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July 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Setting 4 - ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Year A)

INTRODUCTION

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

PRELUDE

Announcements are on page 16-18.

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,
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.

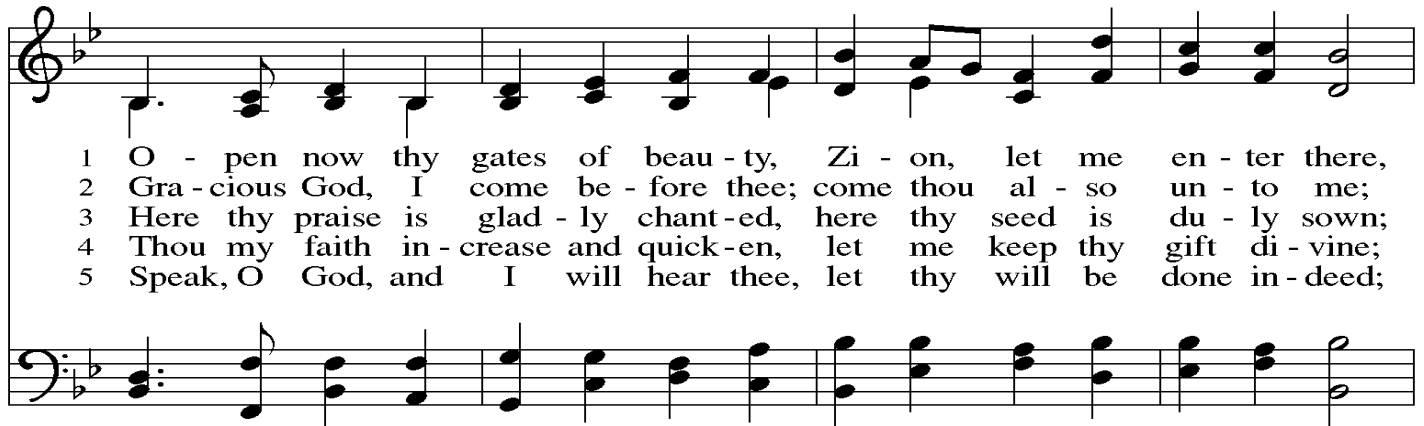
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GATHERING SONG

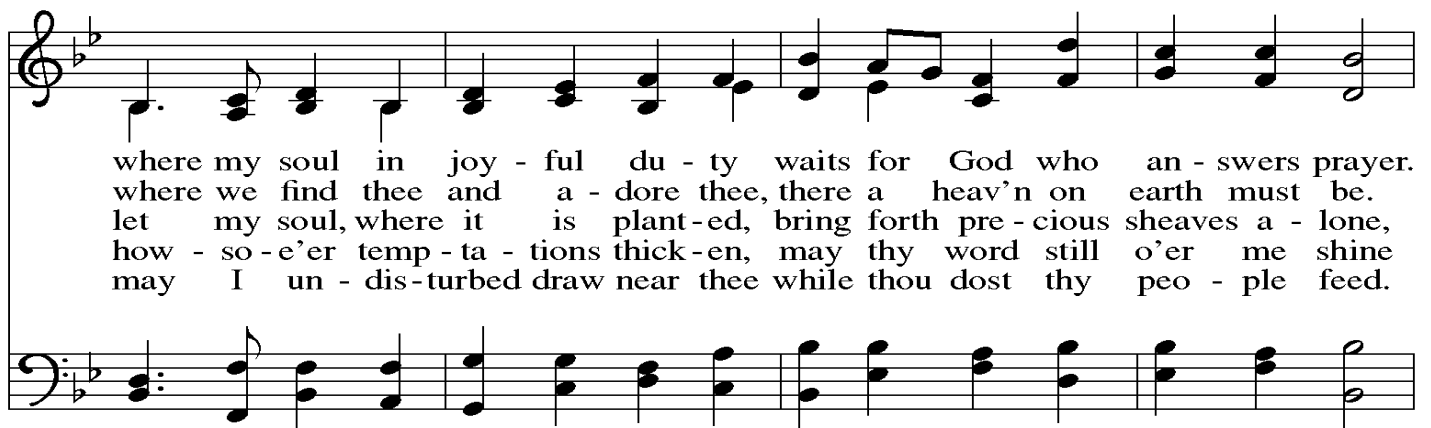
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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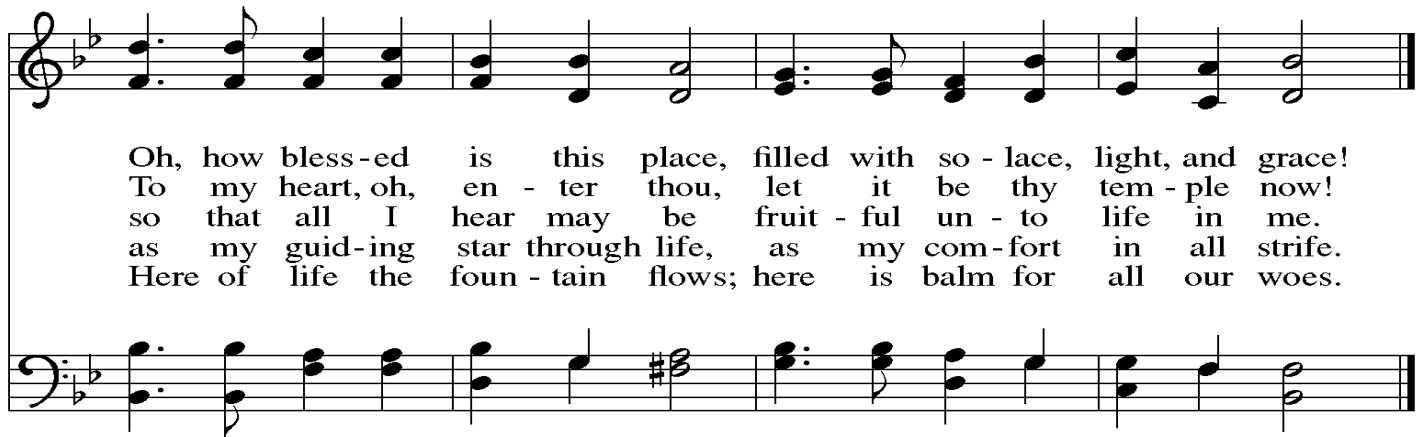
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

GREETING

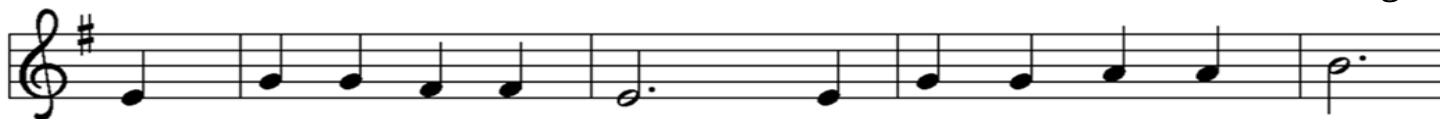
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 65 [1-8] 9-13

Read responsively

[¹ You are to be praised, O ¹ God, in Zion;
to you shall vows ¹ be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one ¹ who answers prayer,
to you all ¹ flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are strong- ¹ er than we are,
but you blot out ¹ our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your ¹ courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness ¹ of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of ¹ our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans ¹ far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains ¹ by your power;
you are girded a- ¹ bout with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring ¹ of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor ¹ of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your ¹ marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to ¹ sing for joy.]**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river
of God is ¹ full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide ¹ for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth ¹ out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and ¹ bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- |
selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

A brief silence for reflection.

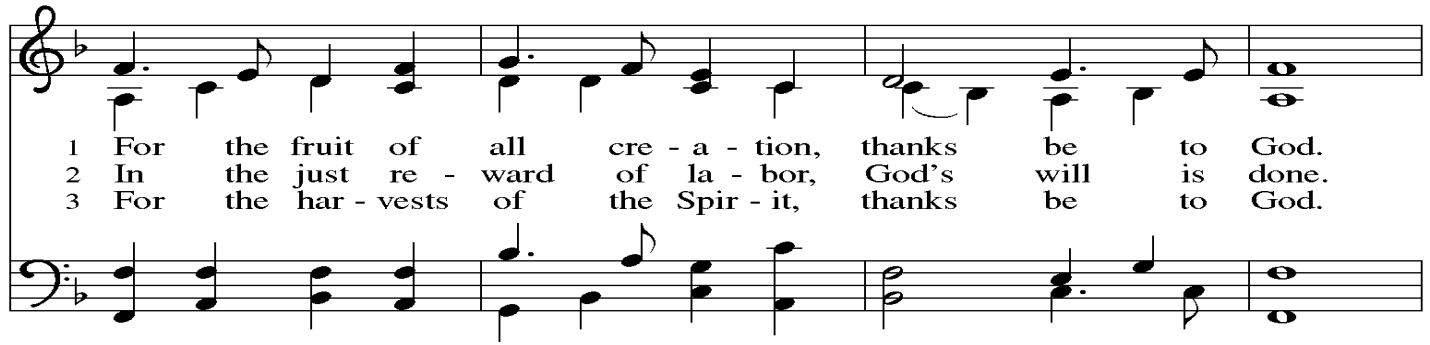
Pastor Karen Matuska

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HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 679

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

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

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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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude with:

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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.

MEAL

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND 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



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

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



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

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



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

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.

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, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a half note. The piece concludes 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

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
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

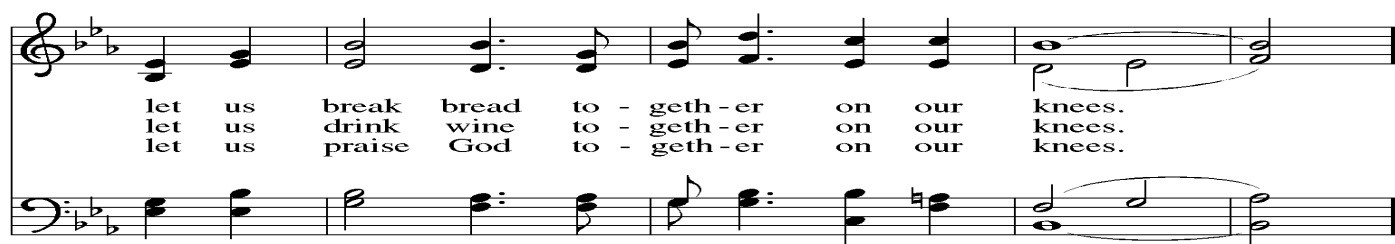
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Please repeat until Communion is complete

Let Us Break Bread Together

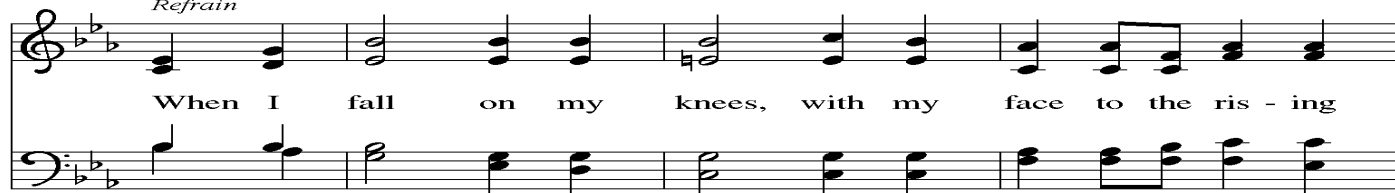


1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

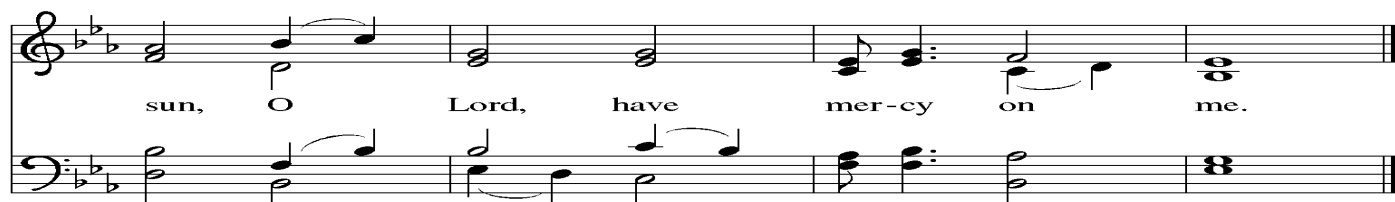


let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
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Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in the all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

<u>Disciples Serving:</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Presider/Supply	Pastor Karen Matuska	Cyrisse Cooley
Assisting Minister:	Riley Dunton	Jerry Vargues
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Connie Wisthoff	Connie Wisthoff
Ushers/Greeters:	Jackie Cooley	Jackie Cooley
Counters/Posters:	Lynn Truxell/Cassie Walgren	Stacie Bowens/Charlotte Vargues
JAM:	Children's Sermon	Children's Sermon

ANNIVERSARIES

June 14 Michelle & Jerry Vargues 25 years

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRAYERS

Members, Friends/Relatives	Added by Members
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 Omey	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
Sandra Zupan	Sister of Ruth Valencia



THE GOOD NEWS

TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

July 9, 2026



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 - no communion

July 12—Pastor Karen - communion

July 19—Cyrisse - communion

July 26—Ryan - no communion



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



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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.



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