# TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**October 1, 2023** 

# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Setting 10—ELW (Evangelical Lutheran book of Worship) year A

#### INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

## **PRELUDE**

Announcements are on page 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.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In \(\pm\) Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.** 

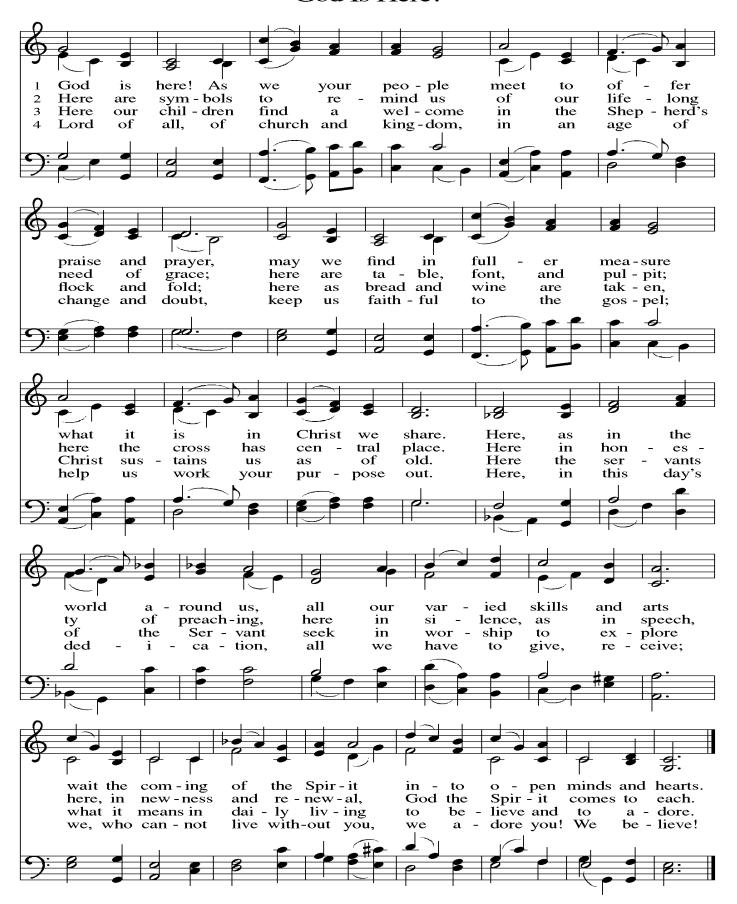
# <u>GATHERING</u>

**GATHERING HYMN** 

God is Here!

**ELW 526** 

# God Is Here!



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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**



- 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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

Please be seated

# WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9** 

Read responsively

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- ness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- ly in justice and teach the low- ly your way.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13** 

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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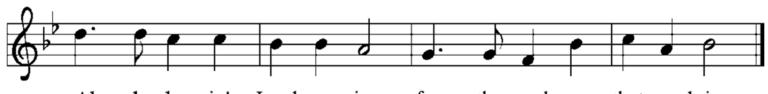
# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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 21st Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

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.

# Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

# 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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Prayers conclude with:

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

# **MEAL**

# **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

# And also with you.

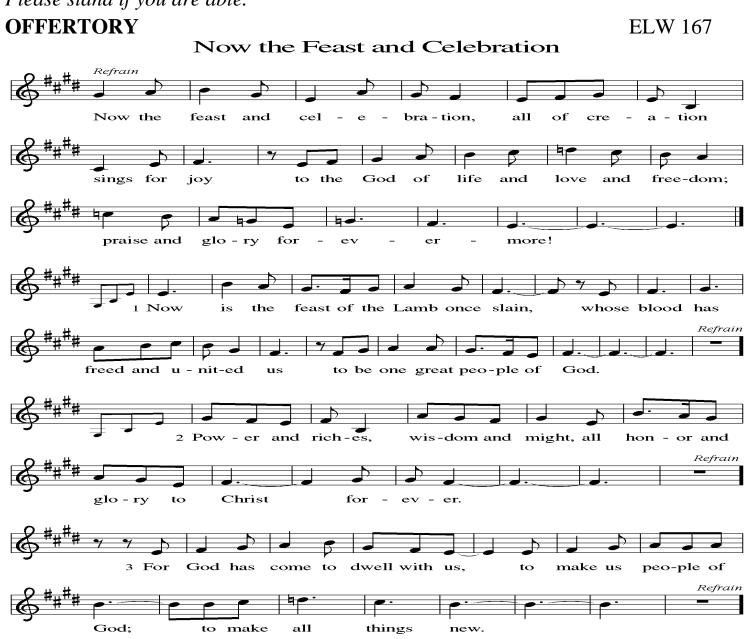
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say: **Peace be with you.** 

Please be seated.

# OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

Special Piano Music

Please stand if you are able.



#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

#### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

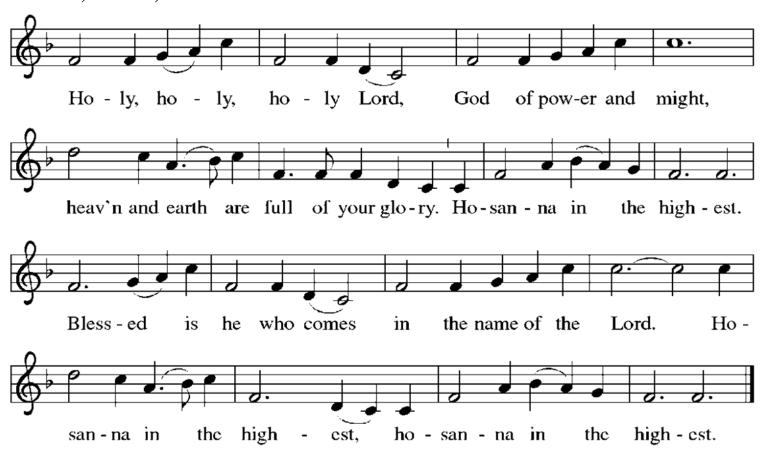
We lift them to the Lord.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father...

- O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
- O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
- O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy spirit, all honor and glory is yours almighty Father, 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

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

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**



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

# **COMMUNION HYMN**

Jesus, Name Above all Names ELW 517

Please repeat until Communion is complete

# Jesus, name above all names



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

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

# Amen.

# **SENDING**

# **BLESSING**

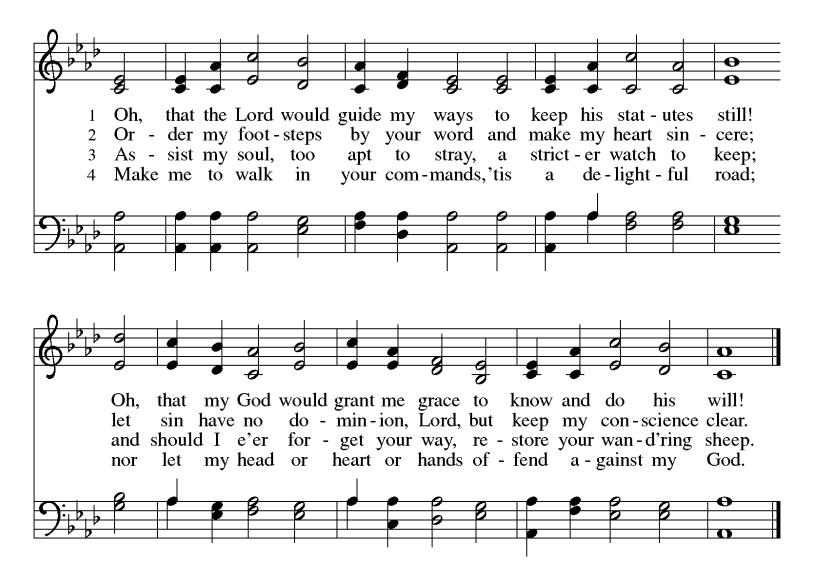
The God of glory,

+ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways ELW 772

# Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

# **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God!

<b>Disciples Serving:</b>	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister:	Jerry Vargues	Ryan Kessinger
Presider:	Pastor Karen Matuska	Pastor Bob Kippley
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson
Ushers/Greeters:	Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues	Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues
Counters:	Karen Dunton/Sue Kastelic	Kathy Lambert/Cassie Walgren

# **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
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor
Cheryl Ostern	Sister of Sue Kastelic
Sydney Pine	Truxell Family
Pounds Family	Friends of Kastelic Family
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
The Stone/Pilakowski Family	Truxell Family
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Brooklyn Youngblood	Janis Youngblood

# **BIRTHDAYS**

October 4 Nancy Piazza

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tabor's 3rd Annual Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 with local brews, bands and food trucks.
- There will be a short meeting for Confirmation parents and students on Sunday October 8th after church.
- If anyone would like to be on the Planning Committee for the Lucia Fest, please contact Denise.
- Anyone interested in being in the Queen' Choir, kid's choir or ushering for the Luia Fest, please contact Denise.