

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**March 26, 2023**

**5th Sunday in Lent**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Setting - Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*

## **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**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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*music on page 3*



# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the lyrics, starting with 'the glo - ries of my God and king'. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 6 indicating the different verses.

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## 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

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm: Psalm 130**

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Out <sup>|</sup> of the depths

I cry to <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, <sup>|</sup> hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my <sup>|</sup> supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch <sup>|</sup> over sins,

O LORD, <sup>|</sup> who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you <sup>|</sup> is forgiveness,**

**in order that you <sup>|</sup> may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; <sup>|</sup> my soul waits;

in your word <sup>|</sup> is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord**

**more than those who keep watch <sup>|</sup> for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch <sup>|</sup> for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is <sup>|</sup> steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- <sup>|</sup> teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall <sup>|</sup> redeem Israel**

**from <sup>|</sup> all their sins.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11**

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.

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The Holy gospel according to John, the 11th Chapter.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

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 Karen Matuska

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

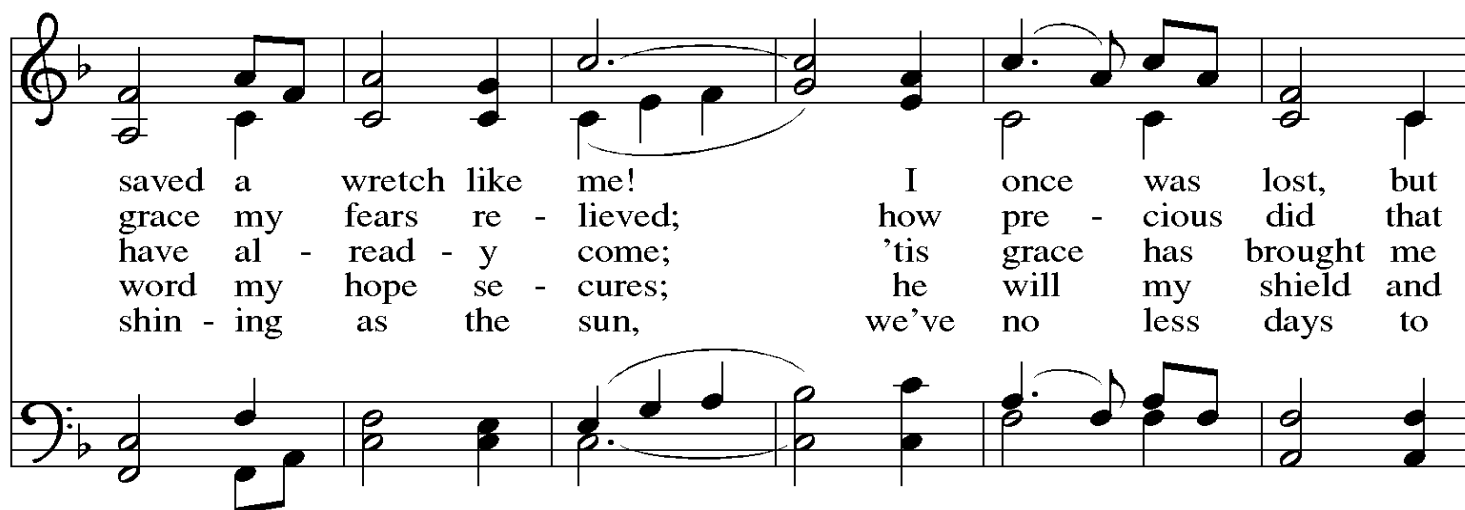
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# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.



## **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

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#### 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 music is in a single melodic line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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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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# COMMUNION HYMN

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*Please repeat until Communion is complete*

## I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you -  
flesh of the Son of the Man . . . and . . .  
I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -  
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -  
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me ev - er, . . . un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
blood, er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
die, . . . you shall not have life with - in you."  
come in - to . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
the . . . world. . . .

Refrain  
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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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.**

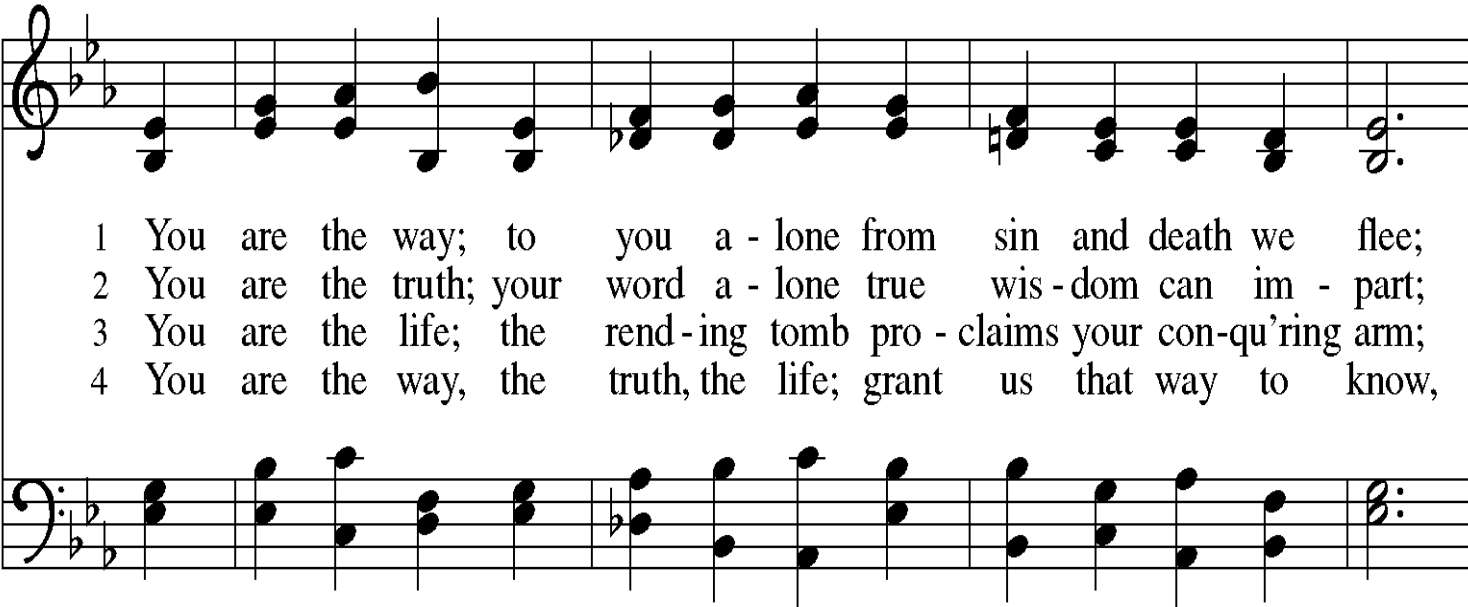
## **SENDING HYMN**

*You Are the Way*

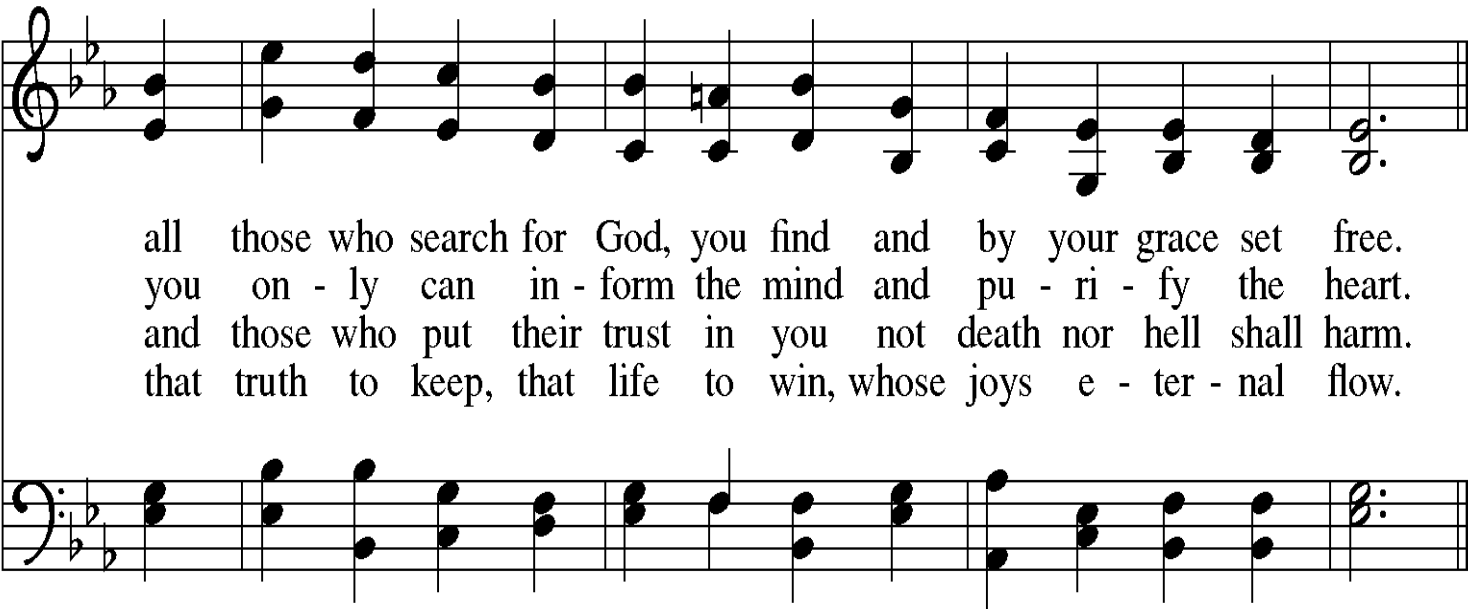
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# You Are the Way



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God!**



<b><u>Disciples Serving:</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>
Assisting Minister:	Cyrisse Cooley	Ryan Kessinger
Lector:	Sue Kastelic	Cassie Walgren
Presider:	Pastor Karen Matuska	
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Sue Kastelic	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson
Ushers/Greeters:	Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues	Jackie Cooley
Counters:	Dorothy Hanscom/Cassie Walgren	Nancy Piazza/Leanne Neu

## **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**

- *Pastor Mark Patzke will lead us in a combined Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:00pm.*
- *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.*
- *No JAM Session will be held on Easter Sunday. JAM participants are encouraged to enjoy the Easter Service celebration with their families.*
- *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!*

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

March 27:Linda Johnson

March 28:Sue & Dennis Kastelic

March 29:Sandra Zupan