

September 21, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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Liturgy - Dancing at the Harvest

Greeting & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING

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

*Call to Worship

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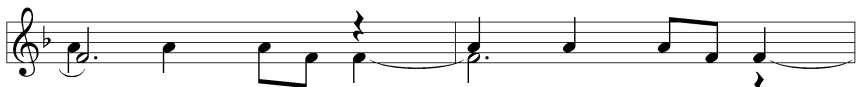
Come, Let Us Worship God



1	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...
2	Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...	Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...
3	Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...	Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...
4	Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...	Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...



Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...
Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...	Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...
Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...	Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...
Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...	Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...



Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...



To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...
To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...
To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...
To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...

Text: Ray Makeever
Music: GOD GIVE US LIFE, Ray Makeever
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***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 maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Gathering Song

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655

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.

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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.

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Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely, I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God,
Word of Life.

Special Music

Sing Praises unto the Lord
Jenny Jensen, Lee Kreutzer, Casey White

Henry Ruthven

Second Reading

Psalm 113

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

² **Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,

⁶ **who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸ **to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

DATH 15

Alleluia



** May be sung in canon*

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The Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager,
and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his
property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about

you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.’⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.¹⁰

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.”¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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**

There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW 588

Please be seated.

The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

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	

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 these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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,
Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 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.

Table Prayer

Holy God, our Bread of Life... to become food for the world.

The Words of Institution

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

Lord's Prayer

Loving God, in whom is heaven,
May Your name be honored everywhere.
May Your kin-dom come.
May the desire of Your heart for the world be done, in us, by us and
through us.
Give us the bread we need for each day.
Forgive us.
Enable us to forgive others.
Keep us from all anxiety and fear.
For You reign in the power that comes from love which is Your glory
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Song

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life **ELW 816**

By Your Hand You Feed Your People **ELW 469**

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us

and appointed us to be your servants.

**Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.**

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Our Life Together (pg. 16)

***Blessing & Benediction**

The God of righteousness,

who gives justice to the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry,

who sets the prisoners free,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

Rise Up, O Saints of God

ELW 669

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Bob Brown

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15th Sunday after Pentecost:	September 21, 2025
Assisting Minister:	Mallory deForest
Lector:	Chris Jensen
Usher:	Casey White
Counters:	Shayna Wyasket, Kathy Pearson
Greeter:	Leslie Carey
Altar Ministry:	Lee Kreutzer
AV Technicians:	Lee Kreutzer, Duane Lee
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Christine Higuera-Street
Administrative Assistants:	Kristin Jensen, Brenda Wardle

Our Life Together Announcements

Come join us today, Sunday, September 21st, right after church for a good ol' fashion sloppy joe lunch. A free will offering will be taken to benefit our Food Assistance Program and our Emergency Assistance Program. See you there!

Worship & Music Ministry will be meeting today, Sunday, September 21st immediately following worship.

Utah Conference Gathering, Saturday, September 27th 10am-Noon Hosted by Mt. Tabor. "Money, Stewardship and Generosity" 1st of 3 Fall Sessions-Money: What do we treasure? Join us in ex-ploring what the scriptures have to say about wealth, our guardianship of resources, and altruism. Led by Pastor Christine. **Text RSVP to 801-215-9208. Bring a dish to share.**

Please get your newsletter articles to Kristin and Brenda no later than Sunday, September 28.

Council will be meeting on Sunday, September 28th immediately following worship.

Lector review and training for ALL lectors on Sunday, September 28th at 10.