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As we journey forward
to the next 50
with newhope Lutheran
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Bishop Brenda Bos
Deacon Lynn Bullock
Pastor Steven Simpson

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David Cohen, Music Director
Dorr Looman, guitar
Jamie Papish, percussion

Vocals

Fred Dunn
Mary Ann Fiore
Terry Paulson
Robin Martin
Christine Cohen, soloist

AV Team

Calvin Beeker
Gail Beeker
Gabe Hoffman

Order of Service

Welcome and Introduction

Pastor Steve Simpson

Greetings from the Bishop

Bishop Brenda Bos

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor Steve Simpson

Leader: ...Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**All: 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.**

Entrance Hymn: See What A Morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,
Stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound 'til He appears, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

Entrance Hymn: See What A Morning (cont.)

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority.
And we are raised with Him, death is dead,
Love was won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

Greeting

Deacon Lynn Bullock

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

All: And also with you.

Kyrie & Gloria

Kyrie

Leader: In Peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the
unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the
strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

All: Amen.

Gloria (Now the Feast and Celebration)

Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

Verses:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. (Refrain)

Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. (Refrain)

For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. (Refrain)

Prayer of the Day

Deacon Lynn Bullock

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

First Reading: Joshua 4:1-9

¹When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua: ²Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, ³and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" ⁴Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. ⁵Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' ⁷then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."

⁸The Israelites did as Joshua commanded. They took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD told Joshua, carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there. ⁹(Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jor-

dan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.)

Leader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:17-22

¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Leader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-8

Pastor Craig R. Beeker

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!"

⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Craig R. Beeker

Special Music: I'm So Blessed

Christine Cohen, soloist

Anniversary Prayer

Pastor Steven Simpson

... Together we sing:

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.

... Together we sing:

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.

... Together we sing:

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.

Leader: In the name of Christ our cornerstone, and Jesus our guide, we say
together:

All: Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Deacon Lynn Bullock

Leader: Hear us, O God

All: Your mercy is great.

Stewardship and Announcements

Pastor Steve Simpson

Sharing the Peace

Pastor Steve Simpson

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop Brenda Bos

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

Hymn of Praise

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

The Great Thanksgiving (continued)

Bishop Brenda Bos

Leader: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

All: **We praise you, O God.**

Leader: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

All: **We bless you, O God.**

Leader: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

All: **We thank you, O God**

Leader: ...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The 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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn: Bread of Heaven

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,
Cup of life outpoured;
We your people thirst and hunger.
Come renew us, Lord; Come renew us, Lord.

From the mountain, blessing spoken
Where we came to pray;
With the simple truth before us:
Love them in my name; Love them in my name.

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,
Cup of life outpoured;
We your people thirst and hunger.
Come renew us, Lord; Come renew us, Lord.

From the garden dark with sorrow,
From the tears you wept,
Bloomed the flower of salvation:
New life born of death, New life born of death.

Communion Hymn: Bread of Heaven (cont.)

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,
Cup of life outpoured;
We your people thirst and hunger.
Come renew us, Lord; Come renew us, Lord.

From the hill where love was lifted
On the heavy wood,
Flow the blood and streams of mercy
Where your Mother stood, Where your Mother stood.

From the tomb that could not hold you
In the dark of night,
Broke that morning of redemption,
Raising us to life, Raising us to life.

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,
Cup of life outpoured;
We your people thirst and hunger.
Come renew us, Lord; Come renew us, Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Blessing For Lunch

Pastor Craig R. Beeker

Benediction

Bishop Brenda Bos

Dismissal

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One
All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: We Are Marching in the Light

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional verses:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

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*Thank you for being a part of today's
celebration worship service!*

*Join us again
as we continue the journey forward
to the next 50 years!*