

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Hidden Stories of the Bible" Summer Series*

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

June 16, 2024

10:30 AM



**Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of preparation.*

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.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**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.**

*The assembly stands.*

*The service continues with gathering song.*

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.

*Refrain*

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to thee till death.

- 2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,  
were still in heart and conscience free;  
and blest would be their children's fate  
if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Faith of our fathers! We will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife;  
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,  
by saving word and faithful life. *Refrain*

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

**GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*based on the Gloria in Excelsis*



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Daniel Chapters 1 and 3 (selections). The Voice**

A reading from the book of Daniel.

**Narrator:** Now it happened during the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign over Judah, the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon marched against him and laid siege to Jerusalem, Judah's capital. ...

<sup>3</sup> After the king returned home, he commanded Ashpenaz, chief of the royal eunuchs, to bring some of the Israelites who had been taken captive to the palace. These included members of Judah's royal family and the nobility. <sup>4</sup> He was looking for potential candidates from the exiles to serve in his court....

<sup>6</sup> From among Judah's exiles, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were selected. <sup>7</sup> [He] gave them Babylonian names to signify their new identities in a foreign place: Daniel he renamed Belteshazzar; Hananiah, Shadrach; Mishael, Meshach; and Azariah, Abednego.

<sup>3:1</sup> One day King Nebuchadnezzar ordered his craftsmen to make a statue plated with gold that was 90 feet high and nine feet wide.

When finished, it was set up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon, <sup>2-3</sup> and King Nebuchadnezzar planned an elaborate ceremony to dedicate the statue. He sent out invitations to his officials. At the appointed time, his officers, prefects, governors, trusted advisors, treasury officials, judges, magistrates, and all the rest of his provincial leaders arrived and gathered near the statue for the dedication ceremony.

**Herald** (shouting): <sup>4</sup> People of all nations and languages: by order of the king, you are commanded <sup>5</sup> to bow down and worship the golden statue erected by King Nebuchadnezzar every time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, lute, harp, pipe, and all the other musical instruments. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who does not obey the king's command and refuses to bow and worship will be taken immediately and thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.

**Narrator:** <sup>7</sup> So, on cue, the moment all the people in the crowd heard the sound of the musical instruments...all of the people, regardless of their heritage, nationality, or language, bowed down and worshiped the golden statue erected by King Nebuchadnezzar.

<sup>8</sup> Meanwhile, certain Chaldean leaders stepped forward to make accusations against the Jews.

**Chaldeans:** <sup>9</sup> Long live the king! ...<sup>12</sup> It has come to our attention that certain Jews whom you appointed to govern in the province of Babylon are ignoring your order, O king. They refuse to serve your gods, our gods, and they do not fall and worship the golden statue you erected. Their names: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

**Narrator:** <sup>13</sup> When Nebuchadnezzar heard this, he flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in for questioning; so his officials went out, found them, and brought these men before the king.

**Nebuchadnezzar:** <sup>14</sup> It is reported to me that you, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, refuse to serve my gods and do not bow and worship the golden statue I had set up. Is that true? <sup>15</sup> If you are ready to comply with my order and fall down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, lute, harp, pipe, and all the other musical instruments, then things will go well for you from here. But if you refuse to worship, you will be taken immediately and thrown in a furnace of blazing fire. What god could possibly rescue you from my hands then?

**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego:** <sup>16</sup> Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to defend our actions in this matter. We are ready for the test. <sup>17</sup> If you throw us into the blazing furnace, then the God we serve is able to rescue us from a furnace of blazing fire and release us from your power, Your Majesty. <sup>18</sup> But even if He does not, O king, you can be sure that we still will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue you erected.

**Narrator:** <sup>19</sup> At this Nebuchadnezzar flew into such a rage at Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that onlookers saw his face twisted and distorted. With fury burning in his eyes, he ordered the furnace heated up seven times hotter than usual. <sup>20</sup> He commanded some of his strongest soldiers to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego so they could be thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup> So the Jews were taken and tied up so quickly that they were still wearing the clothes they had on when they arrived—pants, cloaks, hats, and all. Then they were picked up and thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>22</sup> The furnace was so hot and the king's command carried out so quickly, without any precautions, that the soldiers who took Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego up to the furnace were themselves killed by the heat of the raging fire. <sup>23</sup> And the three Jews, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, tied and bound, fell into the furnace of blazing fire.

**Narrator:** <sup>24</sup> Nebuchadnezzar could hardly believe his eyes. Shocked, the king jumped up and asked his advisors,

**Nebuchadnezzar:** Didn't we tie up and throw three men into the heart of the fire?

**Advisors:** Yes, O king.

**Nebuchadnezzar:** <sup>25</sup> Then why do I see four men, completely unbound, walking around in the middle of the fire? They don't appear to be hurt at all. And the fourth . . . he appears to be like a son of the gods.

**Narrator:** <sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar moved as close to the door of the furnace as he dared without being scorched. He shouted over the roar of the blazing fire.

**Nebuchadnezzar:** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, right now. Come here!

**Narrator:** So the three men made their way out of the fiery furnace.

<sup>27</sup> The officers, prefects, governors, and king's advisors moved closer to see what had happened to these men. They, too, could hardly believe their eyes. The fire had done nothing to harm these men. Their hair was not singed. Their clothes were not scorched. They didn't have the faintest smell of smoke on them.

**Nebuchadnezzar:** <sup>28</sup> Praise is certainly due the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego today. He sent His heavenly representative and rescued His servants who put their trust in Him. They had the audacity to disobey the king's order and surrendered their bodies to the fire rather than serve and worship any god other than their own God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*based on John 6:68*

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:36-40**

The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' <sup>37</sup>[Jesus] said to [the lawyer], "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

*ELW 582*

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| <p>1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling<br/>in the holiest realms of light;<br/>Holy Spirit, ever brooding<br/>o'er a world of gloom and night;<br/>Holy Spirit, ever raising<br/>those of earth to thrones on high;<br/>living, life-imparting Spirit,<br/>you we praise and magnify.</p> <p>2 Holy Spirit, ever living<br/>as the church's very life;<br/>Holy Spirit, ever striving<br/>through us in a ceaseless strife;<br/>Holy Spirit, ever forming</p> | <p>in the church the mind of Christ:<br/>you we praise with endless worship<br/>for your gifts and fruits unpriced.</p> <p>3 Holy Spirit, ever working<br/>through the church's ministry;<br/>quick'ning, strength'ning, and<br/>absolving,<br/>setting captive sinners free;<br/>Holy Spirit, ever binding<br/>age to age and soul to soul<br/>in communion never ending,<br/>you we worship and extol.</p> |
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Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

**CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**



**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Church of England, Common Worship, Form 1, adapted**  
***An assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.***

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen *Elizabeth and Phyllis* our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide *Joseph our president*; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Other intercessions may be added.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [*including names*]; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ [*including names*]; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [*N and of*] all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

Help your servants, O blessed Trinity, and turn our hearts always back to you.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING**

Let us offer to God what God has first given to us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

**Amen**

*An offering is received for the work of the Church, including the care of those in need.*

### **OFFERTORY SONG**

*ELW 885*

*We rise to sing as the offering is brought forward.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead the following prayer.*

Let us pray together.

**God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

### **DIALOGUE**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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.

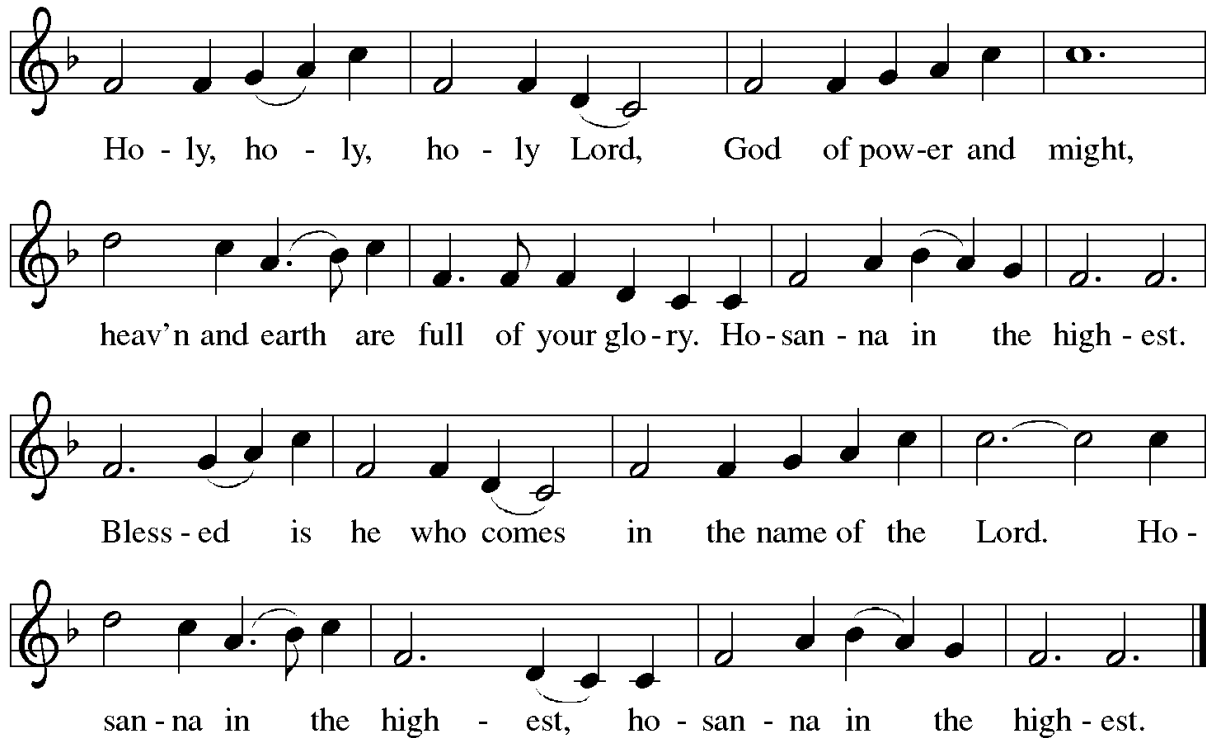
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*ISAIAH 6:6 & PSALM 118:26*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*On behalf of the assembly, the presiding minister offers a sacrifice of praise and thanks.*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in the words of Psalm 34.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Happy are those who take refuge in him.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## CANTICLE: LAMB OF GOD

*based on John 1:29*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

*We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to his table. To learn about being baptized, speak to a pastor.*

*You may eat the Body and drink the Blood from the cup, or you may dip the Body into the Blood before consuming them together. Alternatively, you may cross your arms in front of your chest to ask for a blessing instead of either or both elements. Those who refrain may do so trusting that Christ is fully present according to his promise.*

## COMMUNION SONG

*A hymn may be sung or the organ may play quietly as the assembly comes forward to share in the Meal.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*The presiding minister blesses those who have shared in the meal.*

The true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his most precious Blood strengthen you and preserve you unto everlasting life.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**     *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*     **ELW 634 vs 1,2,5 & 6**

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.
- 2 O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6

#### DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

### **Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015**

#### **Monday, June 17, 2024**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

### **Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931**

#### **Friday, June 21, 2024**

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

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