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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Marcie Rosenkoetter

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship
In the name of God: Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ☩ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

KYRIE

WOV 12



A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

G Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

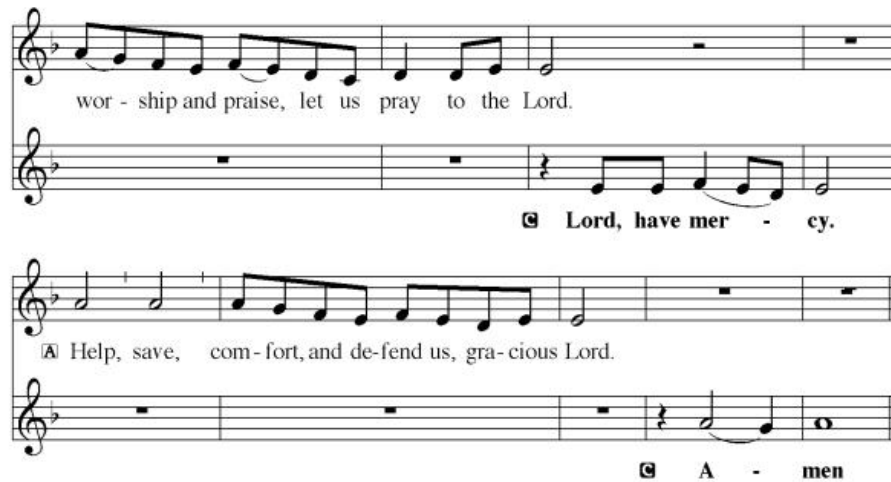
Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

G Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

G Lord, have mer - cy.



wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men

CANTICAL OF PRAISE

WOV 15



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

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 to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

☩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

I
II For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -

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

☩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

APOSTOLIC 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

THE FIRST READING FROM GENESIS 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no

offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



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PSALM 33

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God | is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage!
- ¹³ The Lord looks | down from heaven,
and sees all | humankind.
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly en- | throned and watches
all who dwell | on the earth.
- ¹⁵ God fashions | all their hearts
and observes | all their deeds. R
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- ¹⁷ The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine. R
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for | you, O Lord,
our helper | and our shield.
- ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

THE SECOND READING FROM HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV 17



GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN TIME

Special Music from Joint VBS

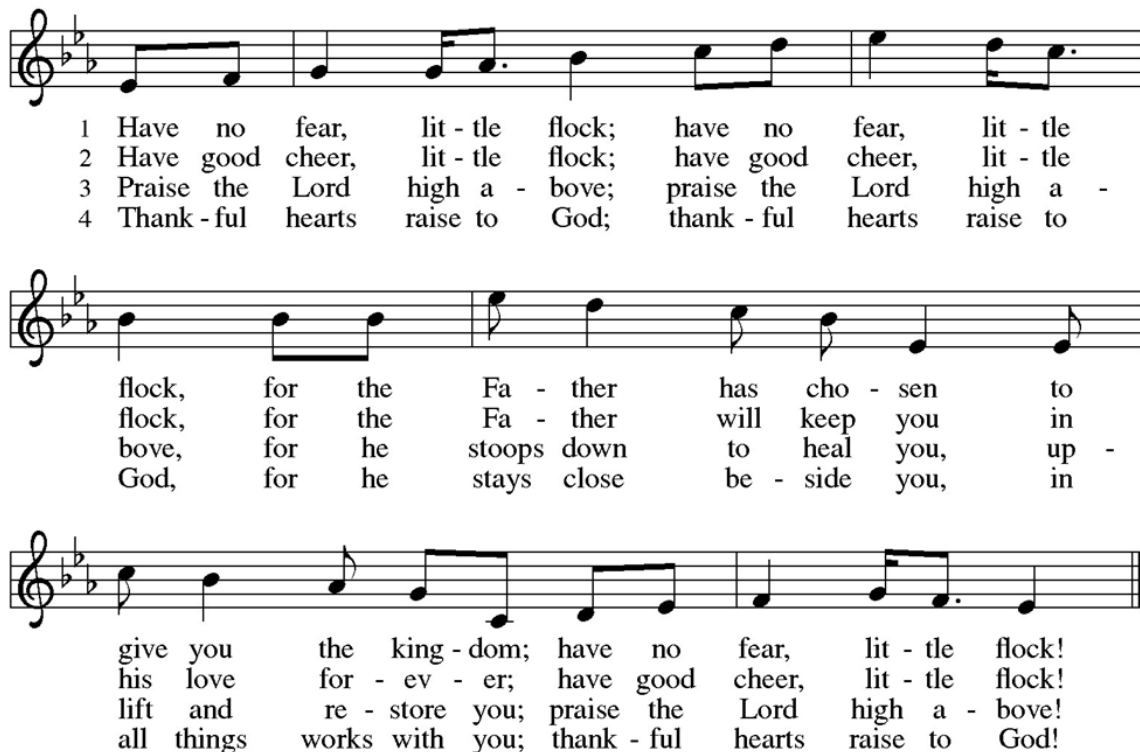
SERMON

Pastor Orin Cummings

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 764

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: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church
pray for the needs of the world, and open our hearts to the will of God.

A brief silence.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive
to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with
faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the
earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened (places may be
named). Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and
galaxies. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from
instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for
peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need especially Pat, Ben, Thelma, Tom,
Jacob, Carol, Yvonne, Bill, Matt, DJ, Mark, Bob, Tommy, and Beverly. Assure all
who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go.
Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work
of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and
advocacy. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and
died having seen them only from a distance especially Lawrence, deacon and
martyr, and our own Roger Luder, Regine Schneider, and Steve Brown. Sustain us
in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the
name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Great Thanksgiving musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: (P) The Lord be with you. (C) And al - so with you. (P) Lift up your hearts. (C) We lift them to the Lord. (P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

WOV pg. 22

Holy, Holy, Holy musical score consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: (C) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Come, eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 484

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Gift of Finest Wheat



Refrain
You sat - is - fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.
1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,
Refrain
so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.


Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 491

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.
Music: A VA DE. Billema Kwillia, adapt.
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TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name
Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

May the love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior ✝ Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 818

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, we:
Welcome all to worship;
Make disciples;
Hunger for ministry;
Nurture youth;
Gather resources for growing ministries;
Offer healing and care to all in need.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
In the name of Christ. Amen

OFFERING *(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)*

POSTLUDE