

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**September 14, 2025**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Service of the Word - Setting 10 - ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Year C)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

## **PRELUDE**

Announcements are on page 13-14.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **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,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**  
**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.  
In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
**Amen.**

### **GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON I Wveth *Repository of Sacred Music* Part II 1813

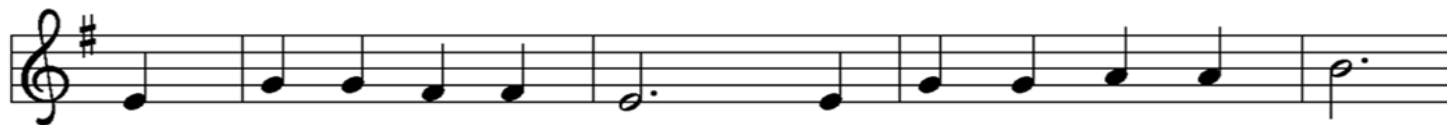
## GREETING

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

ELW Setting 10



- 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**

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10**

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup>steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup>my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup>from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me <sup>1</sup>from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know <sup>1</sup>my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- <sup>1</sup>er before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil <sup>1</sup>in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right <sup>1</sup>in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born <sup>1</sup>steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my <sup>1</sup>mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth <sup>1</sup>deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom <sup>1</sup>deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I <sup>1</sup>shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- <sup>1</sup>er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear <sup>1</sup>joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken <sup>1</sup>may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face <sup>1</sup>from my sins,  
and blot out <sup>1</sup>all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup>heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup>it within me.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand if you are able.*

### 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 Luke, the 15th Chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### REFLECTION

*A brief silence for reflection.*

Cyrisse Cooley

*Please stand if you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 608

### Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
watch - ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"



## **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**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.  
*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*

God of Grace,  
**Receive our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**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 685

### Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written for piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our 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.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND QUILT MAKING MINISTRY**

### **BLESSING**

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
+ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
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Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

<b><u>Disciples Serving:</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>
Presider/Supply	Cyrisse Cooley	Adam Bowens
Assisting Minister:	Gwen Hedding	Cyrisse Cooley
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson
Ushers/Greeters:	Jackie Cooley	Jackie Cooley
Counters/Posters:	Deb Huismann/Leanne Neu	Karen Dunton/Charlotte Vargues
JAM:	Summer Break	Summer Break

## **PRAYERS**

<b><u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u></b>	<b><u>Added by Members</u></b>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Robert Bogusch	Nephew of Kathy Lambert
Emily Briggs & Family	People of Tabor
Pam Cardinal	Sister of Clay Kashner
Devin Caveza	Grandson of Tony Martinet
John Centa	Bowens Family
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Vicki Granato	Michelle Vargues
Justin, Harper & Hazel Tolan	Grandson/Great-granddaughters of Denise Tristano
Brian & Geri Helm	Bowens Family
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor
Sue Kastelic	People of Tabor
Ryan, Chris & Connor Kessinger	People of Tabor
Kathy Laney & Family	Connie Wisthoff
DJ Nichols	Truxell Family
Will Nichols	Truxell & Vargues Families
Andrea Pitre	Friend of Emily Briggs
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
Family of Cheryl Salay	People of Tabor
Starcher Family	Friends of Emily Briggs
Caitlan Thorne & Family	Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell
Sandra Zupan	Sister of Ruth Valencia

## **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

Sept 14	Stacie Bowens	
Sept 14	Karl & Adrian Wisthoff	6 years

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- † Joy Circle will have an organizational meeting on September 15th at 9:30am
- † JAM and Children's Sermons will start up again in October. We need volunteers to teach and to assist. Please see Cyrisse or the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if interested in helping. A training session for those volunteers will be held (date and time to be announced).
- † The Lay Pastors are beginning to form a ***Care Team*** that will go visit and take communion to our shut-ins. Pastor Bill will have a training session. If you are interested in helping, please see Cyrisse.



# THE GOOD NEWS

## TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

*September 11, 2025*



The Blessing of the Quilts will be on Sunday, September 14, 2025 during worship. 40 quilts will be displayed on the pews in the sanctuary during worship. Come see the beautiful work our Quilting Ministry has done.



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Church Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month after worship.

Next Meeting: Sept 14, 2025  
All Members are welcome to attend



### We are in need of Volunteers!

- Worship Assistants
- JAM Teachers and Helpers
- Care Team Members

Please pray about it and decide if you would be interested in helping in any or all of these areas and let Cyrisse know.



The Noisy offering collections from July-December 2025 will go to Meal on Wheels.



*Thank you to everyone for your cards, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time for me and my family. Julie*

### Disciples Serving:

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