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May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Service of the Word - ELW Setting 4 - year A

INTRODUCTION

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

PRELUDE

Announcements are on page 14.

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen.

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken

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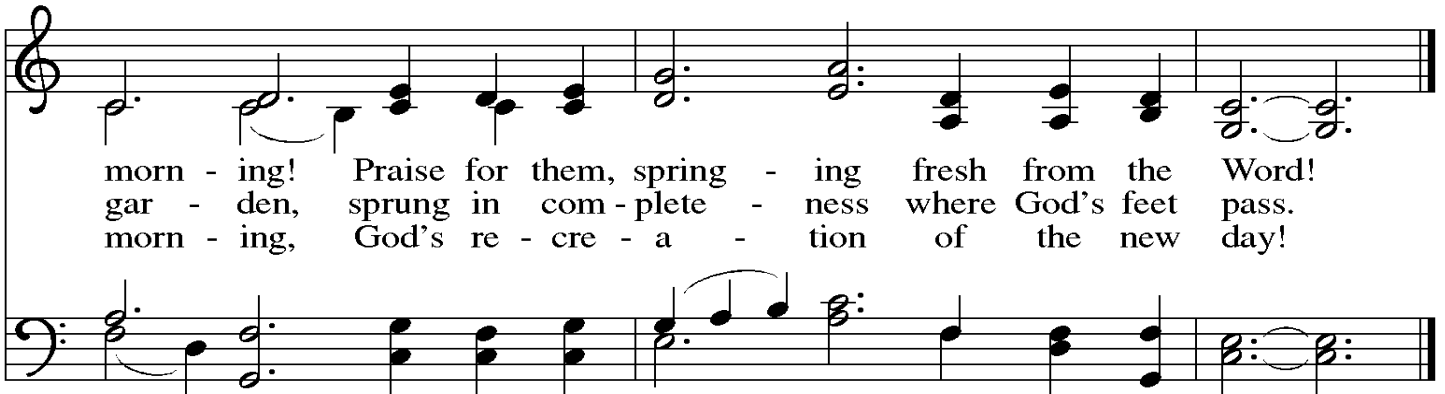
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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This Is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es,




wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or,



glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A-men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia. 3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

Read responsively

⁸Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;

let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living
and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have ¹ tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- ¹ ver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in- ¹ to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- ¹ on our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through ¹ fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place ¹ of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house ¹ with burnt offerings
and will pay ¹ you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised ¹ with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I ¹ was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the ¹ smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- ¹ en and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you ¹ who believe,
and I will tell you what God has ¹ done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God ¹ with my mouth,
and praised the Lord ¹ with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil ¹ in my heart,
the Lord would ¹ not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth ¹ God has heard me
and has attended to the sound ¹ of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject- ¹ ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing ¹ love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy gospel according to John, the 14th Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

Please stand if you are able.

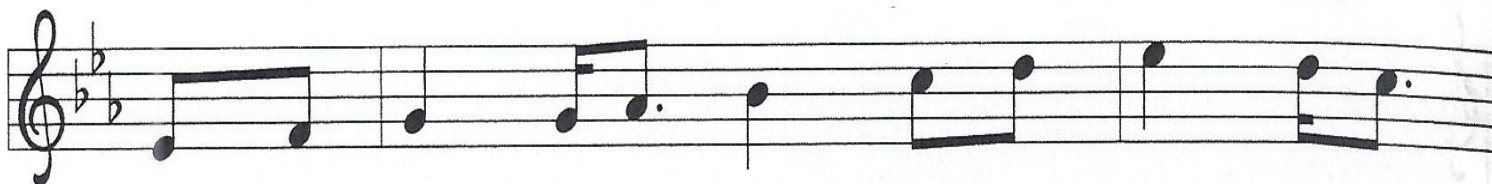
HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

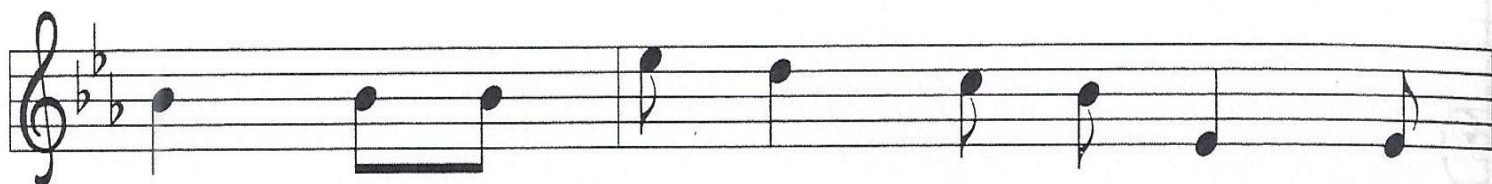
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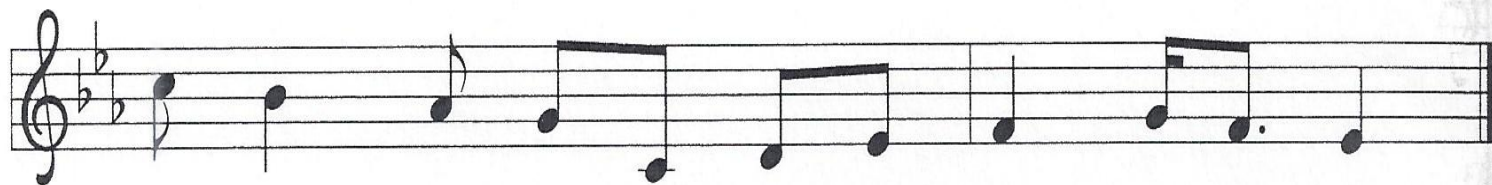
Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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LITTLE FLOCK

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NICENE 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude with:

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

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.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
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.**

Please stand if you are able.

SENDING

BLESSING

**The God of all,
who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.**

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Disciples Serving:</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Assisting Minister:		Jerry Vargues
Proclaimer:	Cyrisse Cooley	--
Presider:	--	Pastor Karen Matuska
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Connie Wisthoff/Cassie Walgren	Connie Wisthoff/Cassie Walgren
Ushers/Greeters:	Marvin Wisthoff/Jeff Jesmain	Marvin Wisthoff/Jeff Jesmain
Counters:	Sue Kastelic	Karen Dunton/Charlotte Vargues

PRAYERS

<u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u>	<u>Added by Members</u>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Judy Davis	Sister of Donna Tittel
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Janet Johnson	Sister of Nancy Piazza
Sydney Pine	Truxell Family
Jean Reistad	Niece of Nancy Piazza
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Confirmation Youth will host a Burrito Breakfast next Sunday, May 21st.*
- *Confirmation will be on May 28th.*
- *We need volunteers for Counting and Posting on Sundays. Please contact Sue Kastelic if interested.*