TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 25, 2026 Reformation Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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

INTRODUCTION

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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,
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 ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** ELW 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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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.

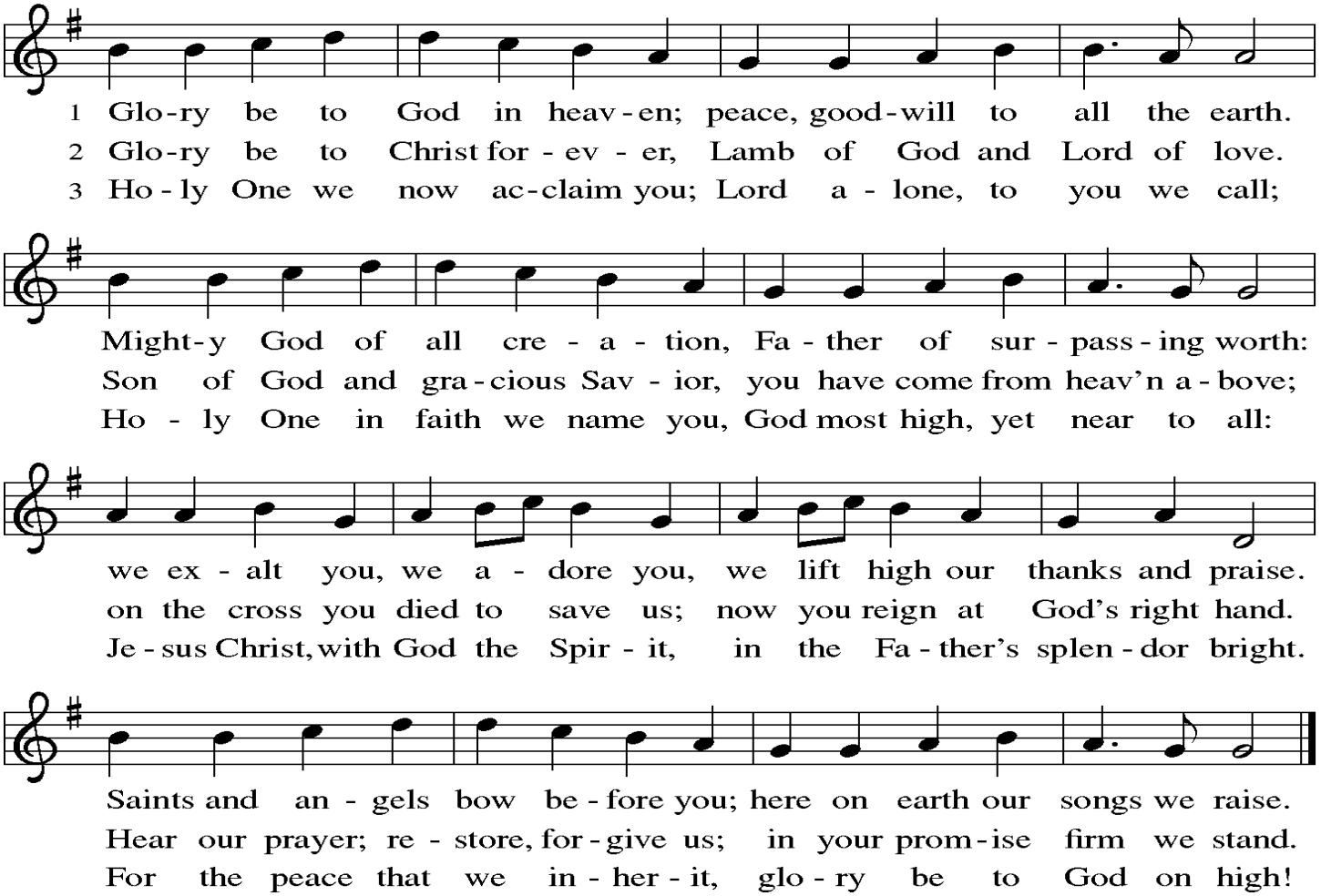
CHILDREN'S SERMON

The children are invited to come forward.

KYRIE ELW Setting 10



CANTICLE OF PRAISE ***Glory to God*** ELW Setting 10



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 46 ***Read responsively***

1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
6 **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
7 The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
8 **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
10 **"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
11 The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy gospel according to John 8th Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8;31-36
The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ.

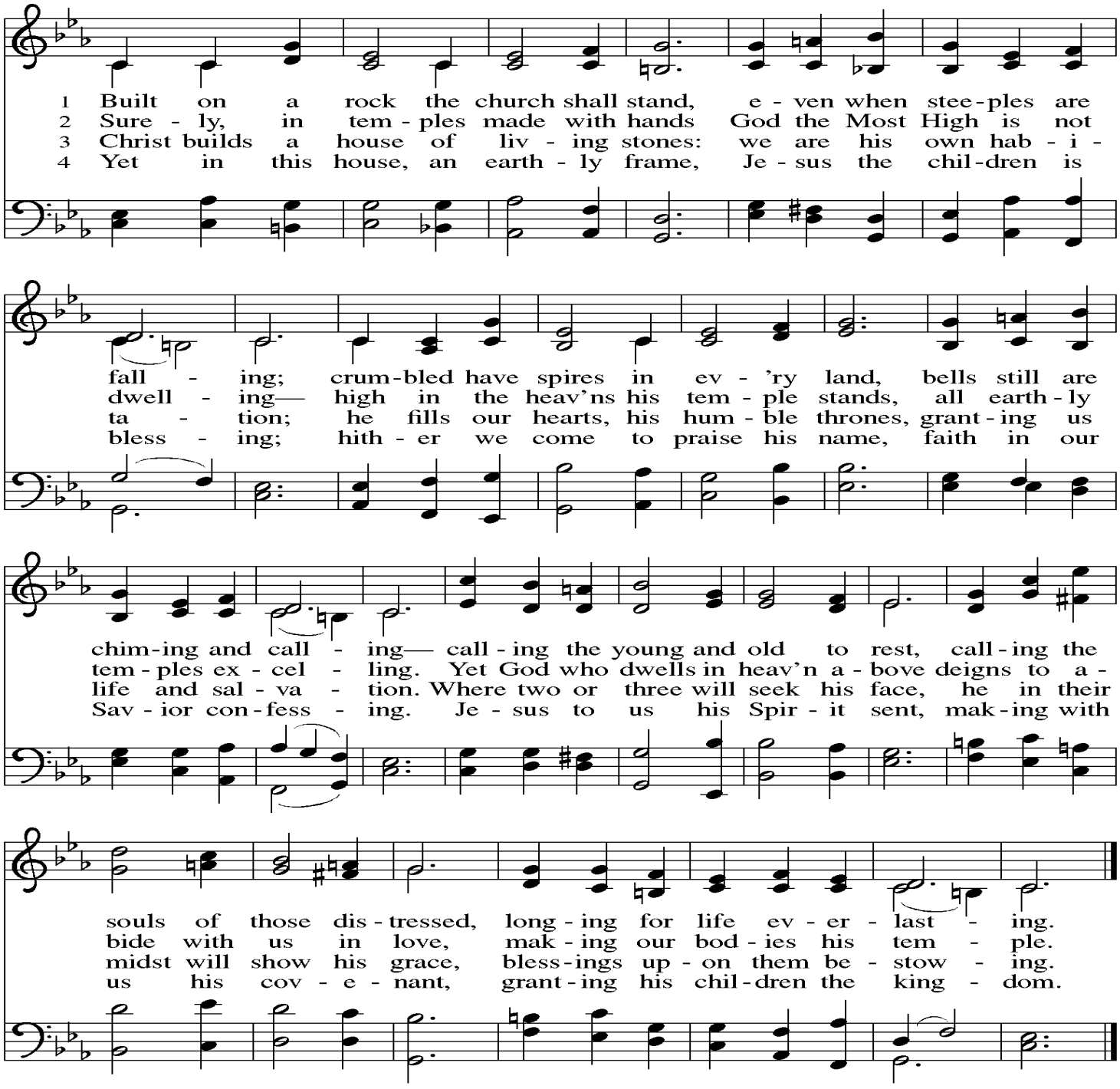
Please be seated.
REFLECTION Ryan Kessinger
A brief silence for reflection.

Please stand if you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 652

Built on a Rock



5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.
A brief silence

Each petition ends:
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude with:
Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 462

Now We Join in Celebration



Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990
Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662
Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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.

SENDING HYMN ELW 645

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Disciples Serving:	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Presider/Supply	Ryan Kessinger	Pastor Karen Matuska
Assisting Minister:	Riley Dunton	Cyrisse Cooley
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Connie Wisthoff	Cassie Walgren
Ushers/Greeters:	Jackie Cooley	Tony Martinet
Counters/Posters:	Kathy Lambert/Leanne Neu	Karen Dunton/Sue Kastelic
JAM:	Children's Sermon	Derek Truxell/Emily Briggs

BIRTHDAYS

October 30 Michelle Vargues

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A German meal will be provided after church on today - **Reformation Sunday**. Bratwurst, sauerkraut and homemade German potato salad. Bring family and friends, all are welcome! Free-will offering/donations will be accepted for the meal.

- Lay Pastor meeting - November 4, 2026 at 6:30pm on Zoom

- Tabor's Annual Congregational Election Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026 immediately following worship. Please plan on attending.

- We will have Breakfast Burritos and Green Chile after church on Sunday, November 15th.

- 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 (Venmo coming soon!)

PRAYERS

Members, Friends/Relatives	Added by Members
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Michael Beck	People of Tabor
Michelle Buttram	Daughter of Julie Buttram
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
Family of John Centa	People of Tabor
Terry Engler	Sister of Vicki Moore
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 Omey	Twin sister of Shirley Bass
Andrea Pitre	Friend of Emily Briggs
Starcher Family	Friends of Emily Briggs
Caitlan Thorne & Family	Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Sandra Zupan	Sister of Ruth Valencia

THE GOOD NEWS

TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

October 21, 2026

Reformation Sunday is October 25. Don't' forget to wear red!



A German meal (sponsored by Joy Circle) will be provided after church on Reformation Sunday (Oct 25). Bratwurst, sauerkraut and home-made German potato salad. Bring family and friends, all are welcome! Free-will offering/donations will be accepted for the meal.



We will have Breakfast Burritos and Green Chili after church on Sunday, November 15

A clipboard will be passed around during worship this Sunday for you to fill out the name of loved ones you wish to honor on All Saints Sunday (November 1), as well as their relationship to you. Please be sure to indicate if they died between November 2025 and November 2026. You may also email/call the office with their names

Lay Pastor Meeting will be held on November 4, 2026 at 6:30pm on Zoom.

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October 30	Michelle Vargues

We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 22nd after worship. All volunteers willing to help will be greatly appreciated!

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