

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**March 19, 2023      4th Sunday in Lent      9:30 a.m.**  
**Setting - Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

## **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**      *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*      ELW 843

*music on page 3*

# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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.**

## 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.

God.

A - men.

\* Ending for Kyrie

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm: Psalm 23**

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup>side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever.**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

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.

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The Holy gospel according to John, the 9th Chapter.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*A brief silence for reflection.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

Pastor Mark Patzke

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

ELW 768



# Lead Me, Guide Me

768

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;  
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## **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.**

## 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.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
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

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on five staves. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 3/8. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The final measure of the fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life...

...Grace our table with your presence.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

...We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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**

**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*

## COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 814

### Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.'

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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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**

*Be Though My Vision*

*ELW 793*

# Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be - all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God!**

| <b>Disciples Serving:</b> | <b>Today</b>               | <b>Next Sunday</b>             |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister:       | Jerry Vargues              | Cyrisse Cooley                 |
| Lector:                   | Sue Kastelic               | Sue Kastelic                   |
| Presider:                 | Pastor Mark Patzke         | Pastor Karen Matuska           |
| 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:                 | Kathy Lambert/Sue Kastelic | Dorothy Hanscom/Cassie Walgren |

## **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          |
| 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               |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- *Easter Lilies to decorate the church for Easter are available to purchase for \$15. Sign-up sheet and payment envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.*
- *Choir practice for the Easter Season 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.*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| March 24 | Nina Jesmain     |
| March 24 | Anthony Martinet |