

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**January 18, 2026      2nd Sunday after Epiphany      9:30 a.m.**  
**Holy Communion Setting 3 - ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Year A)**

## INTRODUCTION

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

## 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*

## CONFESSİON 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,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we have served our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**

**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

**We say the right words,**  
**but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face.**

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,**  
**that we may do justice, love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away,

and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in <sup>☩</sup> Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING

**GATHERING SONG**

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW 314

# Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Music notation for the first stanza, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

Music notation for the second stanza, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Music notation for the third stanza, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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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

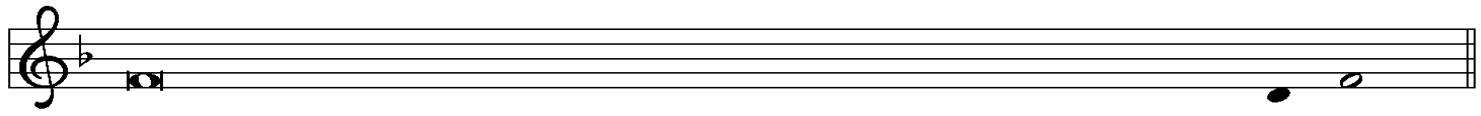
*The Children are invited to come forward. The children are dismissed for Children's Jam, Sunday School, returning during the Peace.*

### KYRIE

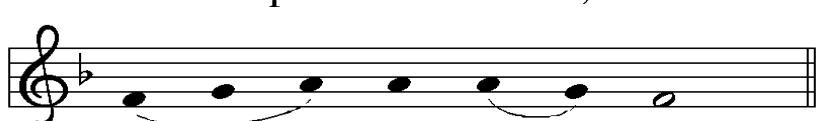
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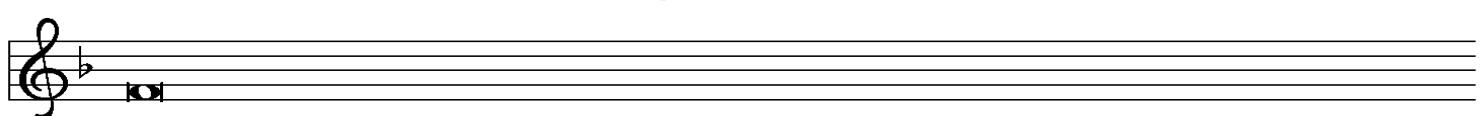
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



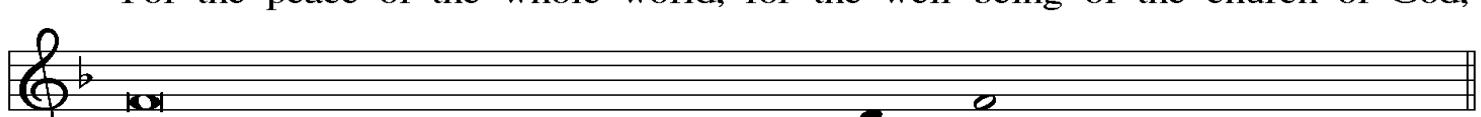
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



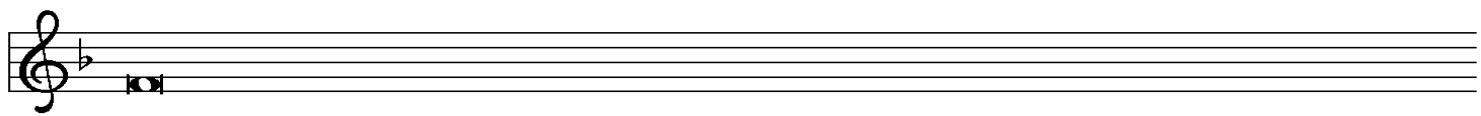
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



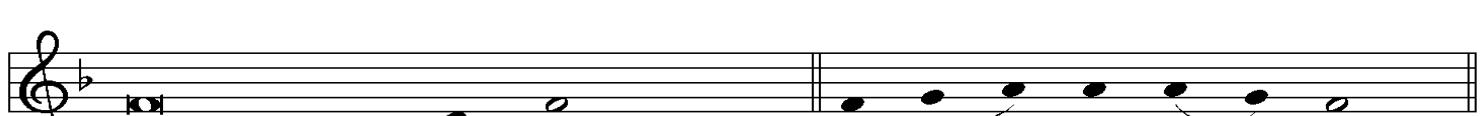
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



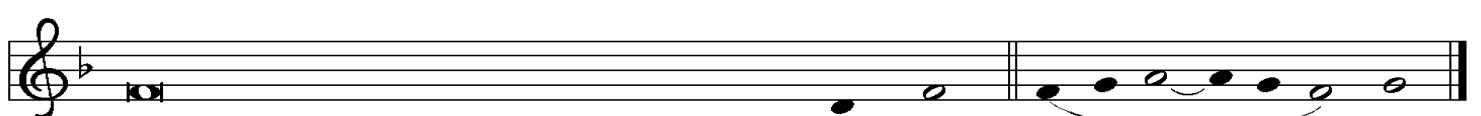
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Glory to God

## ELW Setting 3

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently up-<sup>1</sup> on the LORD,  
who stooped to me and<sup>1</sup> heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the<sup>1</sup> miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my<sup>1</sup> footing sure.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise<sup>1</sup> to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD!

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who<sup>1</sup> follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none  
can be com-<sup>1</sup> pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
But they are more than<sup>1</sup> I can count.

<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do<sup>1</sup> not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have<sup>1</sup> not  
required.

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, “Here I<sup>1</sup> am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is writ-<sup>1</sup> ten of me:

<sup>8</sup> ‘I love to do your will,<sup>1</sup> O my God;  
your law is<sup>1</sup> deep within me.’”

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the<sup>1</sup> great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O<sup>1</sup> LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your  
faithfulness and<sup>1</sup> your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love  
and truth from the<sup>1</sup> great assembly.

<sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas-<sup>1</sup>sion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually<sup>1</sup> keep me safe.

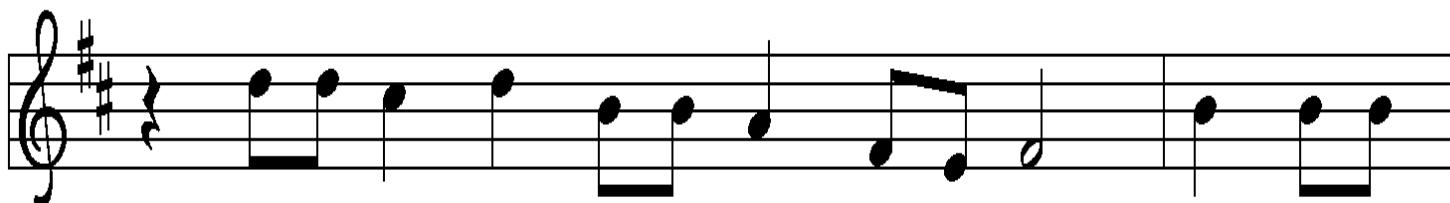
## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The word of the Lord.

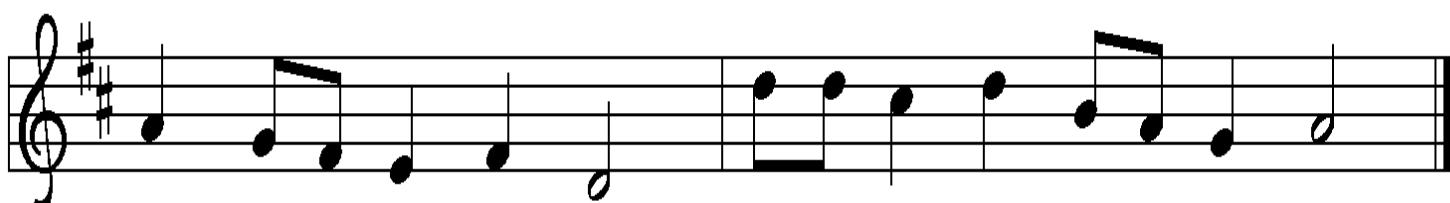
**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy gospel according to John, the 1st Chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## REFLECTION

Cyrisse Cooley

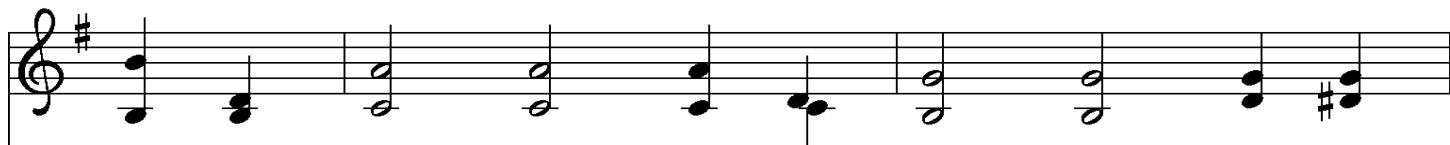
*A brief silence for reflection.*

*Please stand if you are able*

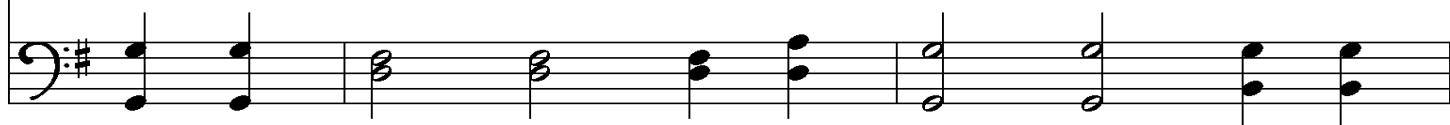
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

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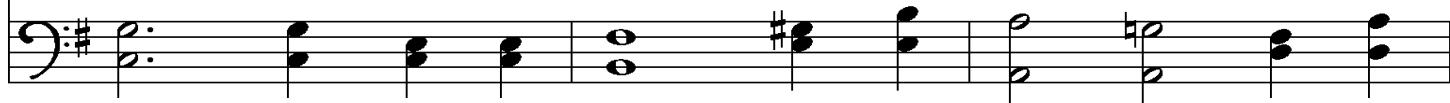
**Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult**



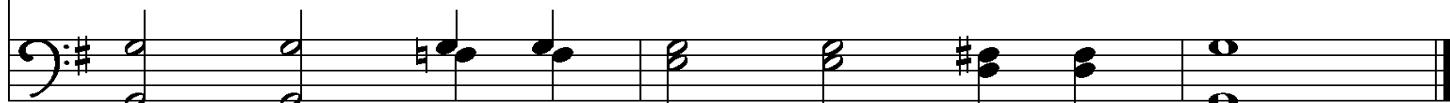
1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.



## **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**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*

**Merciful God,  
Receive our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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**

**ELW 302 Verse 4 only**

**As with Gladness Men of Old**



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



## OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
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'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Two Sundays ago, we were reminded that  
In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

Again, after supper ...  
...Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.**

**Communion has been pre-consecrated by Pastor Karen Matuska.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

**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*

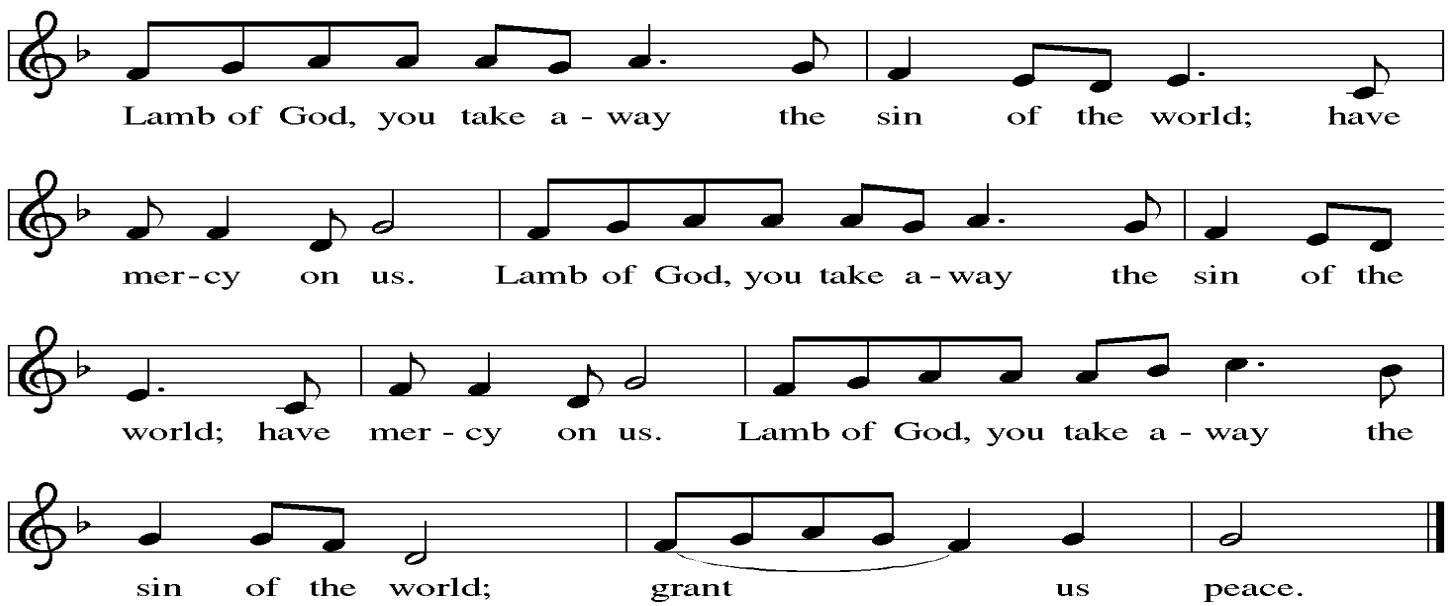
**Amen.**

**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



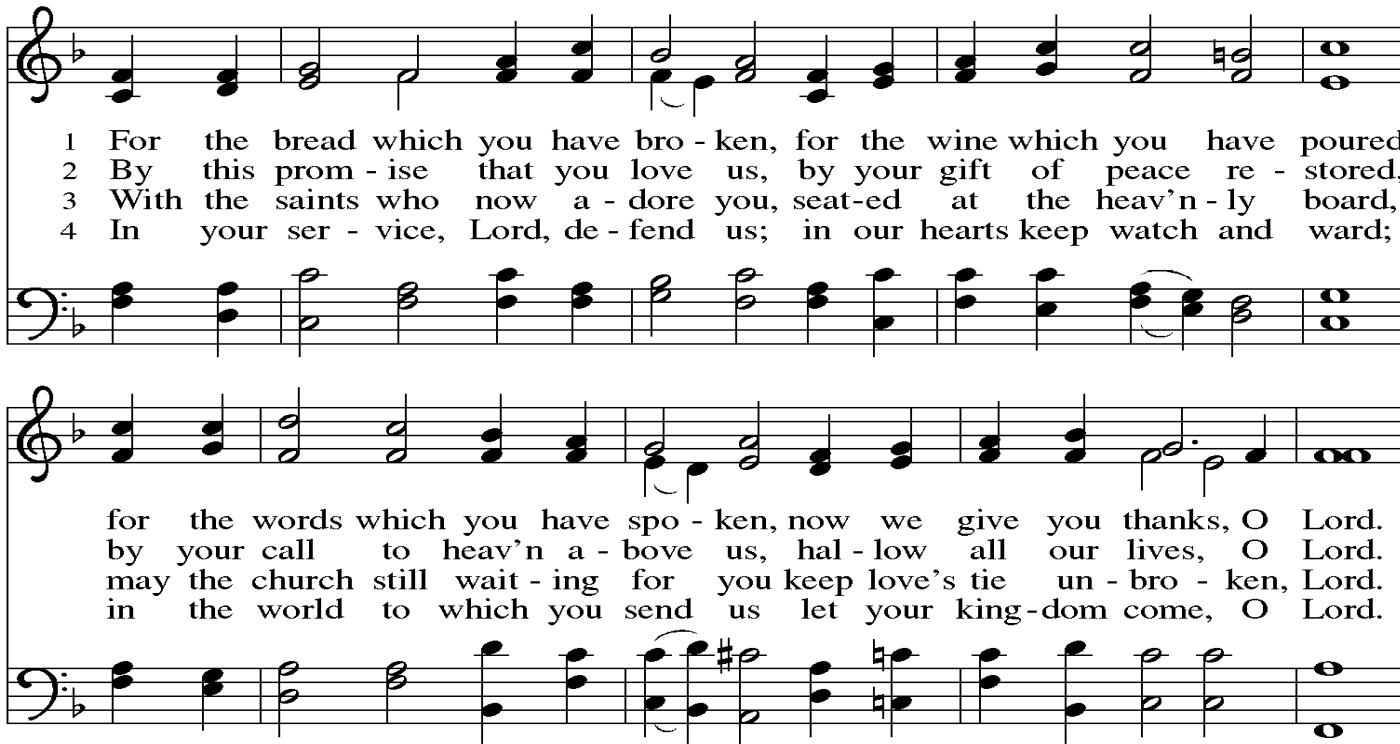
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please repeat until Communion is complete*

## COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 491

### For the Bread Which You Have Broken



1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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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**

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.  
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts  
the mystery of your presence.  
Move us to discover the wonders of your love  
in the everyday moments of our lives,  
through Christ born in us.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The triune God,  
glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One,  
abiding Comforter,  
☩ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

ELW 866

# We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Siyahamba*

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Si - ya - ham - ba* \_\_\_\_\_ *oo* \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ *oo* \_\_\_\_\_

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

*continued on page 17*

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba  
We are march - ing

oo  
oo

Si - ya - ham - ba,  
We are march - ing, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba,  
march - ing, we are march - ing, ham - ba,  
march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
Thanks be to God.

<b>Disciples Serving:</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Presider/Supply	Cyrisse Cooley	Ryan Kessinger
Assisting Minister:	Gwen Hedding	Cyrisse Cooley
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Vicki Moore	Connie Wisthoff
Ushers/Greeters:	Jackie Cooley	Jackie Cooley
Counters/Posters:	Nancy Piazza/Cassie Walgren	Lynn Truxell/Sue Kastelic
JAM:	Derek Truxell/Emily Briggs	Children's Sermon

### **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

January 19 Doris Ask

January 22 Gwen Hedding

### **PRAYERS**

<b>Members, Friends, Relatives</b>	<b>Added by Members</b>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Michael Beck	People of Tabor
Robert Bogusch	Nephew of Kathy Lambert
Michelle Buttram	Daughter of Julie Buttram
Pam Cardinal	Sister of Clay Kashner
Devin Caveza	Grandson of Tony Martinet
John Centa	Bowens Family
Sandy, Tyler and Tori English	Friends of Emily Briggs
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Vicki Granato	Michelle Vargues
Larry Hall	Bowens Family
Brian & Geri Helm	Bowens Family
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Etta Kay Johnson	Sister-in-law of Linda Johnson
Linda Johnson	People of Tabor
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor
Sue Kastelic	People of Tabor
Kathy Lambert	People of Tabor
Kathy Laney & Family	Connie Wisthoff
DJ Nichols	Truxell Family
Will Nichols	Truxell & Vargues Families
Evelyn Oney	Twin sister of Shirley Bass
Andrea Pitre	Friend of Emily Briggs
Kimberly & Kenzie Roberts	Daughter & Granddaughter of Gwen Hedding
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
Justin, Harper & Hazel Tolan	Grandson/Great-granddaughters of Denise Tristano
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell
Family of Marvin Wisthoff	People of Tabor
Sandra Zupan	Sister of Ruth Valencia