

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 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.

Visit our web site at www.mttaborslc.org

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ELW Setting 6**

Greeting & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING

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

Call to Worship

Sing, heavens! Shout for joy earth! Let mountains burst into song! God will comfort God's people; God will have pity on God's suffering people. But the people of Jerusalem said, "God has abandoned us! God has forgotten us." So God answers, "Can a woman forget her own baby and not love the child she bore? Even if a mother should forget her child, I will never forget you Jerusalem, I can never forget you! I have written your name on the palm of my hands.

God, the mother who never forgets, we gather in the embrace of your love, we gather in the strong grasp of your hands, we gather in the comfort of your care and nurture, we gather as your children, to worship. Amen.

Prelude

David Kime

We Express Our Praise and Confess Our Sinfulness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

O Divine Lover,
Your life pulses in each of our hearts,
and your love permeates each of our lives.
We, your daughters and sons, praise you.

Your care sustains us in each moment,
and your compassion guides us in each situation.
We, your daughters and sons, praise you.

When we fall, you lift us, when we fail you restore us,
When we are wounded, you nurse us,
When we grieve, you weep with us.

We, your daughters and sons, praise you.

But, we have failed to love as you do,

We have abused our bodies and those of others,

We have filled our minds with selfish dreams, and violent plans,

We have made our hearts cold and empty of compassion,

We have forgotten our spirits and distorted your image within us.

As a mother disciplines her children, we ask you to discipline us;

As a mother forgives the sons and daughters who hurt her,

We ask you to forgive us;

As a mother calls her children to be reconciled with their siblings,

We ask you to lead us to reconciliation with one another.

In Christ's name.

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 So

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

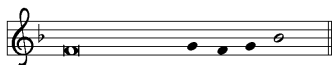
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Greeting

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.

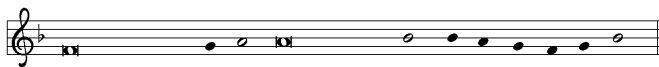
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



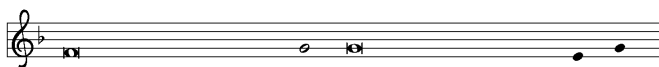
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



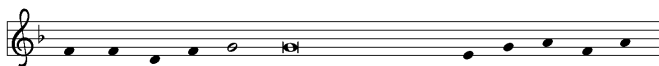
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



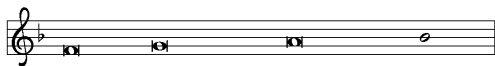
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



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

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

Psalm 40:1-5

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.

⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

David Kime

*Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-5

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴ and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth...

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Story of Ruth

Ruth 1-4

Message

Pastor Christine Higuera-Street

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

*Hymn of the Day

For All the Faithful Women Vs 1, 5, last

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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.

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

After each petition
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember in prayer.

Vicki Lange	Travis and Nathan Jelsma- Beery
Paul Robinson	Tobias Goldsmith
Stephanie Wilson	Dannie Gavros
Sheri Clark	Deborah Jelsma
Brenna Brown	Charlie Clapp
The Family of Nancy Poe	

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.

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

Whether you are weary or dancing... and God's Spirit are with us!

**We honor you, we thank you and we praise you, O God,
because you have come to us and saved us,
and you deserve to be worshipped.**

You are the God... we give you our thanks and praise.

**Praise be to you, Life-Giver,
Praise be to you, World-Lover,
Praise be to you, Glory-Bringer,
Praise be to you, God who loves and saves and fills all things
with your presence and grace.**

The Words of Institution

As Jesus prepared for death...around the table.

This is my body broken for you. Eat and remember me.

After the meal...around the table.

**This is my blood shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Drink and remember me.**

So now we eat...now through Christ.

And we will continue to do this until Christ returns.

God of grace and mercy...body to the world.

**May we be united with you and with each other,
As we share in this sacred meal.
Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us,
we call upon your name.**

Your wisdom come.

Your will be done, in all the spaces in which you dwell.

Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.

Remind us of our limits

as we give grace to the limits of others.

**Separate us from the temptation of empire,
and deliver us into community.**

For you are the dwelling place within us,

the empowerment around us

and the celebration among us, now and forever.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Song

We Come to the Hungry Feast
Day by Day

ELW 479
ELW 790

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

Thank you, Mothering God,

For welcoming us at your table,

for nourishing and nurturing us

and for restoring our hope in your eternal community.

**We go as children of God
to welcome and to serve every God-beloved life;
we go as those who are forgiven and reconciled,
to bring forgiveness and reconciliation wherever we may;
We go in the name of Christ.
Amen.**

SENDING

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

Our Life Together (pg. 15-16)

***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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

David Kime

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: July 20, 2025

Assisting Minister: Lawrence Allred

Lector: Casey White

Usher: Pierre Pearson

Counters: N/A

Greeter: Casey White

Altar Ministry: Lee Kreutzer

Music Director: Bob Brown

AV Technicians: Lee Kreutzer, Harry Heightman

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christine Higuera-Street

Administrative Assistant: Brenda Wardle

Life Together Announcements

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

Cereal

Canned tomatoes/tomato product

Individual snacks (granola bars, etc.)

Ramen

Crackers

Canned fruit/fruit cups

Canned soup

In July, we will be looking at four women from Jesus' lineage: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba. All were very unlikely women to be part of the Messiah's heritage. As we will see, God chooses the unlikely, the least, the ones we as humans would pass over. While their stories can be viewed as shocking and outrageous, we will approach them by understanding the time and cultures of the ancient world and how it intersects with our worldview today.

Thank you to David Kime for being our guest organist today. We always enjoy that you sharing your musical gift with us!

THANK YOU for the celebration last week and the thoughtfulness that went into it!! Brenda

Please get your items for the August newsletter to Brenda at office@mttaborslc.org no later than **July 27th**.

Mount Tabor is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year. The **application is available on the Mount Tabor website** and is **due by August 1st, 2025**. Please reach out to Shayna Wyasket if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars Sunday, August 31st for Worship in the Park and Blessings of the Animals.

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.