

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**September 7, 2025**

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion Setting 10 - ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Year C)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

## **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.

*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**

***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross***

**ELW 335**

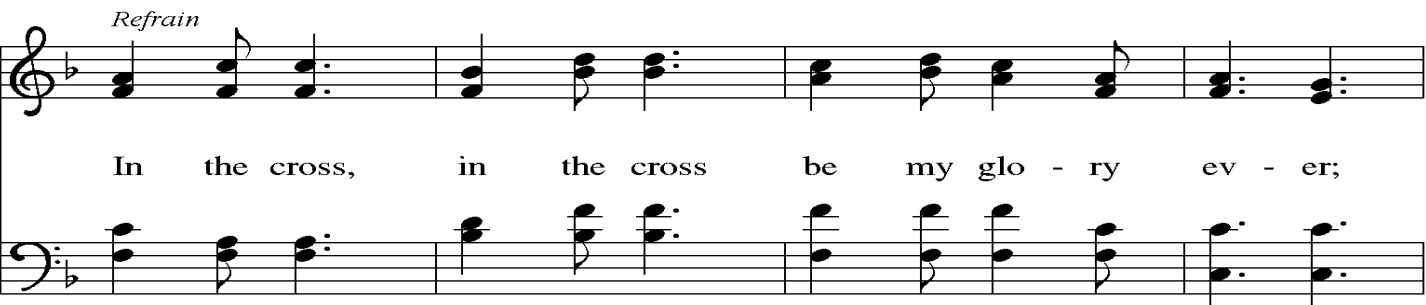
# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



*Refrain*  
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

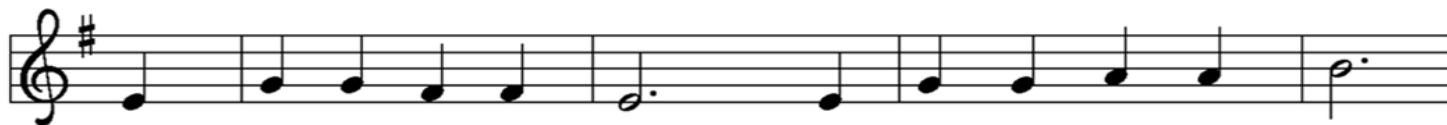
Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

## 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**

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM: Psalm 1**

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>|</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats <sup>|</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,**  
**and they meditate on God's teaching <sup>|</sup> day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that <sup>|</sup> do not wither;  
everything they <sup>|</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so <sup>|</sup> with the wicked;**  
**they are like chaff which the wind <sup>|</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>|</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council <sup>|</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way <sup>|</sup> of the righteous,**  
**but the way of the wicked shall <sup>|</sup> be destroyed.**

### **SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy gospel according to Luke, the 14th Chapter.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33**  
The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

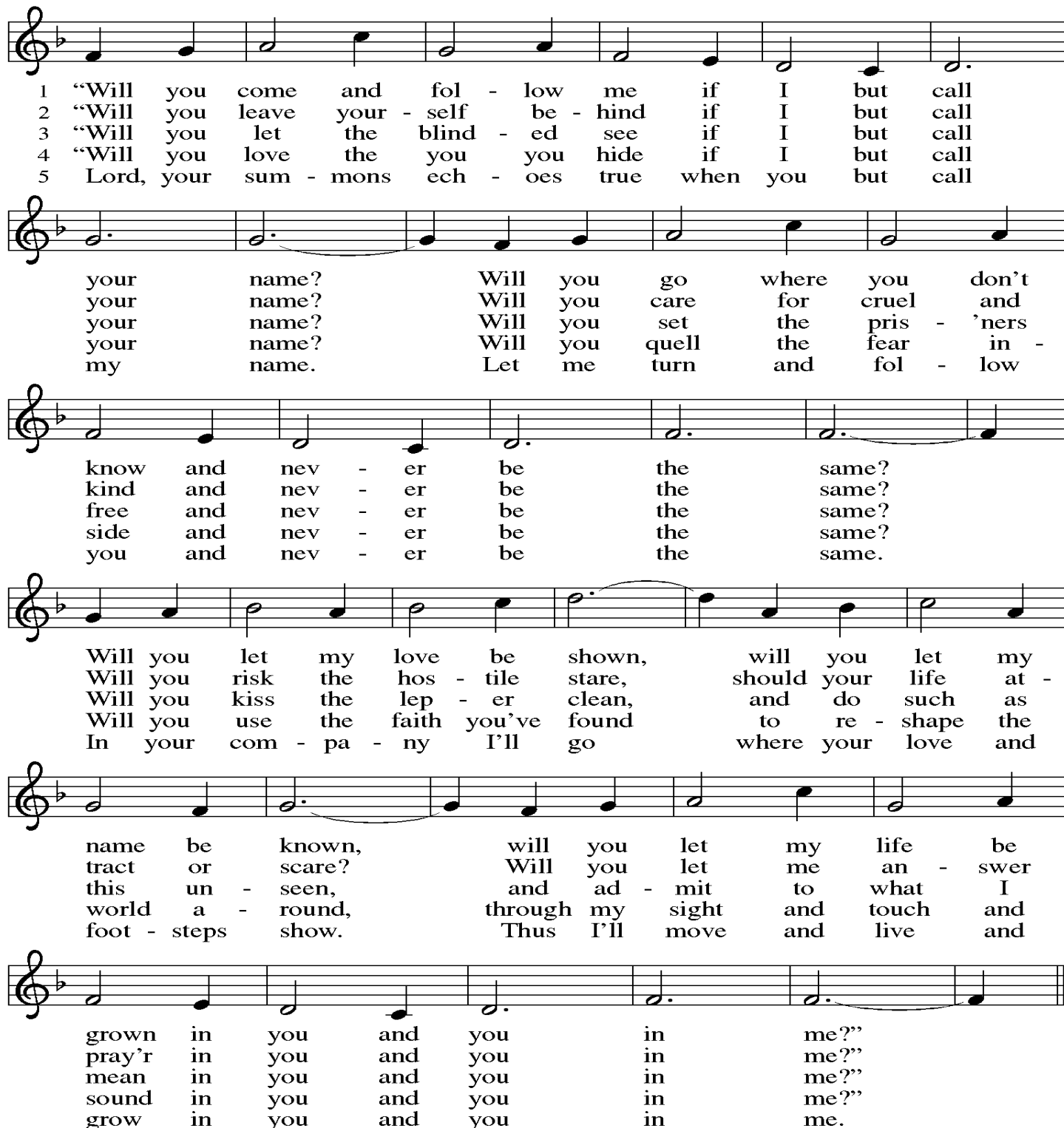
**SERMON**  
*A brief silence for reflection.*

Pastor Karen Matuska

*Please stand if you are able*

# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me."

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## **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.**

## **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 685

### Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the first system. The second system also has a treble and bass staff, continuing the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics for the second system are printed below it. The score ends with a double bar line.

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.**

## **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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a whole note, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

## 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 welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.  
**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

*Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

ELW 492

*Please repeat until Communion is complete*

# Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34  
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young  
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## **SENDING**

*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**

O God,  
through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **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.**



## Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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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                  | Pastor Karen Matuska         | Cyrisse Cooley              |
| Assisting Minister:              | Ryan Kessinger               | Gwen Hedding                |
| 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:                | Kathy Lambert/Cassie Walgren | Deb Huismann/Leanne Neu     |
| 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               |
| 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        |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † Thank you to all for your help with the combined worship/picnic with King of Kings. It was a success!
- † Blessing of the Quilts will be next Sunday, September 14th during worship
- † 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 GOOD NEWS

TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

September 4, 2025





Thank you to all for helping with the combined worship/picnic with King of Kings. It was a success!



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



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*Joy Circle will have an organizational meeting on September 15 at 9:30am*



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 putting together a new **Member Directory** in-house and need you to fill out the information on the backside of the Welcome Slip. We will use the information to verify with what we have in our database and to print it in the new directory. Please fill out all applicable information. You only need to fill out this form one time.

| Disciples Serving:  | Sunday September 7          | Sunday September 14         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
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