

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Service time: 9:30am**

**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00am-2:00pm**

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June 28, 2026

5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

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

## INTRODUCTION

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

## PRELUDE

Announcements are on page 12-14.

## 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,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess to you all our sins.**  
**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, call us back to you.**  
**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**  
**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**  
**In Christ's name we pray,**  
**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."  
In the name of God,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.  
**Amen.**

## **GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG**

***Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life***

**ELW 719**

# Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 among these restless throngs abide;  
 oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
 and follow where your feet have trod;  
 till glorious from your heav'n above  
 shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

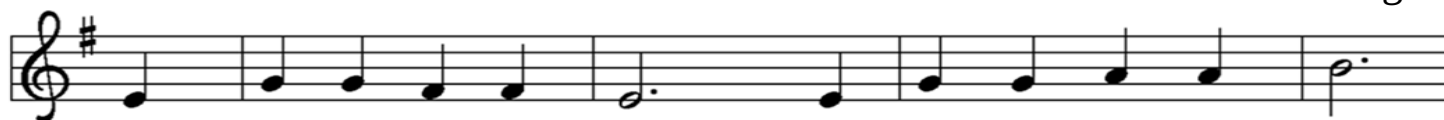
**And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*The children are invited to come forward.*

### 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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM: Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18**

*Read responsively*

- <sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, forever<sup>1</sup> will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro-<sup>1</sup>claim your faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab-<sup>1</sup>lished forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly<sup>1</sup> in the heavens.**
- <sup>3</sup> “I have made a covenant with my<sup>1</sup> chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da-<sup>1</sup>vid my servant:
- <sup>4</sup> **‘I will establish your<sup>1</sup> line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all<sup>1</sup> generations.’ ”**
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the<sup>1</sup> festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light<sup>1</sup> of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily<sup>1</sup> in your name;  
they are jubilant<sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.**
- <sup>17</sup> For you are the glory<sup>1</sup> of their strength,  
and by your favor our might<sup>1</sup> is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs<sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy<sup>1</sup> One of Israel.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

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 Matthew, the 10th Chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## REFLECTION

Ryan Kessinger

*A brief silence for reflection.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
 Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.  
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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**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus 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 167

#### Now the Feast and Celebration

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us 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.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

## In Christ Called to Baptize

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876, alt.

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## DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

| <b><u>Disciples Serving:</u></b> | <b><u>This Sunday</u></b>   | <b><u>Next Sunday</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Presider/Supply                  | Ryan Kessinger              | Stacie Bowens             |
| Assisting Minister:              | Riley Dunton                | Ryan Kessinger            |
| Pianist:                         | Dr. J. Michael Beck         | Dr. J. Michael Beck       |
| Altar Guild:                     | Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson | Connie Wisthoff           |
| Ushers/Greeters:                 | Jerry Vargues               | Jackie Cooley             |
| Counters/Posters:                | Karen Dunton/Leanne Neu     | Nancy Piazza/Sue Kastelic |
| JAM:                             | Children's Sermon           | Children's Sermon         |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- † Our Communion schedule for July has changed. Due to the first weekend in July being a holiday weekend, Pastor Karen is not available, but she will be joining us on July 12.

### **July's schedule is as follows:**

|         |                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| July 5  | Stacie Bowens - no communion    |
| July 12 | Pastor Karen Matuska- communion |
| July 19 | Cyrisse Cooley - communion      |
| July 26 | Ryan Kessinger - no communion   |

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## **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                 |
| Family of Emily Briggs            | People of Tabor                         |
| Pam Cardinal                      | Sister of Clay Kashner                  |
| Devin Caveza                      | Grandson of Tony Martinet               |
| John Centa                        | Bowens Family                           |
| Terry Engler                      | Sister of Vicki Moore                   |
| 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                         |
| Kathy Lambert                     | People of Tabor                         |
| Kathy Laney & Family              | Connie Wisthoff                         |
| DJ Nichols                        | Truxell Family                          |
| Will Nichols                      | Truxell & Vargues Families              |
| Evelyn Omev                       | Twin sister of Shirley Bass             |
| Andrea Pitre                      | Friend of Emily Briggs                  |
| 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 |
| Marvin Truxell                    | Truxell & Vargues Families              |
| Charlotte Vargues                 | People of Tabor                         |
| Family of Marvin Wisthoff         | People of Tabor                         |
| Sandra Zupan                      | Sister of Ruth Valencia                 |



# THE GOOD NEWS

TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

*June 25, 2026*



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## Noisy Offering collections for 2026:

Jan—June: A Caring Pregnancy Center

July—Dec: Posada



*Please remember to bring your food items to fill the little Red Wagon in the Narthex. In addition to non-perishable food items, the PCC Food Pantry also accepts toiletries and personal hygiene items.*



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

Next Meeting: July 12, 2026  
All Members are welcome to attend

## **Disciples Serving:**

## **This Sunday**

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