

**November 2, 2025
All Saint's Sunday**



Mount Tabor Lutheran Church



Welcome to Our Service

Our mission at Mount Tabor is to be “an inclusive, compassionate faith community living God’s love in the world.”

Mount Tabor is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation of the ELCA. This means that all are welcome and affirmed, especially our LGBTQ+ siblings, and that we are connected to the world. We all have a place here at God’s round table just as we are!

If this is your first time here, a special welcome to you! We are mask optional and mask friendly. Please sign the guest register in the narthex (along with your e-mail and cell) so we can be in touch, put on a name tag, and join us for refreshments after the service.

Holy Communion is open to all. Children of all ages are invited to receive communion with their parents’ or guardians’ permission. Come when you are ready. Gluten-free bread is available. If you would like a blessing, come to the altar with your arms folded.

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary. We are blessed to be part of their faith formation through worship!

Prayer slips are available from the ushers. Write your prayers and then leave them in the offering plates to be added to the prayer chain around the altar.

Please turn off cell phones in the sanctuary before worship begins.

You may add names to the prayer list by sending a request to Brenda Wardle (office@mttaborslc.org), or Pastor Christine (pastor@mttaborslc.org). Names added to the prayer list will remain there for one month. You may request that they stay on longer or come off sooner by contacting the same people.

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All Saint's Sunday

Liturgy - Dancing at the Harvest

Greeting & Preparation for Worship

Today we are celebrating All Saints Day. Though we don't typically celebrate the canonized saints of the church and all their various saints' days in our denomination, we recognize that we have saints in our own lives who have formed our faith in some way and who have passed on from this life. So, on All Saints Day, we celebrate, honor, and remember these forebearers of the faith. Today in worship we will read aloud the names of the saints in our community who have passed in the last year. You will also have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of the saints in your life, whether they passed just recently or long ago. If you are worshiping from home, we invite you to find a candle to light so you can join us in this time of remembering our saints. We pray that their memory will continue to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love for us all.

Prelude

Bob Brown

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as the People of God.

***Call to Worship**

The dimple in your right cheek,
the child playing peek-a-boo from his stroller,
the abuelita who spends her afternoons in the park by 86th;
the teenagers on the subway who cannot control their laughter;
Neil, my neighbor, who always asks about you,
the mother who whispers a dozen times a day,
"thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus";
the saxophone player at 42nd street, the poets, the artists, the garden
volunteers;

the metro car driver who sticks his head out the window to make sure we're all aboard;

the man who gave up his seat on the subway, the kid in the dinosaur pajamas who cannot be convinced they're not school attire;

the teachers, the nurses, the taxi cab drivers;

the woman at the end of the block with her yappy dogs and her books in the window,

the lovers that lay sprawled out on park blankets,

the runners, the daydreamers, the sidewalk chalk artists;

John from upstairs whose favorite flowers are yellow tulips,

the Persian man at the grocery who tells me to be safe when I leave, my grandmother in Georgia;

my neighbor, the stranger;

thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus.

Where I Saw God Last, by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

***Invitation to Confession and Absolution**

When we remember the saints, we do so with rose-colored glasses. We watch the highlight reels of their lives in our minds, leaving their missteps and mistakes on the cutting room floor. We want to hold on to the very best of them, but in doing so, we forget the complexities that made them human—that make us human. God wants every part of us, not just the highlight reel. So let us come before God with honesty and authenticity. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we want to make you proud. We want to hide away our faults so no one can see. We want to be considered worthy of sainthood. But you know our faults anyway. You know every detail of our lives.

Forgive us for trying to pretend we're perfect.

Holy God, we confess that we dance along the line between self-improvement and vanity. We read self-help books, listen to sages who tell us how we can achieve perfection, and try to eliminate all the mess from our lives so we can feel in control.

Forgive us for striving to be godlike when all you've ever asked of us is to be human.

Holy God, we forget that even the saints are human. Even the saints are messy and complicated. Our heroes are flawed, our loved ones make mistakes, and our idols aren't really made of solid gold. We confess that we are quick to judge the faults of others we have placed on a pedestal, as though they aren't human too.

Forgive us for expecting too much of one another.

Forgive us, we pray. Give us grace to trade the illusion of perfection for the real life you have gifted us and hold us secure in the promise of future glory.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Family of faith, hear the good news: you do not have to be perfect to be a saint. You just have to be the person God created you to be. God's grace is abundant, and it is for you. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for a love like that!

Amen.

Gathering Song

For All the Saints

ELW 422

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.

God of Love, Have Mercy



Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts: **God of love, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer-cy.**



For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, for the



u-ni-ty of all peo-ple, pray to our God:



God of love, have mer-cy. God of love, have mer-cy.



For the peo-ple of God, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer-cy.**



Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious God. A - men

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Jubilate

Ju-bi - la - te, ju-bi - la - te, ju-bi - la - te De - o.

Ju-bi - la - te, ju-bi - la - te, ju-bi - la - te De - o.

Ju-bi - la - te, ju-bi - la - te, ju-bi - la - te De - o.

Ju-bi - la - te, ju-bi - la - te ju-bi - la - te

De - o. Ju - bi - la - te, ju - bi - la -

te, ju - bi - la - te De - o.

Text: Traditional
 Music: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, we rely so much on our senses to know what's real. We want to see, hear, and feel. We cling to the tangible because our brains can categorize it and analyze it. And what we can categorize, we can control. But there is so much that

we can't see, hear, or touch, and it's just as real as anything we can grasp. Open our hearts, minds, and souls to your wonder and mystery. Help us trade analysis for curiosity and knowledge for wisdom. Release our grasp on the things of this world so we can wade into your Word with open hands. Humbly we pray,
Amen.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

First Reading

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Be Thou My Vision
Mallory deForest and Lee Kreutzer

arr. Tom Fettke

Second Reading

Psalms 139

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"
¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**
¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.**
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,**

when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ **I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

¹⁹ O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—

²⁰ **those who speak of you maliciously
and lift themselves up against you for evil!**

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

²² **I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.**

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴ **See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

DATH 15

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains measures 1 and 2, and the second staff contains measures 3 and 4. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' are written below the notes. Measure 1 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 2 continues the melody. Measure 3 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 4 continues the melody and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

** May be sung in canon*

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The Gospel

John 16:16-28

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ “A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷ Then some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying to us, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me,’ and ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸ They said, “What does he mean by this ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’?” ²⁰ Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is in labor, she has pain because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. ²² So you have pain now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. ²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but will tell you plainly of the Father. ²⁶ On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf, ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Christine Higuera-Street

A time of silence follows the sermon for reflection on the message.

*Hymn of the Day

Hymn of Promise – In the Bulb

C F Gm/F

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

C C7/F F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;

F Bb F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

Dm Bb F Dm Gm C F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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 PROMISE

Please be seated.

Time of Remembrance

On All Saints Day, we take time to remember and honor those who have gone before us. While they were with us, we saw them face to face. Their voice, their touch, their smile. And now, beyond the veil that separates this world and the next, all we see is the glow of their Christ-light, flickering as part of the great cloud of witnesses.

Candles are lit for congregants who have died this year.

Though we don't see them face to face any longer, these saints are not gone. Their memory lives on in us as their soul lives on in their Creator. Their Christ-light shines just as brightly as before, unbound by the physical limitations of their earthly bodies. They are now part of the glory that awaits beyond this life. Thanks be to God. I invite you now to come forward and light a candle in memory of the saints in your own life.

Candles are lit for loved ones who are no longer with us.

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we entrust these souls to you. As you formed them from the earth, we have returned their bodies to the earth. And as you breathed your breath of life into them, their souls have returned to you, Source of All. Hold them close, and hold us close, too. Give us your peace as we await the day we return to you in glory. In life, in death, and in life after death, we trust in you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember in prayer.

Vicki Lange	Travis and Nathan Jelsma- Beery
Paul Robinson	Tobias Goldsmith
Stephanie Wilson	Brenna Brown
Sheri Clark	Coni Hampton
Charlie Clapp	Scott Wilson
Barb Viskochil	Kevin McGreeney
Janis Knight	
Family of Marianne Warren	

We pray for all those suffering the effects of traumatic events, natural disasters and climate change. We pray for the recovery efforts, the first responders and volunteers who are serving in these areas.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Family of faith, knowing that the passing from one world to the next is hard on those who remain, Jesus offered these words of comfort to his closest friends before he left this earth: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

Let us now offer this peace to one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

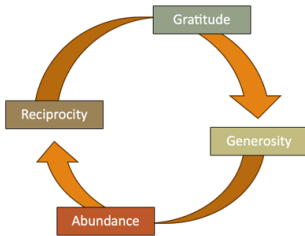
And also with you.

MEAL

God Feeds Us with the Presence of Jesus Christ.

Invitation to the Offering

Sharing our Gifts and Gratitude – See Bulletin Insert



The Giving Cycle of Gratitude > Generosity > Abundance > Reciprocity

Living with reciprocity means creating a consistent flow of giving and receiving, not only in relationships but also with nature and community. A reciprocity plan formalizes this practice, making it intentional and actionable.

~ Robin Wall Kimmerer

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- Offering plates located at the doors of the sanctuary.
- eGiving online using a credit card or ACH. Visit: <https://mttaborslc.org/give> or contact office@mttaborslc.org for more information.
- Use this QR code to donate electronically.



Prayer of Gratitude

Let us pray,

Holy God, you knit us together, threading our lives to the generations before us and the generations after us. May these gifts be used to continue the work our ancestors began and to build on what we are doing now. Into your hands, we entrust these gifts so that our unfinished work will one day be complete.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The table is prepared as the assembly sings:

Lamb of God

DATH 23

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 your peace, grant us your peace.

Text: "Agnus Dei," traditional
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*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.

Invitation to the Table

The saints have gathered around this ... Let us pray:

Table Prayer

Holy Creator...May we then come to fully understand the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Amen.

The Words of Institution

Paul tells the Corinthians... until he comes.”

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The Distribution *Come when you are ready, children are always welcome!*

Communion Song Come, Let Us Eat **ELW 491**

 Shall We Gather at the River **ELW 423**

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

**God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.**

**Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.**

SENDING

God Blesses Us and Sends Us in Mission to the World.

Our Life Together (pg. 16)

***Blessing & Benediction**

Children of God, as you leave this place, know that you are not alone. You are surrounded by the company of the saints, held by the God who made you, and led by the Spirit who binds us all together. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Song Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In **ACS 950**



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
 hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Bob Brown

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All Saints Sunday: November 2, 2025
Assisting Minister: Kylie Jones-Greenwood
Lector: Becki Kaiser
Usher: Leslie Carey
Counters: Steven Baker / Kathy Pearson
Greeter: Jean Stephenson
Altar Ministry: Becki Kaiser
AV Technicians: Lee Kreutzer, Duane Lee
Presiding Minister: Rev. Christine Higuera-Street
Administrative Assistants: Kristin Jensen

Our Life Together Announcements

Utah Food Bank: We will be sorting food at the Utah Food Bank **Saturday, November 8th from 10am to Noon.**

"Dinner At Vinnies" service opportunity is Tuesday, November 11, from 4:30-6:30pm at the St Vincent DePaul Dining Hall at the Weigand Center downtown. Come and share Tabor's gracious and loving hospitality with our hungry neighbors living on the streets. We always have room for more volunteers! Please see Casey White if you have any questions.

OAKS will be meeting for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, November 18th at noon. Let Pastor Christine know if you plan on attending at 801-215-9208. Come join us for fellowship and fun!

Senior Food Box Distribution Our distribution of USDA food boxes to seniors in our neighborhood continues with our next distribution set for **Wednesday, November 19.** These boxes are available for those who meet eligibility guidelines and have signed up through the Utah Food Bank.

Worship & Music Ministry will be meeting on Sunday, November 23, immediately following worship.

On **Sunday, November 30th**, following worship, let's **Deck the Halls and decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas!** Let us all enjoy the fun in trimming the tree. ~Advent Blessings, Lanea

The twelve parking slots on the north side of the parking lot have been leased to students living in Unite Student Living for their use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **The slots are numbered 1 to 12. Do not park in these slots as your vehicle may be towed.**

Please **refrain from placing anything with liquid or food in the recycling can.** Please **empty all liquids into the sink** before placing items in the trash. If you make a mess, **please clean up after yourselves.** We want to be an example to the groups we share our space with.

The Call Committee is pleased to share that **Mount Tabor's Ministry Site Profile has been officially submitted to the ELCA on 20 October.** This marks an important step forward in our journey toward finding a pastor whose gifts and calling fit the needs of our congregation. We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated in the Transition Team listening circles and supported this process with prayer and insight. **Please continue to keep the Call Committee and the pastor God is preparing for us in your prayers.**

Your in-kind donations can be recorded as well as monetary giving! Please find the Expense Request forms in the narthex. Select "Credit as donation to (your name)" and leave in the church office. Thank you!

Crossroads Urban Center's Thrift Store at 1385 West Indiana Avenue, Salt Lake City **needs your donations!** Fall is a great time to clear out closets, drawers and other places to help them out. Stop by during their operating hours, no appointment is necessary, **Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM** at 1385 West Indiana Avenue, Salt Lake City. Let them know you are from Mt. Tabor! **Donation Needs:** Children's Clothing • Women's Clothing, especially large sizes • Men's Clothing • Shoes, work boots, and socks • Jackets and Coats • Underwear (new) • Jeans and Work Pants • Blankets, Towels, and Sheets • Dishes and Silverware • Pots, Pans, and Crock Pots • Tents • Sleeping Bags • Small Appliances • Household Goods

The Nominating Committee will be asking Tabor members to step up as leaders by accepting nominations for the council. Please consider saying yes to this important part of being the church as leaders for the future as we wait and prepare for a new pastor.

Pastor Christine is available by voice mail or text message. Her contact information is 801-215-9208. Emails can be sent to pastor@mttaborslc.org