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July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost <u>Service of the Word - ELW Setting 10 - year A</u>

9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

PRELUDE

Announcements are on page 13-14.

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, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

Gather Us In



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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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



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

ELW Setting 10



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

Read responsively

Your de- crees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130When your word is opened | it gives light; it gives understanding | to the simple.

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gra- cious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134Rescue me from those | who oppress me, and I will keep | your commandments.

Let your face shine up- on your servant and teach me your statutes.

136My eyes shed | streams of tears, because people do not | keep your teaching.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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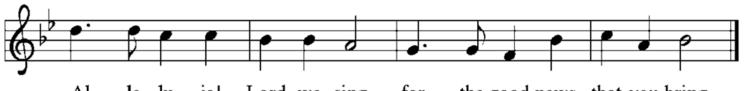
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

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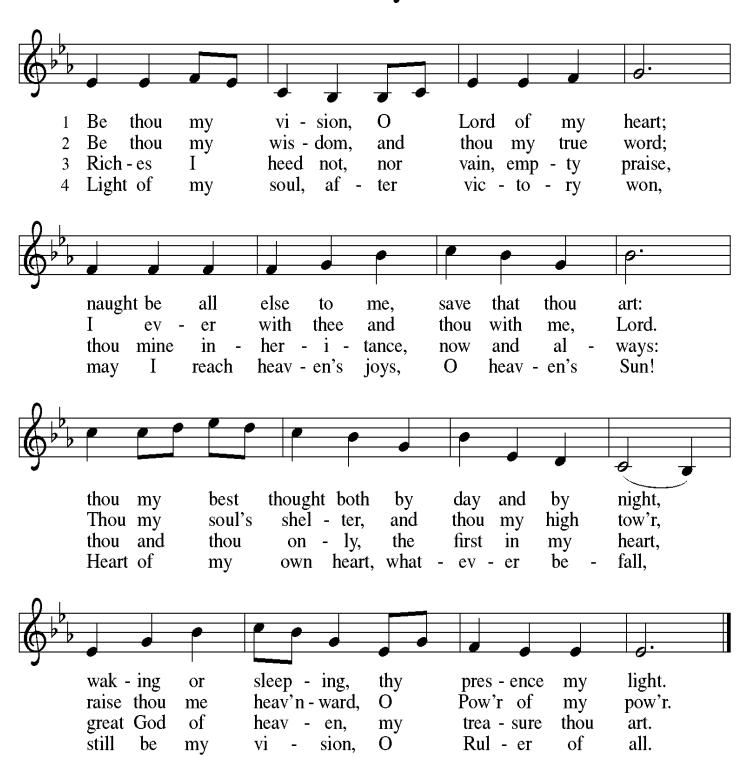
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HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

Be Thou My Vision



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

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude with:

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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.

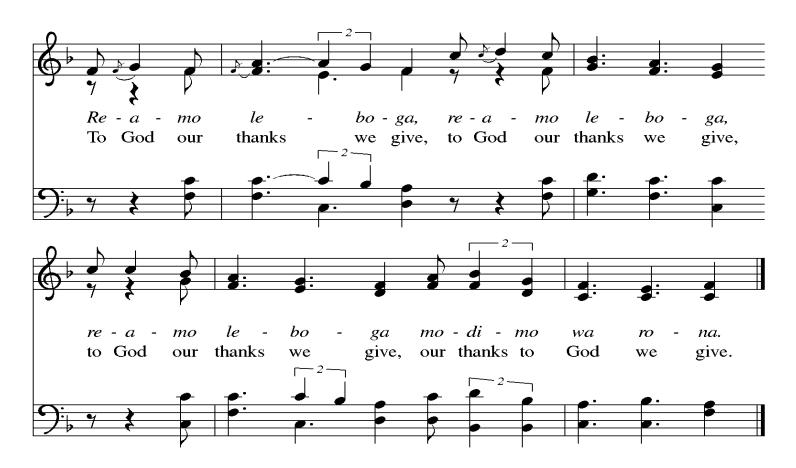
OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

Special Piano Music

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY ELW 682

To God Our Thanks We Give



Text: Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936 Music: REAMO LEBOGA, Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe Text and music © 1986 World Council of Churches and the Asian Institute for Liturgy and Music.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.

Please stand if you are able.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age **Amen.**

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Disciples Serving:	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister:	Jerry Vargues	Ryan Kessinger
Proclaimer:	Cyrisse Cooley	
Presider:		Pastor Karen Matuska
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Sue Kastelic	Connie Wisthoff/Cassie Walgren
Ushers/Greeters:	Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues	Marvin Wisthoff/Jeff Jesmain
Counters:	Nancy Piazza/Charlotte Vargues	Stacie Bowens/Sue Kastelic

PRAYERS

Members, Friends and Relatives	Added by Members
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Judy Davis	Sister of Donna Tittel
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Darrel Neu	Husband of Leanne Neu
Sydney Pine	Truxell Family
Jean Reistad	Niece of Nancy Piazza
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
The Stone/Pilakowski Family	Truxell Family
Lynn Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Brooklyn Youngblood	Janis Youngblood

BIRTHDAYS

August 3 Brielle Vargues August 5 Helen Philipsen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• We are collecting your pictures from our past Oktoberfests to add to our social media post for this year's Oktoberfest. Please text any pictures you have to a council member or email to the church office.



TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

July 26, 2023



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Please remember to bring your food items to fill the little Red Wagon in the Narthex.

Donations go to the PCC Student Food Pantry.



We are looking for a Volunteer Choir Director. Please contact Denise Tristano if you are interested.

Volunteers Calendar

August 2023

AUG	Assistant Minister	Usher/Greeter	Altar Guild	Counters/Posters
6	Ryan Kessinger	Marvin Wisthoff Jeff Jesmain	Connie Wisthoff Cassie Walgren	Stacie Bowens Sue Kastelic
13	Cyrisse Cooley	Marvin Wisthoff Jeff Jesmain	Connie Wisthoff Cassie Walgren	Clay Kashner Leanne Neu
20	Jerry Vargues	Marvin Wisthoff Jeff Jesmain	Connie Wisthoff Cassie Walgren	Karen Dunton Charlotte Vargues
27	Ryan Kessinger	Marvin Wisthoff Jeff Jesmain	Connie Wisthoff Cassie Walgren	Kathy Lambert Sue Kastelic

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