

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church  
E.L.C.A.



G is for Growing up: Coming of age stories show up throughout our common experience on television, in novels, and in our families. But what if God's only son is coming of age? Dig into the tension between God being fully divine and fully human in the only story of Jesus' adolescence that we have access to.

Theme: Growing into God  
Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Ministers:

*You, All Members of G.A.*

Pastor:

**Jaime Decker**

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Prelude Music

Welcome/Announcements

**Gathering**

**Call to Worship**

L: We gather in the name of the Creator,

**C: inviting us always to risk the unknown.**

L: We gather in the name of the Christ,

**C: fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.**

L: We gather in the name of the Spirit,

**C: unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,

**C: For this water, crisp and cold, inviting us to shake off the cobwebs of all we had thought to be true.**

L: We give you thanks, O God, for gift of baptism,

**C: For this water, warm and inviting, reminding us of your comfort and embrace.**

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,

**C: For lakes and rivers, oceans and creeks,**

L: For waters that foam and rage, for those that drip and trickle,

**C: For waters that teem with life.**

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,

**C: For waters that hide dangers yet unknown,**

L: For waters that remind us to be born anew,

**C: For all the waters across your wide creation.**

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism!

**C: Alleluia! Amen**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

ELW #742 vs. 1-3

**\*Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**C: O God, you know our whole selves— small, and grown, and everything in between. Help us to remember that you are always calling us to be ever more our full selves, your good creation made manifest in the world. Amen.**

**Word**

**Reading**

**Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to

Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Message

### Hymn of the Day

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*ELW #807 vs. 1&2*

### \*The Creed

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

### Prayers of Intercession

Response: **Receive our prayer.**

### Sharing the Peace

### Offering

#### \*Offering Song

*Give Thanks*

*Gray #170*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us! (Repeat)

Give thanks.

#### \* Offering Prayer

**C: God of every good thing, you provide for us in every season of our lives. Help us to open our hands, open our lives, to your whole creation, that we might prioritize justice over wealth, truth over reputation, people over profits. Amen.**

## **Meal**

### Holy Communion

\*Words of Institution

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\*Lord's Prayer

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### \*Invitation to Communion

P: This table is set for you, you who are seeking and you who rest in the illusion that you have all the answers, you who speak up in the face of injustice and you who struggle to find your voice, you who understand that we are both/and, sinner/saint, from beginning to end. Come. Share in God's meal of grace.

Communion Distribution (All Are Welcome to Receive Communion Here at GA Church)

\*Post Communion Blessing

**\* Post Communion Prayer**

P: O God, you have fed us with a meal beyond our imaginations– a meal of grace, and delight, and freedom. Send us forth from your table now, bearing good news for the whole world. **C: Amen.**

**Sending**

**Blessing**

L: May God bless you with the curiosity to continue growing into your own self.  
May God keep you steady in the face of all that is unknown.  
May God’s face shine on you as you seek new answers to old questions being born anew.  
**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*ELW #807 vs.3*

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go now in peace with open hearts and minds, Seeking justice and truth in all things.  
**C: To Share the Good News of God’s Word and to serve the community and the world.  
Thanks be to God.**

\*Postlude

Mission Statement of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church (Adopted in 2022)  
**To share the Good News of God’s Word and to serve the community and the world.**  
*Matthew 22:39* ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’  
*Matthew 28:19* 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,

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We celebrate weekly Holy Communion. We welcome all who believe in the Risen Christ and who find in the sacrament our Lord’s real presence for the forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life. If you receive communion in your home congregation, you are invited to receive it here at G.A. Red wine and white grape juice will be offered to you in Christ’s name. You may choose your preference. If you are unable to receive wheat bread, or wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament. *From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted and live streamed by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #35904. CCLI# 3138595 and #21256999*

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## 742. What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Verse 1:** What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear --  
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

**Verse 2:** Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged --take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -- take it to the Lord in prayer.

**Verse 3:** Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

## 807. Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Verse 1:** Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy  
grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

**Verse 2:** Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

**Verse 3:** Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.