

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 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 (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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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.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

Gathering Song

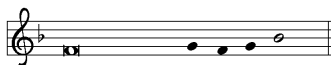
Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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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.

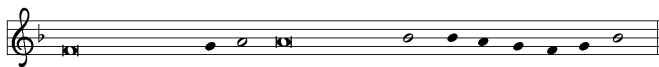
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



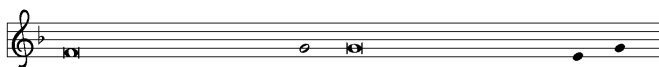
Lord, have mer - cy.



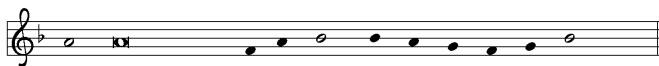
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



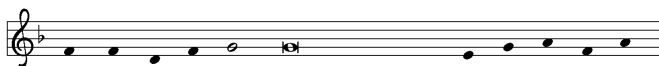
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



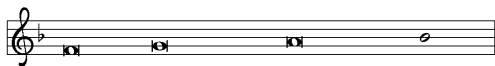
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Song of Praise

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs and spend the night in secret places; who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

O Sunlit Shore

by Liszt.

Lee Kreutzer and Jenny Jensen vocalists

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house

but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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Please be seated.

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.

Drawn into the embrace of the Holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

We remember in prayer.

Vicki Lange	Stephanie Wilson
Paul Robinson	Travis and Nathan Jelsma-Beery
Rick Stephenson	Tobias Goldsmith
Nancy Poe	Alvina Wall
Sheri Clark	Deborah Jelsma
Brenna Brown	The Family of Robert Spurlock
Charlie and Clari Clapp	

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.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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 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,
Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The table is prepared as the assembly sings:

Lamb of God

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 peace, grant us peace.

*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, our Maker... form us again into one.

The Words of Institution

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

One Bread, One Body
Here is Bread

ELW 496
ELW 483

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,
Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

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

Our Life Together (pg. 16)

***Blessing & Benediction**

May the love of God abound in you;
and the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

Will You Come and Follow Me

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Assisting Minister: Lawrence Allred
Lector: Casey White
Counters: N/A
Greeter: Jean Stephenson
Altar Ministry: Lanea Brown
Music Director: Bob Brown
AV Technicians: Lee Kreutzer, Harry Heightman
Presiding Minister: Rev. Christine Higuera-Street

Life Together Announcements

Worship and Music Committee meeting after worship today.

Council meets next Sunday, June 29th following worship.

Golden Celery Trophy Food Drive

Let's go Tabor and start collecting food now and take back the Golden Celery Trophy!

During the month of July, congregations must also track attendance at worship services each weekend so that we can calculate donations per person.

To count toward the competition for the trophy donations must be received at Crossroads between July 1, 2025, and August 4, 2025.

Top Donation needs for this year's Food Drive

Peanut butter	Ramen
Cereal	Crackers
Canned fruit/fruit cups	Canned tomatoes/tomato product
Individual snacks (granola bars, etc.)	Canned soup

History of the Golden Celery Competition

During the summer months children are out of school and families need more help with food. Unfortunately, donations to food pantries generally go down during summer months. More than ten years ago local congregations came up with a fun way to solve this problem by challenging each other to see who could donate the most pounds per person during the month of July. The trophy to be awarded to the winning congregation would be a gold tinted can of dehydrated celery that was produced in the 1970s.

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.