Seventh Sunday of Easter June 1, 2025



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 welcome at all times 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 (<u>office@mttaborslc.org</u>), or Pastor Christine (<u>pastor@mttaborslc.org</u>). 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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Greeting & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Bob Brown

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

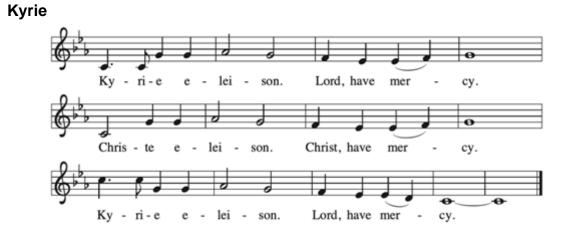
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** **Gathering Song**

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.



Song of Praise



Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortunetelling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoved, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds: then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

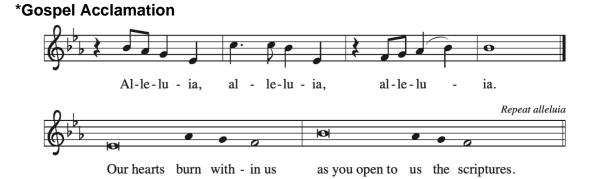
Special Music

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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The Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to **Glory to you, O Lord John.**

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Christine Higueria-Street

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

*Hymn of the Day

Thine the Amen vs 1All, 2Hi, 3lo, 4Acap, 5All **ELW 826**

Please be seated.

Ministry Recognition – Transition Team & Call Committee

Transition team and Call Committee members come forward.

Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God.

Recognition upon Completion of Service

Today it is our privilege to give thanks for those who are completing a time of service in the ministry of the Transition Team within this congregation.

The presiding minister continues with prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. We give thanks for the ways these gifts have been shown forth among us through your servants Lanea Brown, Dannie Gavros, David Simpson and Radek Omelianczyk.

We praise you for shared joys and accomplishments, and we commend our work to you. Grant that we may continue to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Recognition When Beginning or Continuing Service

Today it is also our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those in the ministry of the Call Committee.

The presiding minister addresses those who are beginning or continuing their service.

Siblings in Christ, both your work and your rest are in God.

Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,

in gratitude to God and in service to others,

as you carry out the ministry of the Call Committee in this congregation? **Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your siblings in Christ, in their service,

and will you pray for their wisdom, discernment, and steadfastness that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for all who respond to the call to serve in your name. Give them joy and fulfillment, care and guidance in their tasks. Help us all to give willingly and to receive thankfully the gifts of ministry, that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

At this time, you may fill out prayer slips so that they may be added to our prayer chain and leave them in the offering plates during the passing of the peace or when you leave.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer 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.**

Nancy Poe

Sheri Clark

Brenna Brown

We remember in prayer		
Vicki Lange	Stephanie Wilson	
Paul Robinson	Travis and Nathan	
Rick Stephenson	Tobias Goldsmith	

Travis and Nathan Jelsma-Beery Tobias Goldsmith Alvina Wall Deborah Jelsma

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 commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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 <u>office@mttaborslc.org</u> 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, Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The table is prepared as the assembly sings:

Be Known to Us Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu ia. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu ia, al-le - lu-ia. -

*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, living, and loving God... would meet us here.

The Words of Institution

In the night.... in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer



Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Song	Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness	ELW 488
	Here is Bread	ELW 483

*Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion Let us pray, Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING

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

Our Life Together (pg. 16)

*Blessing & Benediction

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ⊕ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen** Dismissal Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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Seventh Sunday after Easter:	June 1, 2025
Assisting Minister:	Shem Greenwood
Lector:	Tim Nagel
Counters:	Kathy Pearson, Dave Warren
Usher:	Sarah Lange
Greeter:	Barb Cochran
Altar Ministry:	Lanea Brown
Music Director:	Bob Brown
AV Technicians:	Lee Kreutzer, Harry Heightman
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Christine Higueria-Street

Our Life Together Announcements

The Call Committee will be installed today and is the next step in calling a new pastor for Mt. Tabor. The Call Committee members are Casey White, Chris Jensen, David Simpson, Jennifer Miller-Smith, Shayna Wyasket, and Su Phay. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and begin the process of discernment for Mt. Tabor. We will also be thanking the Transition Team for their hard work of listening to the congregation and gathering data to assist the call committee in their work going forward.

Blood Drive at Mount Tabor on June 2nd from noon to 6pm. Please register at <u>www.redcross.org</u>.

Interfaith Pride Service at First Baptist Church located at 777 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City on Thursday, **June 5 at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome!

Utah Food Bank We will be sorting food on Saturday, June 7th from 10am to Noon. If you have any questions talk to Casey White.

Pastor Christine is available by text. Her contact information is 801-215-9208 or 619-459-8879. Emails can be sent to pastor@mttaborslc.org.