

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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January 1, 2023

1st Sunday of Christmas

9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Setting 3—ELW (Evangelical Lutheran book of Worship) year A

## INTRODUCTION

*As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.*

## 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,  
the Word made flesh,  
our life and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,  
**you promise good news of great joy for all people,  
and call us to be messengers of your peace.  
We confess that too often we hoard our joy,  
our resources, and our security.  
We nurture conflict and build barriers.  
We neglect the needs of our neighbors  
and ignore the groaning of creation.  
Have mercy on us.  
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.  
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.  
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.  
Renew us with your grace  
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises  
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.  
In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.  
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth  
shall know the salvation of God.  
**Amen.**

## **GATHERING**

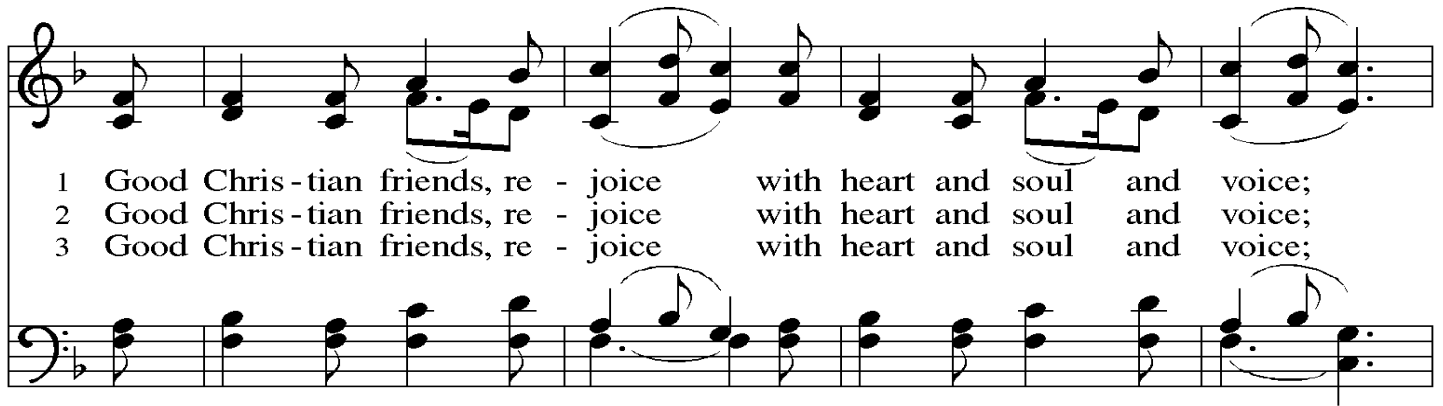
**GATHERING HYMN**

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice***

**ELW 288**

*music on page 3*

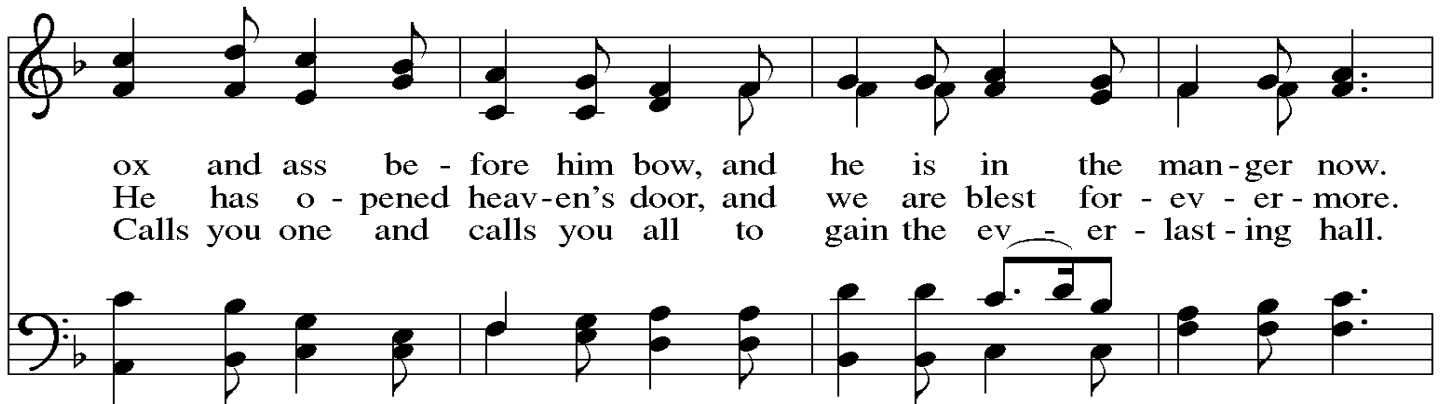
# Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866

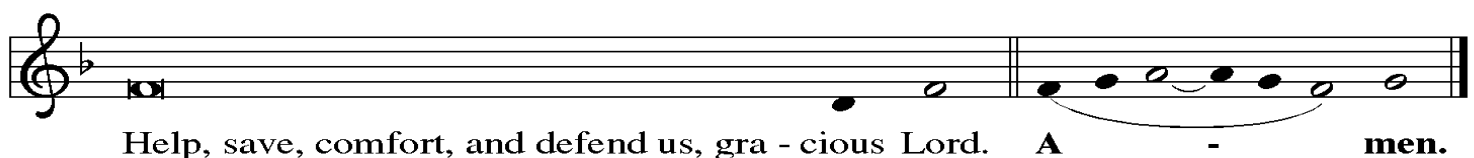
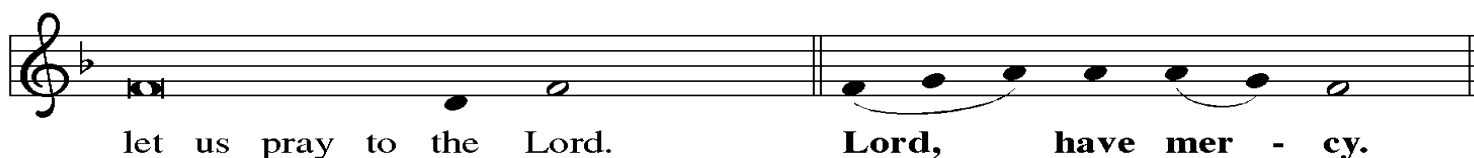
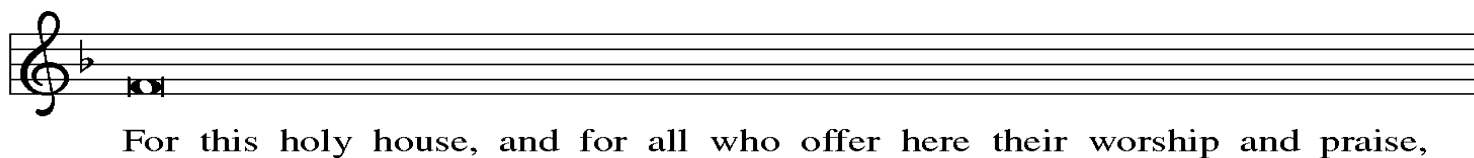
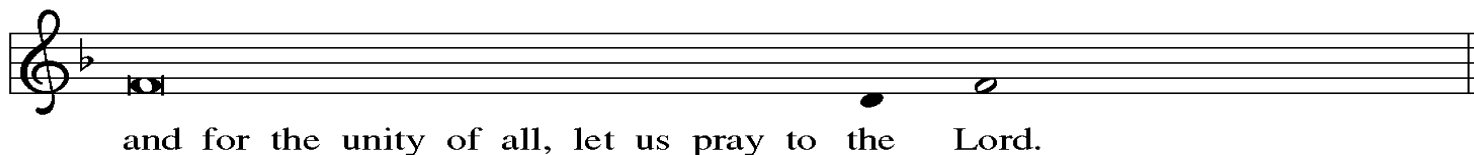
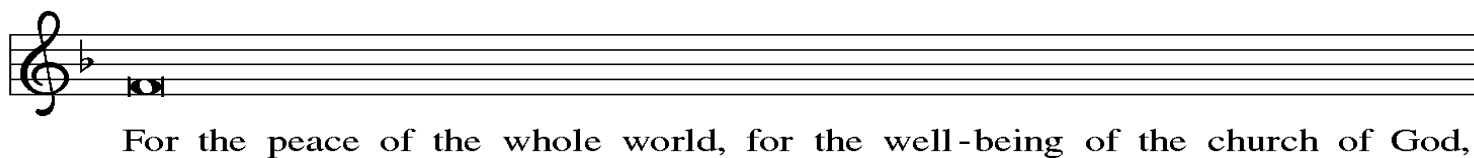
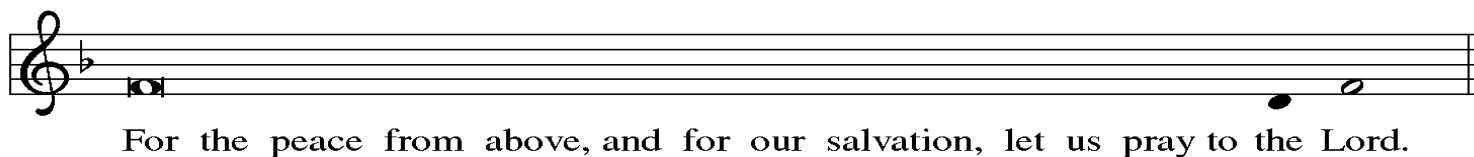
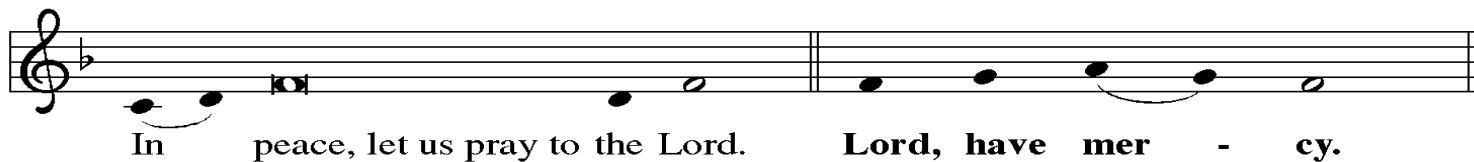
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## GREETING

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.**

## KYRIE



**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *Glory to God*

## Glory to God

### ELW Setting 3



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,          you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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: Isaiah 63:7-9**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM: Psalm 148**

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;**  
**sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**  
<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,**  
**and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,  
<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**  
**giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, | snow and fog,**  
**tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**  
<sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts | and all cattle,**  
**creeping things and | flying birds;**

*continued on page 7*

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers | of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>**young | men and maidens,**  
**old and | young together.**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
 whose name only is exalted,  
 whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people**  
**and praise for all | faithful servants,**  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.**  
**| Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18**

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd Chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23**

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*



## SERMON

Pastor Karen Matuska

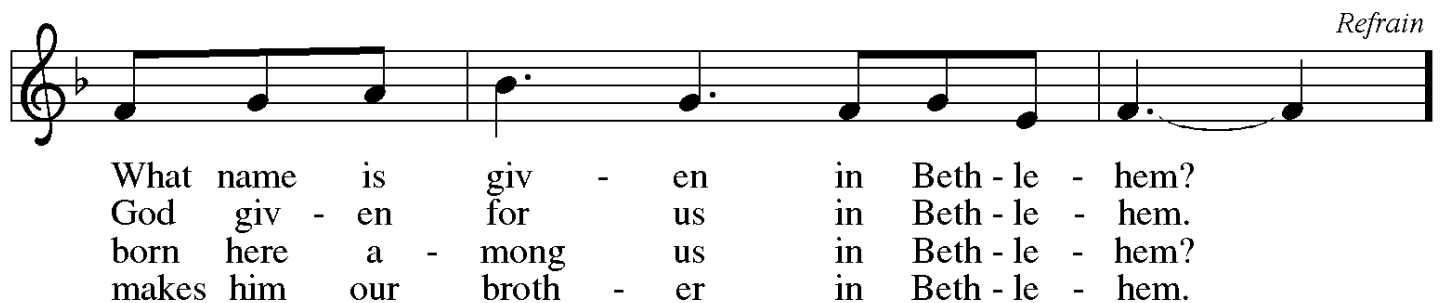
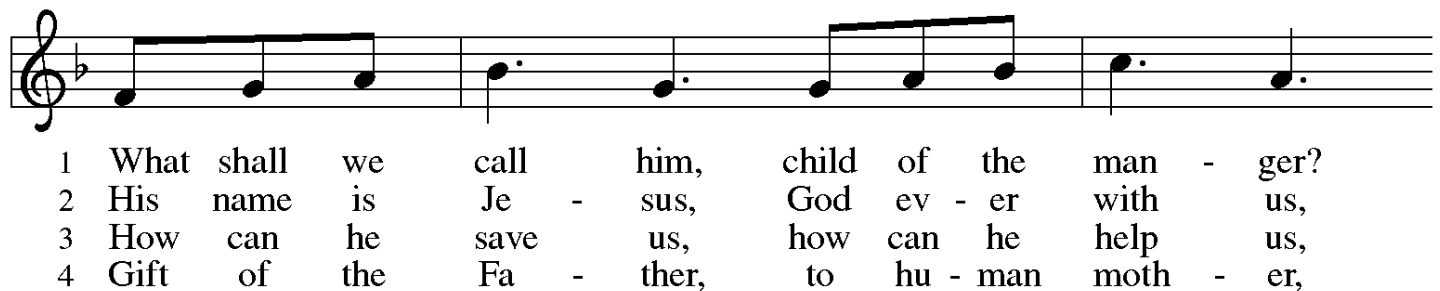
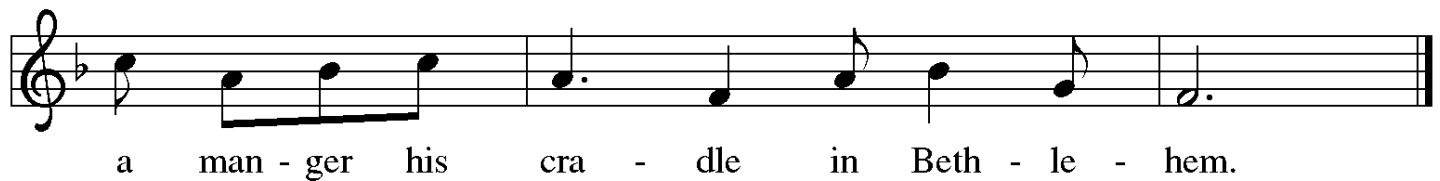
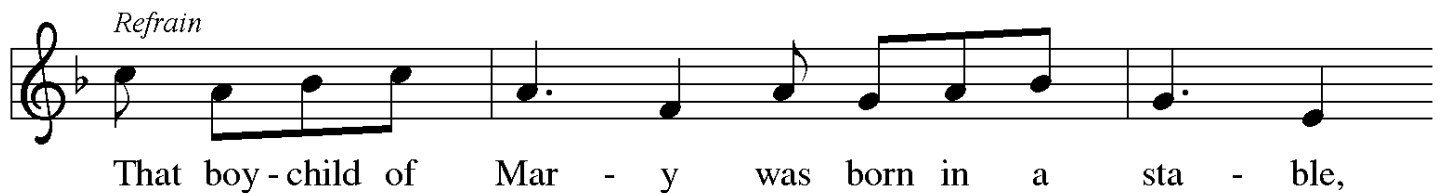
*A brief silence for reflection.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 293

### That Boy-Child of Mary



5 One with the Father,  
he is our Savior,  
heaven-sent helper  
in Bethlehem.

6 Gladly we praise him,  
love and adore him,  
give ourselves to him  
in Bethlehem.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000

Music: BLANTYRE, Malawi traditional; adapt. Tom Colvin

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*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**

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*  
God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude with:*  
Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.  
**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

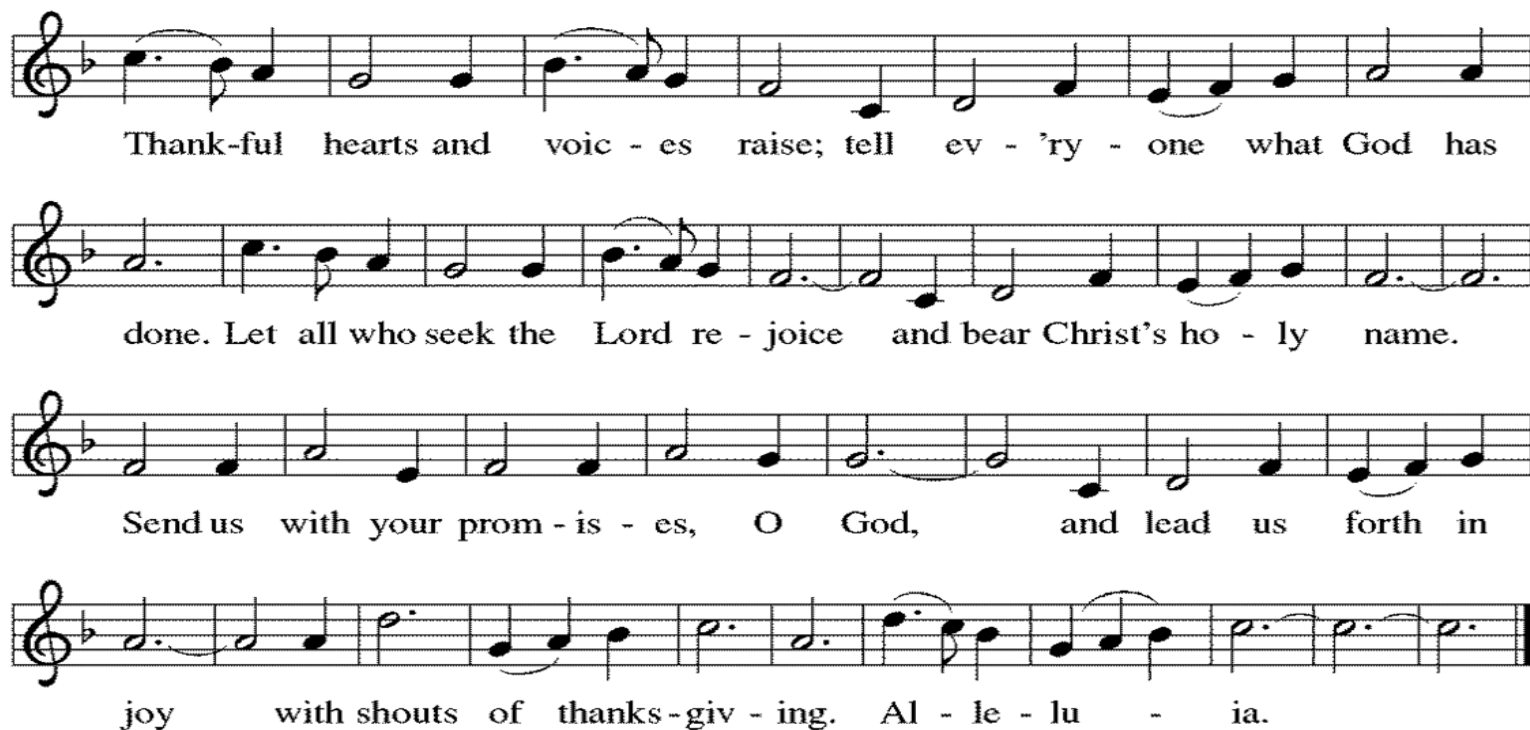
*Special Piano Music*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### OFFERTORY

#### *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

ELW 206



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.'

Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has  
done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name.  
Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in  
joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance,  
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
and gather us at your table of celebration.  
Strengthen us to share with all the world  
the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
**Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

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

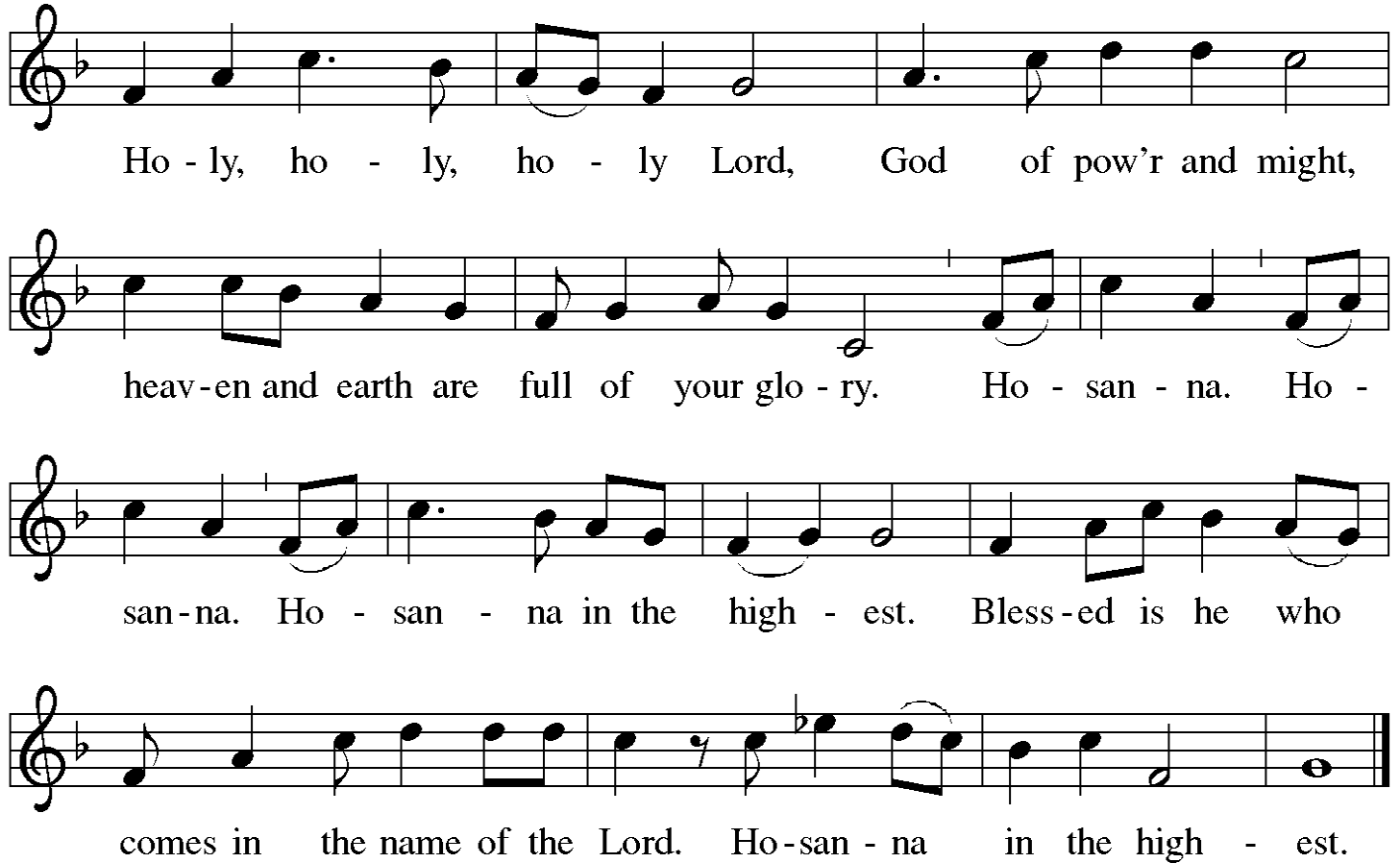
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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.  
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory...

...we await his coming in glory.

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

...be all honor and glory, 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**

**Glory to God in the highest!**

**Come to the table of peace.**

**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*

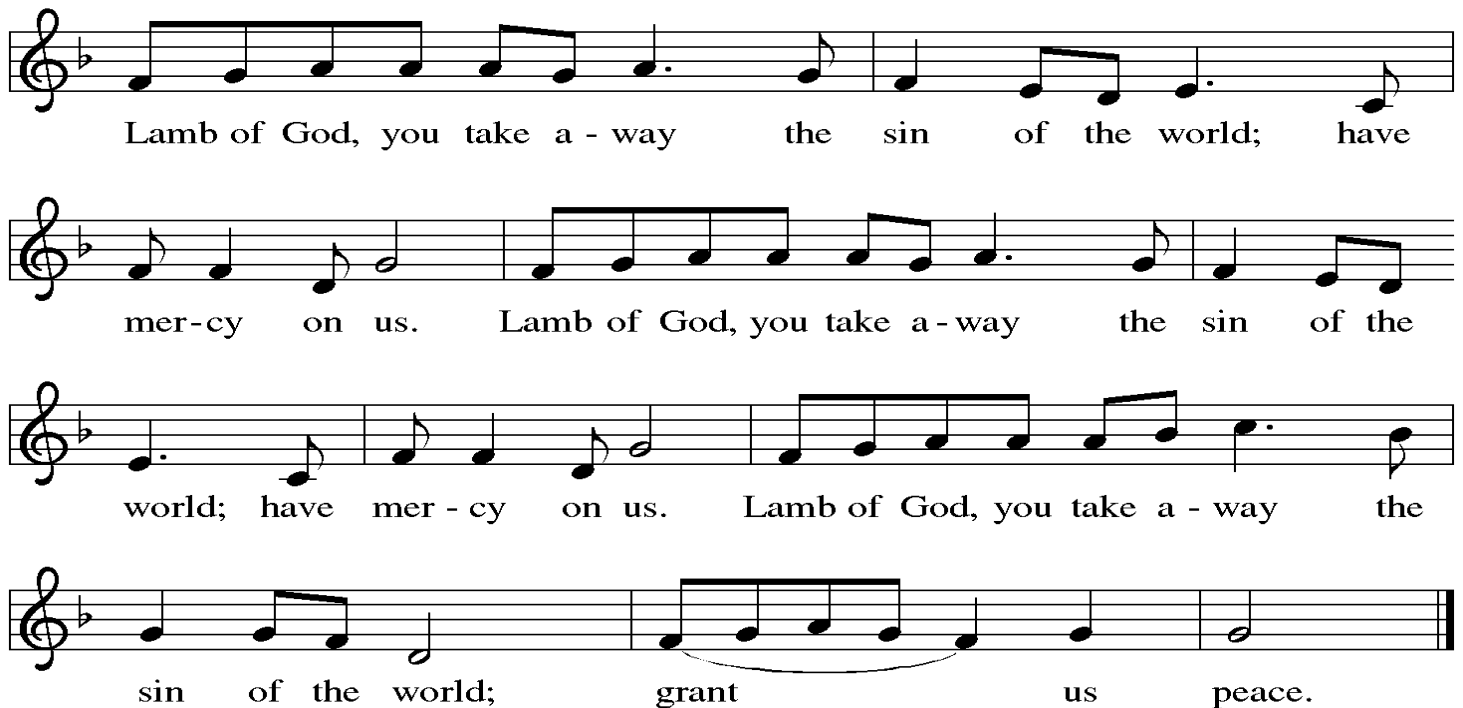
**Amen.**

**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



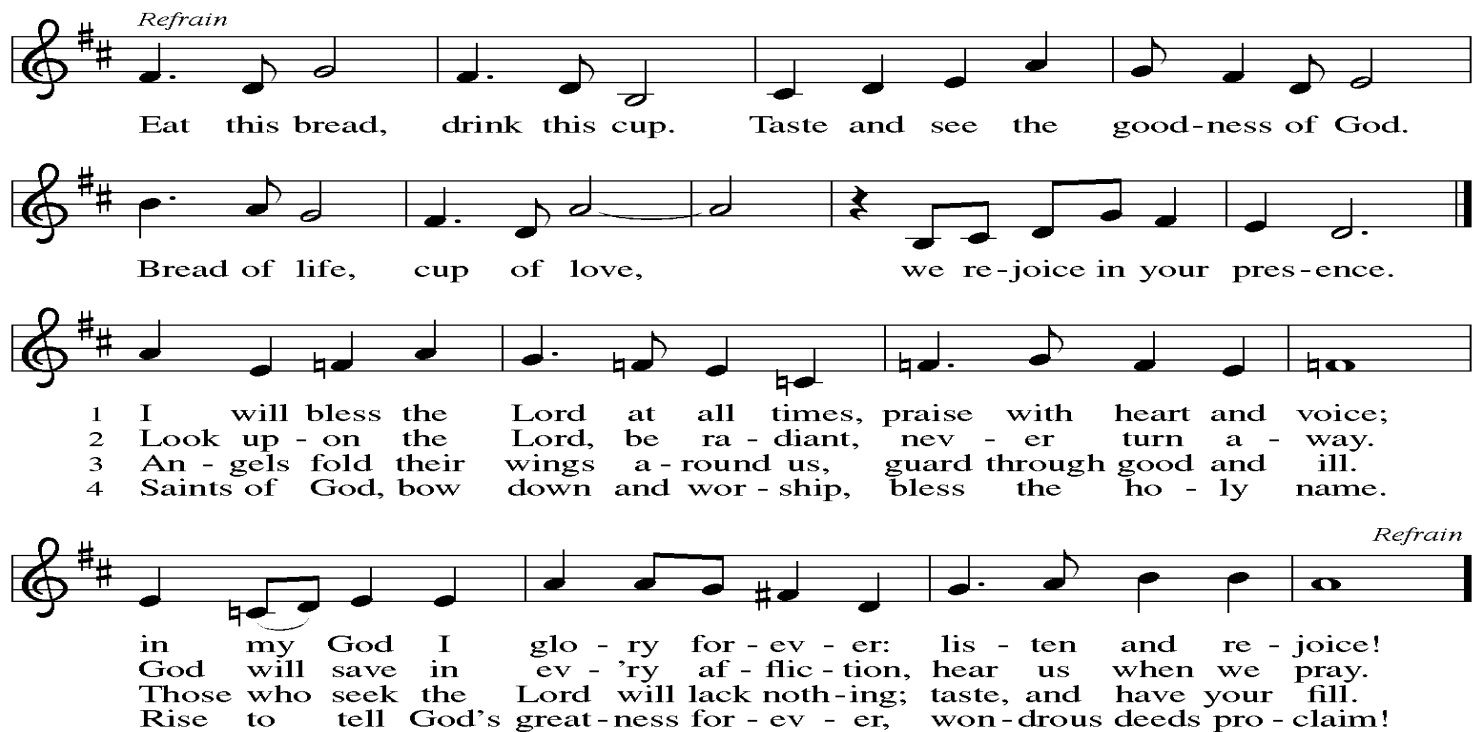
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 492

*Please repeat until Communion is complete*

### Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



*Refrain*  
Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.  
Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;  
2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.  
3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.  
4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

*Refrain*  
in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God our redeemer,  
you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

God bless you and keep you,  
+ Jesus grant you grace and truth,  
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

ELW 275



# Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

The musical score is written for four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a main hymn and a refrain. The main hymn has four verses of lyrics. The refrain is a single line of lyrics. The music is written on two staves, with the vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) indicated by the clefs and the lyrics written below the staves.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4  
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

## DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born!

Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PRAYERS**

<b><u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u></b>	<b><u>Added by Members</u></b>
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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Annual Committee Reports:** *are due to Julie by January 8, 2023.*

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

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

January 2	Ali Truxell
January 3	Shirley Bass
January 3	Pam Salas
January 4	Sarah Johnson
January 5	Janis Youngblood-Pine

<b>Disciples Serving:</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Assisting Minister:	Cyrisse Cooley	Ryan Kessinger
Lector:	Donna Tittel	Cassie Walgren
Presider:	Pastor Karen Matuska	
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:	Kathy Lambert/Cassie Walgren	Karen Dunton/Leanne Neu

## January 2023

<b>JAN</b>	<b><u>Assistant Minister</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>Usher/Greeter</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>	<b><u>Counters/Posters</u></b>
1	Cyrisse Cooley	Donna Tittel	Jackie Cooley	Dorothy Hansom Pam Salas	Kathy Lambert Cassie Walgren
8	Ryan Kessinger	Sue Kastelic	Jackie Cooley	Dorothy Hansom Pam Salas	Karen Dunton Leanne Neu
15	Jerry Vargues	Pam Salas	Jackie Cooley	Dorothy Hansom Pam Salas	Dorothy Hanscom Sue Kastelic
22	Cyrisse Cooley	Cassie Walgren	Jackie Cooley	Dorothy Hansom Pam Salas	Nancy Piazza Cassie Walgren
29	Ryan Kessinger	Donna Tittel	Jackie Cooley	Dorothy Hansom Pam Salas	Donna Tittel Leanne Neu