

# Transfiguration of Our Lord



**MOUNT TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**MARCH 2, 2025**



## **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 welcome** at all times in the sanctuary. We are blessed to be part of their faith formation through worship!

**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](mailto:office@mttaborslc.org)), or Pastor Christine ([pastor@mttaborslc.org](mailto: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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**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
ELW Setting Ten  
Please stand as you are able

**Greeting & Preparation for Worship**

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude**

Bob Brown

**Confession and Absolution**

*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,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.  
**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**  
**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

Alleluia Song of Gladness

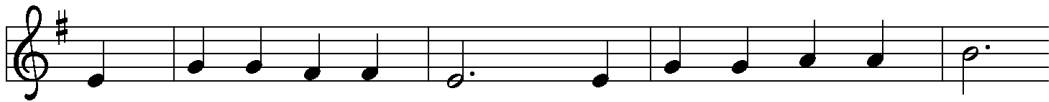
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## Greeting

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.**

## Kyrie



- 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!

## Song of Praise



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Please be seated.

## **THE WORD**

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song*

### **First Reading**

Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. .

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Special Music**

Dance of The Blessed Spirits

by C Gluck  
Stephanie Wilson, Flute

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## 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 Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 9:28-36**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

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**

How Good, Lord, to be Here!

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## **The Prayers of the People**

*Please be seated.*

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

**After each petition**

God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**We remember in prayer. . . . .**

Vicki Lange

Tonya Ashton

Jan Burke

Paul Robinson

Dannie Gavros

Rosemary Stelz

Scott Larrabee

Doug Kempf

Ben Roundy

Toby Goldsmith

Travis and Nathan Jelsma-Beery

Hannah Comb

The Wardle Family

Leonard

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 entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen**

## **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



## MEAL

*God Feeds Us with the Presence of Jesus Christ.*

### Sharing our Gifts and Gratitude

We provide several ways of sharing your financial blessings with our congregation. Offering plates are located at the doors of the sanctuary and envelopes can be found in the pews. **Simply Giving** is an automatic direct-donation method of supporting our life and ministry together. If you would like to enroll in **Simply Giving** or if you are interested in updating your giving amount, frequency, etc., please contact [office@mttaborslc.org](mailto:office@mttaborslc.org) with your request. We are grateful and thankful for your support and wonderful generosity. *Alternately, feel free to use this QR code to contribute electronically.*



### Prayer of Gratitude

Let us pray,

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

*The table is prepared as the assembly sings:*

## Lamb of God



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.

## \*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.**

## Table Prayer

Holy God . . . and together with the heavenly host we praise your name.

**Amen**



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

## **Communion Songs**

Beautiful Savior

**#838**

As the Grains of Wheat

**#465**

## **\*Post Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

**Nourishing God,**

**at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ, we pray.**

**Amen.**

**Please be seated.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **Our Life Together (pg.15)**

### **\*Blessing**

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Bob Brown

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**Transfiguration of Our Lord: March 2, 2025**  
**Assisting Minister:** Stephanie Wilson  
**Lector:** Dan Wall  
**Counters:** Virginia Hancock, Kathy Pearson  
**Usher:** Leslie Carey  
**Altar Ministry:** Lee Kreutzer  
**Music Director:** Bob Brown  
**AV Technicians:** Duane Lee, Lee Kreutzer  
**Remote Office Assistant:** Brenda Wardle  
**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Christine Higuera-Street

## Our Life Together Announcements

**Ash Wednesday** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a service at **noon** and at **7:00 PM**.

**As we begin our Lenten journey**, please join us for fellowship and food at 6 pm before the Wednesday 7 pm service. **We are asking volunteers to provide soups (2 +1 vegetarian), bread, and beverages. Please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen** for one of these dates: March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 9.

**"Dinner At Vinnies" service opportunity is Tuesday, March 11th 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.

**Council** meets **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** following worship.

**OAKS (Older Adults Knowing Strength)** bible study and luncheon. On Tuesday, March 18th at noon. Please let Stephanie Willson know no if you plan on attending by Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Subsequent OAKS will be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, all are welcome.

**Senior Food Box Distribution** Our distribution of USDA food boxes to seniors in our neighborhood continues with our next distribution set for **Wednesday, March 19th**. Boxes are available for those who meet eligibility guidelines and have signed up through the Utah Food Bank. This program is a natural extension of our ongoing partnership with the food bank in which Taborites have volunteered at the Utah Food Bank for over 30 years!

**Pastor Christine** is available by text or email. Her contact information is [pastor@mttaborslc.org](mailto:pastor@mttaborslc.org) or 801-215-9208