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Ascension of Our Lord

May 12, 2024

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Call to Worship**

Rich Baskin

Please stand.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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.**

## I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



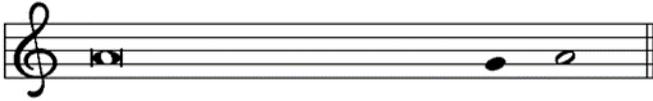
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**GREETING**

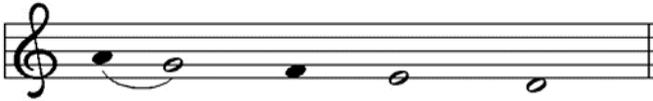
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 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 and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

Please be seated.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

NH Children's Time w/Cindy Bates

### **FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11**

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 47**

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
**shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

<sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
**a great king over all the earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us,  
**and nations under our feet.**

<sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage for us,  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup> For God is the king of all the earth;  
**sing praises with a psalm.**

<sup>8</sup> God is king over the nations;  
**God sits on his holy throne.**

<sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

## 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.

## GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

The holy gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, O Christ.

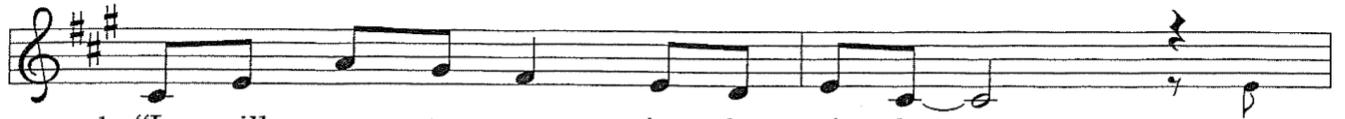
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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY  
581

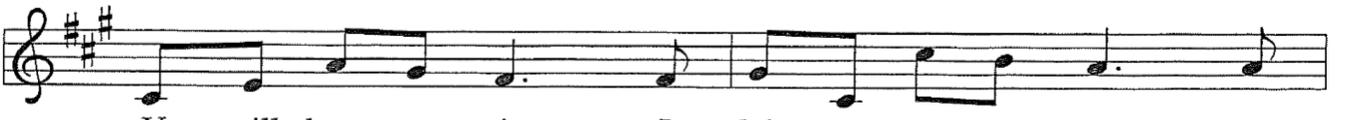
ELW #581  
You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



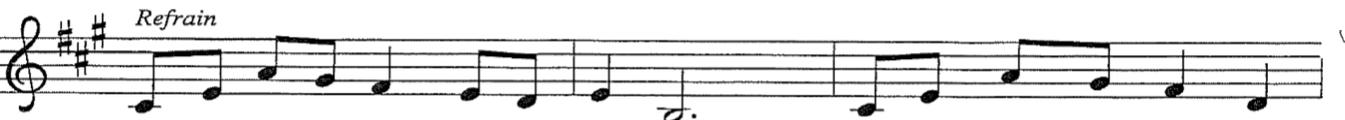
I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.



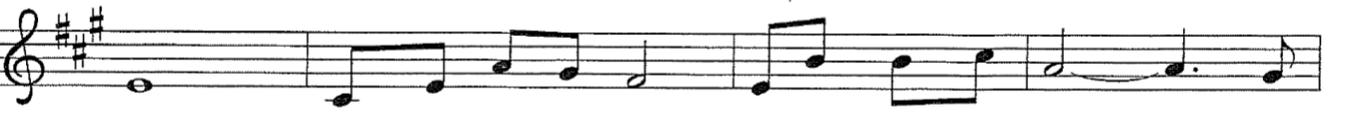
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. To stanza 2  
Come and rest in me. To refrain  
all will know my name. To refrain  
up, now walk and live! To refrain



*Refrain*  
Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." To stanzas 3 and 4

4 "I

Please stand.

## **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. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

We pray for the church and all ministers of the gospel, that the Spirit will empower them to be your witnesses throughout the earth. Keep all teachers and missionaries under your care and guide them as they proclaim your word to the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of creation and for all your creatures: for zoos, nature preserves, and conservation organizations, for endangered species, and for those who work to protect all that you have made. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those who govern: for all countries, regions, and people in crisis or at war. Bring your peace on earth, in our homes, and in our hearts. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For all in any need: for exiles, refugees, and those fleeing war and poverty, for those who suffer from individual and institutionalized racism. For those who grieve,

for those near death, and for those who are ill or suffering in any way, especially; Dan Skillings, Judy Clark, Bennett Anderson, Matthew Giefer, Irene Cotts, Chris (Vasey) Bechtel, Melissa Ahrens, and Bob Cramer. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation and for its concerns: for visitors, for those who are absent, for those in prison, for the homebound, and for those who travel. Enliven our faith and invigorate our mission. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### 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.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

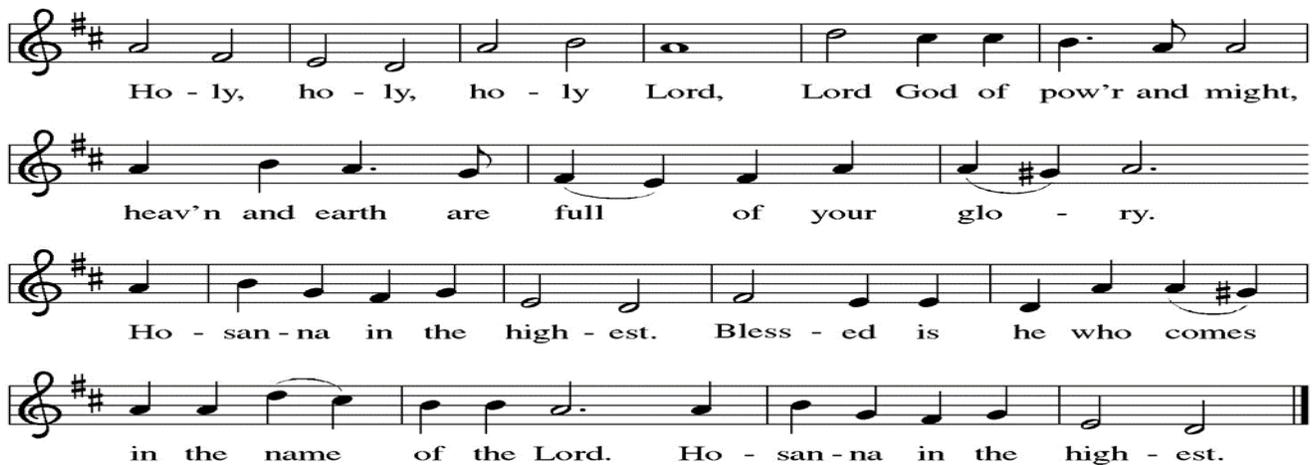
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,  
intercedes for us as our great high priest.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

## 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 be seated.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
 The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
 Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG

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

# SONG DURING COMMUNION

ELW #613

## Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Please stand.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

ELW #817

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

## You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore *Tú has venido a la orilla*

817



1	<i>Tú</i>	<i>has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,</i>	<i>no has bus -</i>
1	You	have come down to the lake - shore	seek - ing
2	You	know full well what I have, Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,	work - ing
4	You	who have fished oth - er wa - ters;	you, the

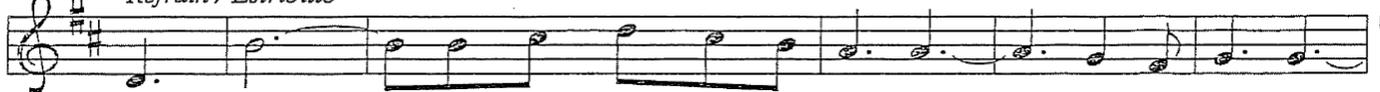


<i>ca - do</i>	<i>ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos;</i>	<i>tan só - lo</i>
nei - ther	the wise nor the wealth - y,	but on - ly
trea - sure	nor wea - pons for con - quest,	just these my
love for	the rest of the wea - ry—	a love that's
long - ing	of souls that are yearn - ing:	O lov - ing



<i>quie - res</i>	<i>que yo te si - ga.</i>
ask - ing	for me to fol - low.
fish nets	and will for work - ing.
will - ing	to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you	have come to call me.

### Refrain / Estribillo



<i>Se - ñor,</i>	<i>me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;</i>	<i>son - ri - en - do,</i>
Sweet Lord,	you have looked in - to my eyes;	kind - ly smil - ing,



<i>has di - cho mi nom - bre.</i>	<i>En la a - re - na</i>	<i>he de - ja - do mi</i>
you've called out my name. . . .	On the sand I	have a - ban - doned my



<i>bar - ca;</i>	<i>jun - to a ti</i>	<i>bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.</i>
small boat;	now with you,	I will seek oth - er seas.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

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Lector: NH: Brittany Gerth  
Acolyte: NH: Lenorah Baskin  
Videographer: NH: Ockler Family

## **OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sun: **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
9:00am – Worship – NH – Children's Time w/Cindy Bates  
10:30am - Worship – LEC  
1:30-2pm Autumn Village Service

Mon: Office Closed

Tues: *Office Open 8:00-3:30*  
9am Quilting - NH

Wed: *Office Open 8:00-3:30*  
9:00am Quilting – LEC

Thurs: *Office Open 8:00-3:30*  
7pm LEC Council Meeting

Fri. *Office Closed*  
4-7pm Carin House Meal

Sun. **BLESSING OF THE TRACTORS AT BOTH SERVICES**  
9:00am – Worship – NH – Children's Time w/Jane Hulett  
Last NH Children's time for the Summer  
10:30am - Worship – LEC





We will be celebrating Rogation Sunday on May 19, 2024. You may bring your farm tractors to be blessed by Pastor Judy.

### The Bencke Family in Japan

During May, we have the opportunity to support our missionary. Between New Hope and Little Elk, let's fill every day! You can sign up at your church, with Pastor Judy or the church office. Donate for a full day at \$40.00 or a half day at \$20.00.

### 2024 - Graduation Quilts

Every year the Quilters at Little Elk Creek and New Hope Churches gift our High School Graduates with quilts that they have made during the year. Pastor Judy will bless each quilt during the church services on June 2, 2024 and present them, along with their parents, to the graduates. NH services are at 9:00 AM and LEC services are at 10:30 AM. Graduates, please plan to attend the church services along with your parents. The quilts will be displayed in the fellowship areas before the services for you to select your special quilt.

Below is a list of graduates and if we have missed anyone, please let the church office know.

**New Hope Church:** Alex Lammer

**Little Elk Creek:** Levi Suckow, Walker Ferguson, Madisynn Bauer, Andrew Schaefer, Colten Novak, Parker Blado and Kya Hayden

UW Stout College Graduates: Aaron Lee, McKenzie Christianson, and Shaelee Paul

LEC WELCA have committed to the third Friday of each month for 2024 to make meals at the Cairn House in Menomonie. The shift is 4:30 to 7pm. We are looking for anyone who would like to help us out with this project. It will require at least four volunteers a month. If you and/or your family would like to help, contact Roxane Schaefer at 715 308 3589 or (see me in church).

Upcoming dates are May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**"LET JOY BURST FORTH LIKE  
FLOWERS IN THE SPRING"**



Looking forward to our garden parties again this year. Hoping there are some of you who would enjoy sharing your garden or patio. It is a joyful time to see all the beautiful backyards we are so blessed to create. Visit with and get to know each other and just relax on a nice summer evening. For more info or willing to host call Roxane Schaefer @ 308-3589 or I will see you in church!

**Join Us For Our 2024 Opening &  
Pancake Breakfast**



**No Charge  
Free-Will  
Donation**

**SATURDAY, May 25, 2024  
8:00am until 11:00am**

**At the Downsville Community Museum on  
County Rd C in Downsville**

**Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes with Fruit Toppings,  
Real Maple Syrup, Sausage, Milk, Juice & Coffee**

**The Museum's website**  
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