

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**March 12, 2023**

**3rd Sunday in Lent**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Service of the Word - Setting: Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

## **PRELUDE**

Announcements are on pages 18.

## **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,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
we confess to you our faults and failings.  
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;  
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;  
we spoil rather than steward your creation;  
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;  
we choose fear over compassion.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
as we seek to follow in your way of life.  
**Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.  
This promise is for you!  
God embraces you with divine mercy,  
+ forgives you in Christ's name,  
and revives you in the Spirit's power.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG**

***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross***

**ELW 335**

*music on page 3*

# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

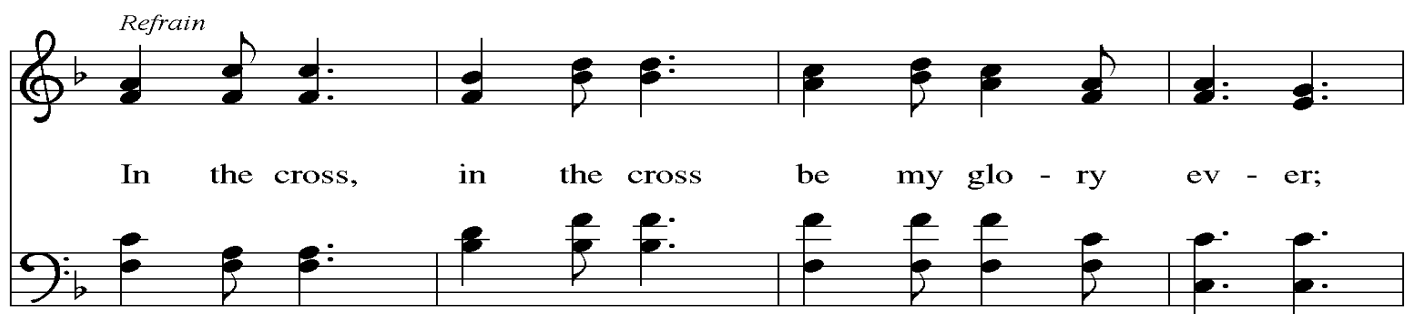


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

## 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.*

### KYRIE *sung by all*

*Assistant:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation:*



Lord, have mer - cy.

*3rd time to Coda* ⊕



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

*Assistant:*



For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you



cy.



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

*continued on page 5*

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

\* Ending for Kyrie

God.

A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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: Exodus 17:1-7**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm: Psalm 95**

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep | of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup>**"Harden | not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore | in my anger,  
'They shall never come | to my rest.'"

### **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

*Optional Repeat*

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The Holy gospel according to John, the 4th Chapter.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## REFLECTION

*Please stand if you are able.*

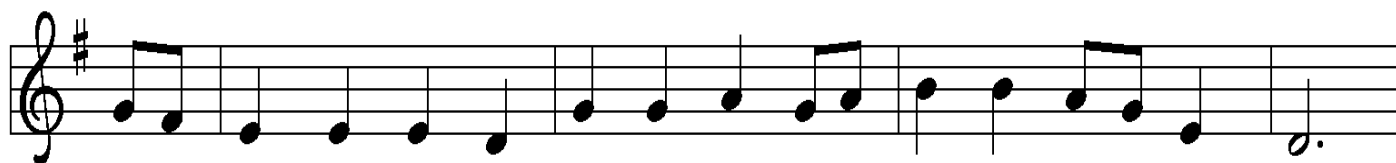
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

ELW 611



# I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



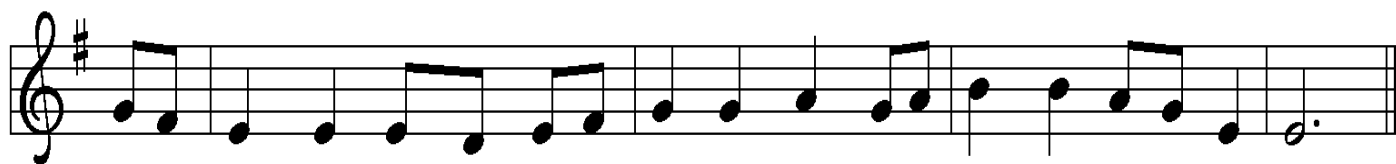
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## **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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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

ELW 182

#### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **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.**

## **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 has been pre-consecrated by Pastor Karen Matuska during last week's worship service.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**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

*Congregation:*

*Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 you call us to the way of your  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*



world: have mer - cy on us. mer - cy on us.  
 peace:  
 love.

## Final Stanza

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

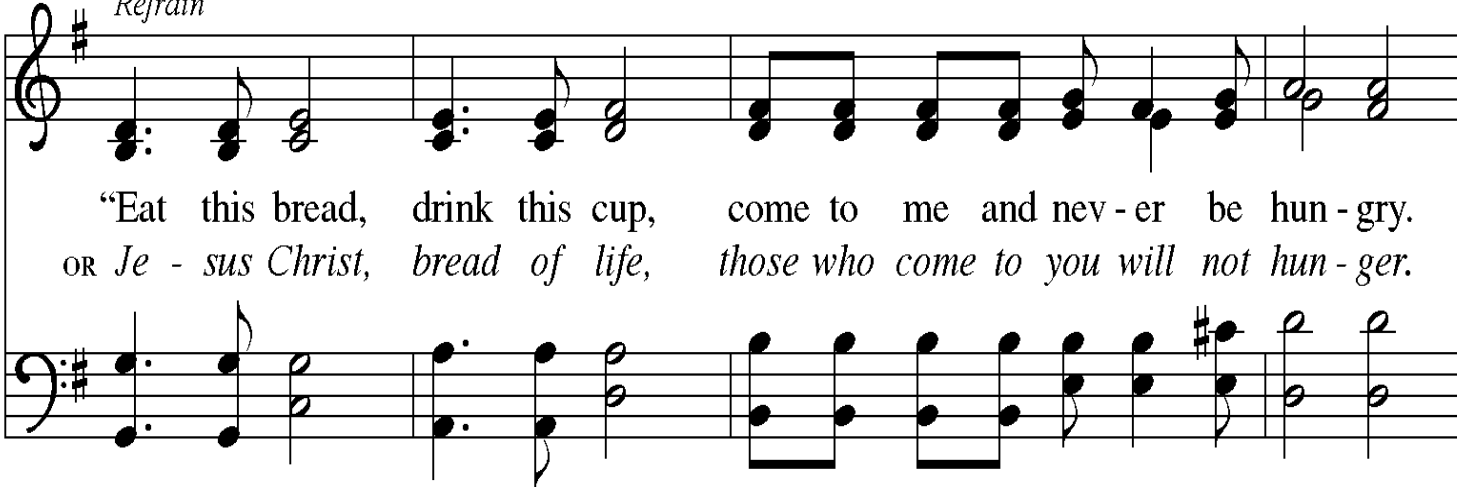
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*Please repeat until Communion is complete*

## Eat This Bread

### *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Embodied God,  
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.  
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,  
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors  
and touch the world with your love.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

God, the giver of love,  
+ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

*ELW 618*



# Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PRAYERS**

### **Members, Friends and Relatives**

### **Added by Members**

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
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

## **BIRTHDAYS**

March 16      Jerry Vargues

### **Disciples Serving:**

### **Today**

### **Next Sunday**

Assisting Minister:	Ryan Kessinger	Jerry Vargues
Lector:	Cassie Walgren	Sue Kastelic
Leader:	Cyrisse Cooley	
Presider:		Pastor Mark Patzke
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Sue Kastelic	Sue Kastelic
Ushers/Greeters:	Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues	Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues
Counters:	Karen Dunton/Leanne Neu	Kathy Lambert/Sue Kastelic

## **March 2023**

<b>MAR</b>	<u><b>Assistant Minister</b></u>	<u><b>Lector</b></u>	<u><b>Usher/Greeter</b></u>	<u><b>Altar Guild</b></u>	<u><b>Counters/Posters</b></u>
5	Cyrisse Cooley	Sue Kastelic	Sue Kastelic Jerry Vargues	Sue Kastelic	Donna Tittel Cassie Walgren
12	Ryan Kessinger	Cassie Walgren	Sue Kastelic Jerry Vargues	Sue Kastelic	Karen Dunton Leanne Neu
19	Jerry Vargues		Sue Kastelic Jerry Vargues	Sue Kastelic	Kathy Lambert Sue Kastelic
26	Cyrisse Cooley	Sue Kastelic	Sue Kastelic Jerry Vargues	Sue Kastelic	Dorothy Hanscom Cassie Walgren

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Our monthly congregational after church coffee and discussion will be today after worship in the fellowship hall.*
- *Easter Lilies to decorate the church for Easter are available to purchase for \$15. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.*
- *Choir practice will be starting this Sunday for the Easter Season. It will be held after coffee hour every Sunday until Palm Sunday in the sanctuary. If anyone would like to join choir, please come to practice.*
- *We will be having Easter Breakfast at 8:30am on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Council will provide the main dish. Please sign up to bring breakfast breads/muffins, fruit and juice, as well as setup and clean up. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.*
- *Our Easter Egg Hunt will be after church on Easter Sunday. All children ages 3 to elementary school are invited. Please bring your own basket and join in the fun!*
- *Volunteers are needed to be a Lector during Sunday service.*
- *We are looking for a Choir Director. Please contact Denise Tristano if you are interested.*
- *We are looking for a director for our JAM program starting in the fall of 2023. If you are interested, please contact Helen Philipsen.*
- *Thrivent Choice: Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2023 to call in to direct any remaining Choice Dollars.*