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January 15, 20232nd Sunday after Epiphany9:30 a.m.Holy Communion Setting 3—ELW (Evangelical Lutheran book of Worship) year A

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 17-18.

Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

GATHERING

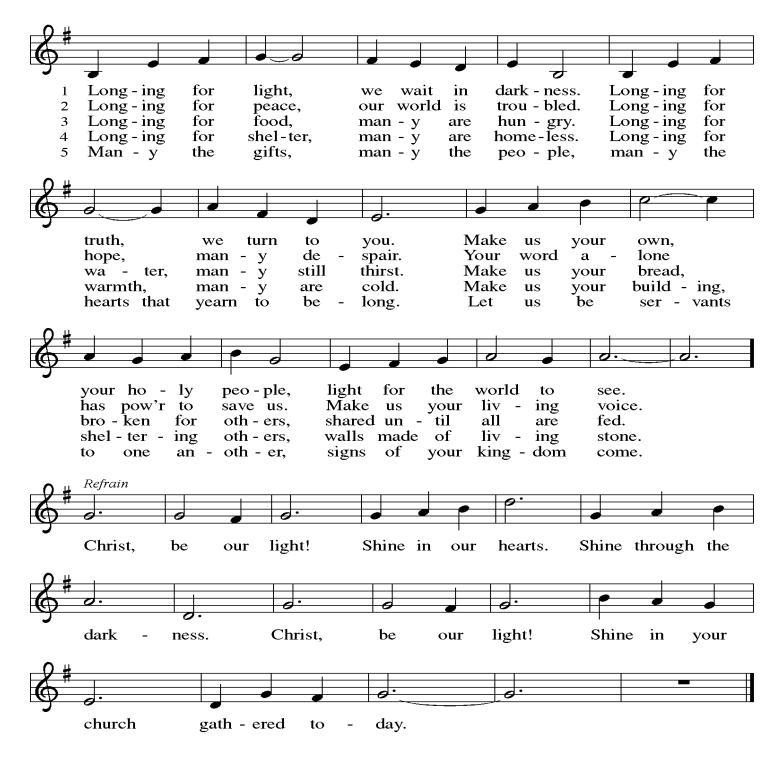
GATHERING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

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Christ, Be Our Light



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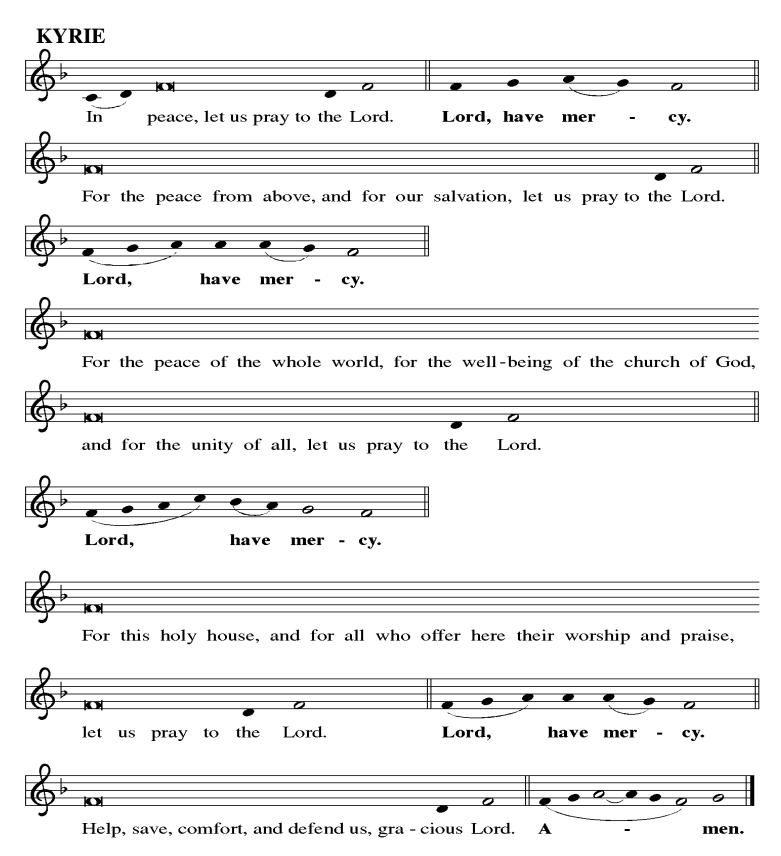
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GREETING

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.

CHILDREN GO TO JAM

The Children are invited to come forward. The children are dismissed for Children's Jam, Sunday School, returning during the Peace.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7 The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

Read responsively

¹I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD, who stooped to me and [|] heard my cry. ²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the ¹ miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my [|] footing sure. ³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise 1 to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD. ⁴Happy are they who trust ¹ in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who [|] follow lies. ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than [|] I can count. ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do ¹ not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required. ⁷And so I said, "Here I⁺am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is writ-¹ ten of me: ⁸'I love to do your will, ¹O my God; your law is deep within me."

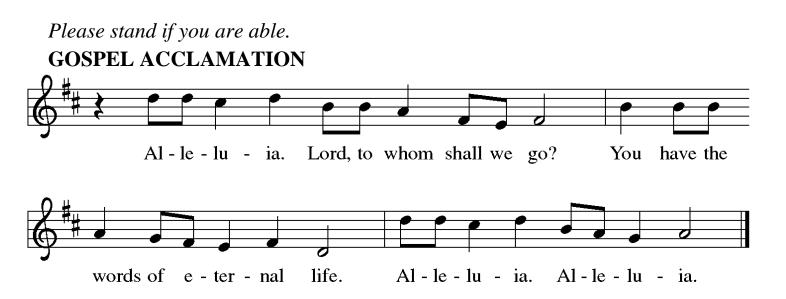
⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the [|] great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and ¹ your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the ¹ great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas-¹ sion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually ¹ keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**



The Holy gospel according to John, the 1st Chapter. Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42 The gospel of the Lord Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated. SERMON A brief silence for reflection.

Pastor Karen Matuska

0 Ο and bright! Morn - ing Star, how fair You shine with 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with you 3 Lord, when look in once there on us love. at Al - might -Fa Son you loved us, 4 y ther, in your God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cv! our hearts now shine; there light flame un - dy - ing! in а falls from God a - bove of pur - est plea - sure. а ray old earth's foun-da - tion! when not yet be - gun was this Da-vid's son, Of line, King our Lord and Sav - ior, Ja - cob's your bod - y In let be liv - ing branch - es one us as Your word Spir - it, and flesh and blood re-fresh our souls with Your Son has ran - somed in love live in him here us to 1y!have our hearts Low - ly, you won to serve you on your life sup-ply of lives ing. Now, though а tree, our Let heav'n-ly food. You are dear - est trea - sure! our your this Al and a - bove: is your great sal - va - tion. le ho 1y!Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich _ ly earth's deep sad - ness per - plex and dai _ may us For warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! mer cy Christ the liv - ing, life lu ia! to us giv ing $\overline{\mathbf{0}}$ bless - ing! in Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing! dis - tress with heav'n - ly you bless us, yet joy us. God's you teach love through you has reached us own us. fails for - ev er, keeps us yours and us nev er!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Please be seated. 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 into hell. 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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

Each petition ends: Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Prayers conclude with: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

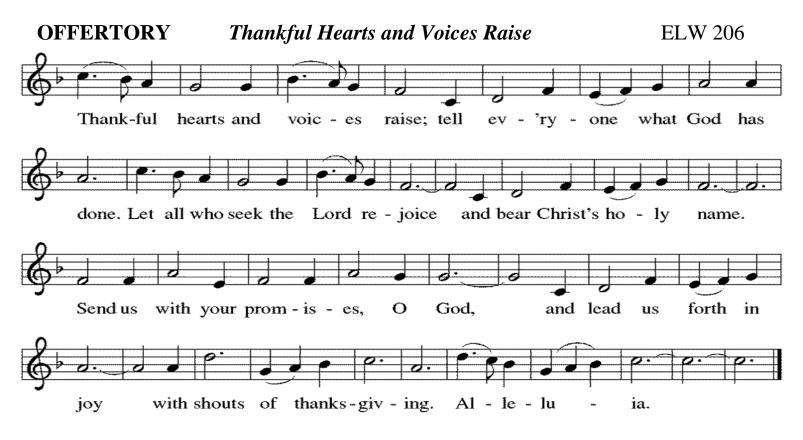
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say: *Peace be with you.*

Please be seated.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

Special Piano Music

Please stand if you are able.



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Bread of Life, Jere my Young, b. 1948 Text © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

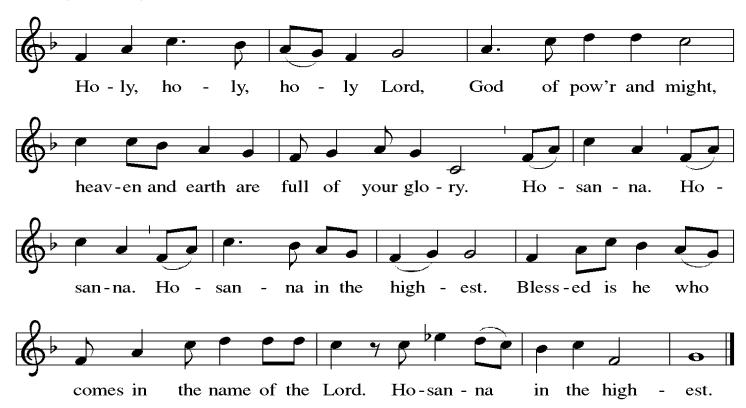
DIALOGUE The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life... ...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

With this bread and cup... ...We look with hope for his coming: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit... ...Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours... ...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God! Thanks be to God!

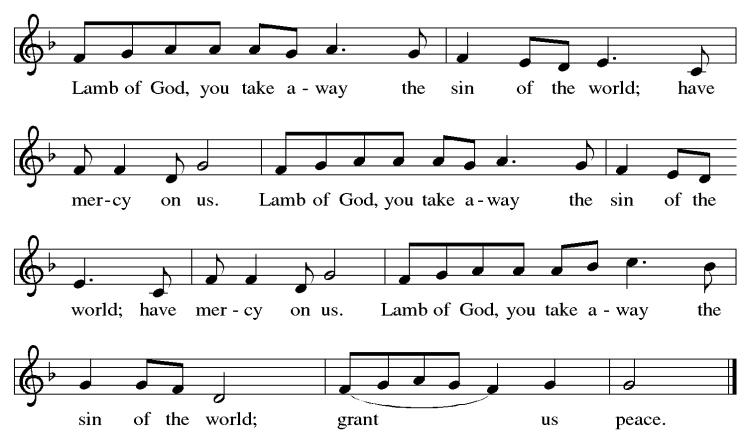
COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond Amen. **The Lord's table** is open to all worshipers from all denominations who wish to share in God's blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is in the bread and wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

Please let the usher know if you need assistance.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION HYMN

Please repeat until Communion is complete

Now the Silence



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COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

ELW 696

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS

Members, Friends and Relatives	Added by Members
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Judy Davis	Sister of Donna Tittel
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Janet Johnson	Sister of Nancy Piazza
Jean Reistad	Niece of Nancy Piazza
Bob Tristano	Husband of Denise Tristano
Aaron Truxell	Son of Roger & Lynn Truxell
Lynn Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Brooklyn Youngblood	Janis Youngblood

 $\frac{ANNOUNCEMENTS}{Confirmation Class}$ will be held today, January 15th right after church in the classroom across from the library in the educational wing. Next class will be held on Sunday, January 29th

Tabor's Annual Congregational Budget Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023.

BIRTHDAYS

January 19 Doris Ask

Disciples Serving

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Next Sunday

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Assisting Minister:	Jerry Vargues	Cyrisse Cooley
Lector:	Pam Salas	Cassie Walgren
Presider:	Pastor Karen Matuska	Pastor Mark Patzke
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Dorothy Hanscom/Pam Salas	Dorothy Hanscom/Pam Salas
Ushers/Greeters:	Jackie Cooley	Jackie Cooley
Counters:	Dorothy Hanscom/Sue Kastelic	Nancy Piazza/Cassie Walgren