baptisms at Lake Hanska Church **Sunday November 25, 2018**



Haiden Lerik Cooreman
Parents: Asha and Chad Correman
Sponsors: Dustin Pizel and Chelsey Pizel
Big Brother: Camdyn

Weston Rodney Gens
Parents: Lindsey and Darrin Gens
Sponsors: Jennifer and Jeffrey Mikkelson
Matt Gens and Lacy Wellman

Sunday December 2, 2018

Tucker Andrew Lilleodden
Parents: Andrew and Nancy Lilleodden
Sponsors: Nate and Lisa Lilleodden and
Cory and Jaclyn Ranweiler
Big sisters: McKenzie, Brittney and Kaytlin

Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

Lake Hanska W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Beth Kral, Bonnie Lilleodden
and Nancy Lilleodden

Lake Hanska's Annual Meeting

Sunday January 20, 2019

Zion W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Sharon Miller

Communion: Patty Paulson and
Karen Peterson

Flowers: Mary Circle

Zion's Annual Meeting Sunday January 27, 2019

For Church Cancellations

Listen to KNUJ (knuj.net), go on the Parish Website or check the PLLP Facebook page to see if church has been cancelled because of cold or snowy weather.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the people from the three congregations that helped in the work for Food for Friends. At our 2018 parish annual meeting it was voted not to participate in this program anymore. The rules and regulations for the churches to not make the food anymore and the cost of getting the food catered was getting to high for us to continue. There were many comments from the people over the years that they had a good time and that it was a worthwhile endeavor. As the contact person these past 8 years we never had any complaints from the Salvation Army people. Congratulations to all of you that served over the years.

Jim Lilleodden

Equipping Congregations Day

EVERYDAY REFORMERS

Saturday February 23, 2019

8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Willmar MN

All Are Welcome!

Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators, Pastors...Everyone!

Key Note Speakers: Beth Lewis: **Grow Hold Fold**

Benjamin Winchester: **Rewriting the Rural Narrative**

Choose 3 Different workshops to attend throughout the day!
A full workshop list with descriptions is available on the Synod Website

Let Pastor Sarah or a council member know if you would like to attend!

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