

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Service time: 9:30am**

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

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September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

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

## INTRODUCTION

*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

## 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,  
who pours love into our hearts  
and healing upon the earth.

**Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness  
in the world and in our own hearts.**

**Creation groans from overuse.**

**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**

**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love  
to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.**

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**

**Renew us to live as your holy people,  
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,

in whom there is no condemnation,

but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

**Amen.**

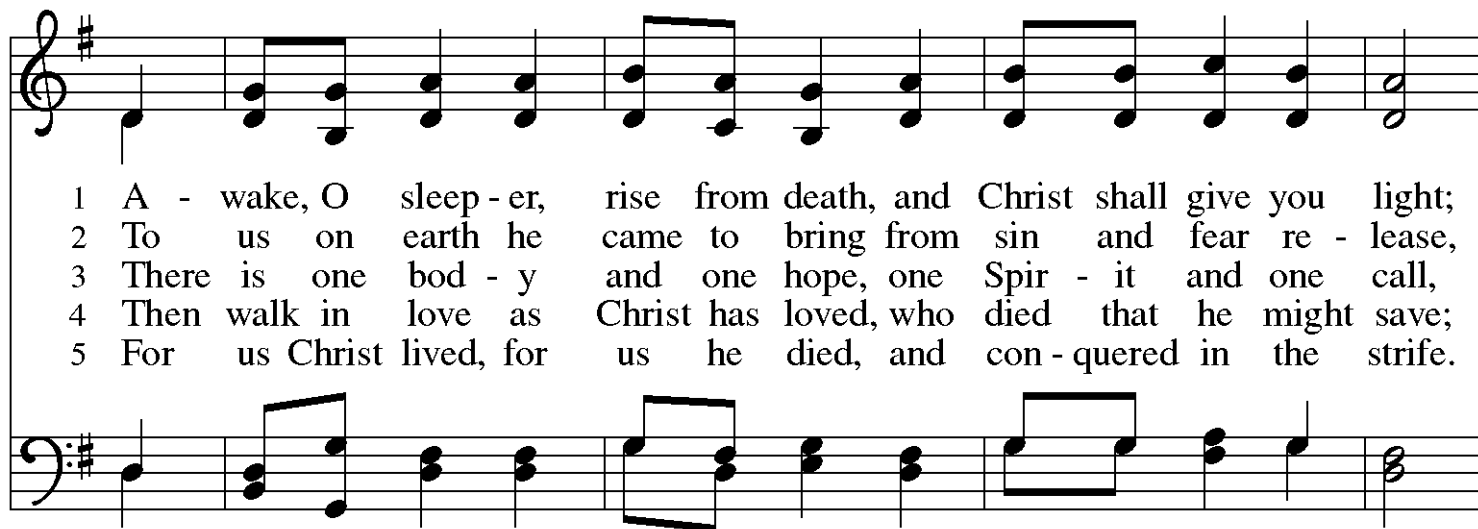
## **GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG**

***Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death***

**ELW 452**

# Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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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.

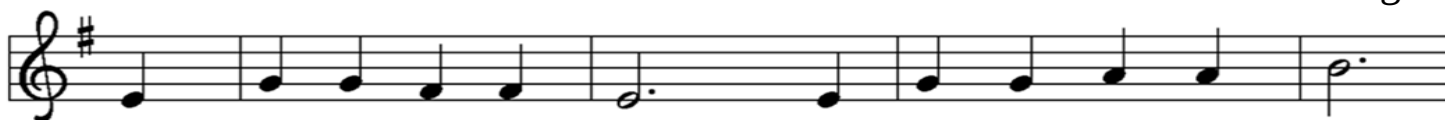
**And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13**

*Read responsively*

[<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**  
**and forget not | all God's benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives | all your sins  
and heals all | your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life | from the grave**  
**and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires | with good things  
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide | vindication  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup> You made known your | ways to Moses  
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.]  
<sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**  
<sup>9</sup> you will not al- | ways accuse us,  
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.  
<sup>10</sup> **You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.  
<sup>12</sup> **As far as the east is | from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion | for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD

**SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

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 18th Chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## REFLECTION

Riley Dunton

*A brief silence for reflection.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

# All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and  
 2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
 3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



- sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,  
 throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



- bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
 care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



- lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia.

## **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**

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**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

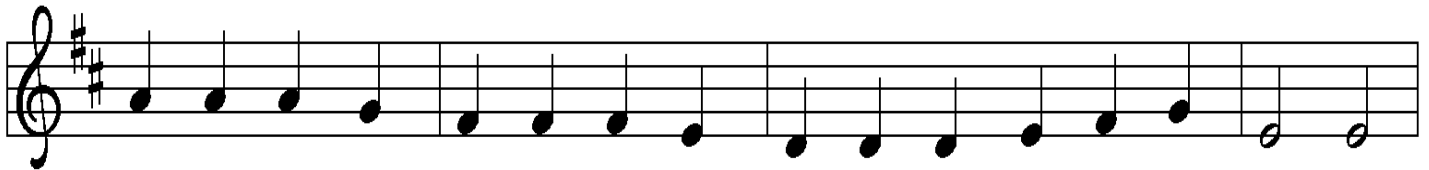
*Special Piano music*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### OFFERTORY:

ELW 466

## In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of creation,  
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.  
All blessings are from you;  
make us generous with what we have.  
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts  
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,  
today and always.  
**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**

The God of love  
draw you into full accord and one mind,  
in the body of Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

The God of hope  
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances  
through the interceding of the Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The God of grace  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## In Thee Is Gladness



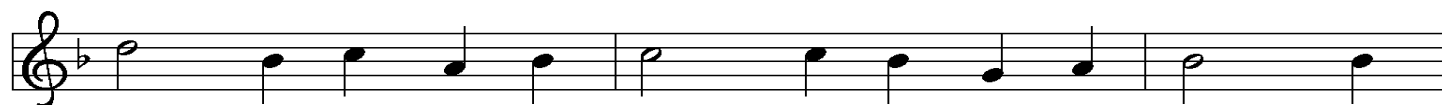
1 In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
 2 Je - sus is ours! . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the  
 death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can



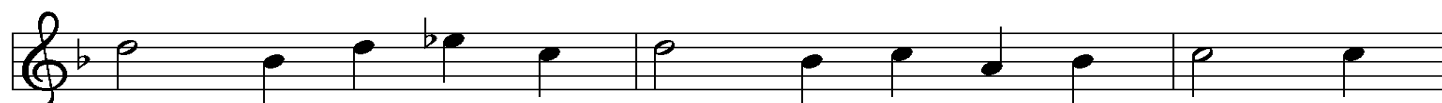
true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou  
 change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his



break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly  
 glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es



and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
 in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,  
 glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

## DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

| <b><u>Disciples Serving:</u></b> | <b><u>This Sunday</u></b>    | <b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>      |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Presider/Supply                  | Riley Dunton                 | Adam Bowens                    |
| Assisting Minister:              | Cyrisse Cooley               | Jerry Vargues                  |
| Pianist:                         | Dr. J. Michael Beck          | Dr. J. Michael Beck            |
| Altar Guild:                     | Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson  | Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson    |
| Ushers/Greeters:                 | Jerry Vargues                | Jerry Vargues                  |
| Counters/Posters:                | Kathy Lambert/Cassie Walgren | Karen Dunton/Charlotte Vargues |
| JAM:                             | Children's Sermon            | Children's Sermon              |

### **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

|              |                        |         |
|--------------|------------------------|---------|
| September 14 | Stacie Bowens          |         |
| September 14 | Karl & Adrian Wisthoff | 7 years |

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- † JAM will start on October 4 will go through May 2027. JAM sessions will be held during worship on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. Children's Sermons will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We need volunteers for teachers and helpers. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.
- † JAM Volunteer training and Safe Environment Protocol review will be held on September 20 after worship in the parlor.
- † Joy Circle will have an organizational meeting on September 21 at 9:30am in the parlor
- † Exciting News! Tabor has a new and easier way to tithe. Just scan the PayPal QR code below to donate directly to **Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pueblo** (full PayPal account name). Or use the email: [tltreasurerpueblo@gmail.com](mailto:tltreasurerpueblo@gmail.com) (Venmo coming soon!)



## **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                        |
| Marcus 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                  |
| 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                 |