

**Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15, 2026**



Mount Tabor Lutheran Church



Welcome to God's Service of Praise, Prayer, Meal and Song

Our Mission

Mount Tabor is a welcoming, compassionate community, living God's love through faithful worship and active service in the world.

Our Values

Grace: *We seek to proclaim God's promises of love, grace, and salvation for all humankind.*

Welcome: *We seek to welcome all to walk with us in Christ's love, hope, and joy; we strive to include others, especially those who have felt excluded or rejected in the past.*

Music and Worship: *We seek to gather in worship and song—to celebrate with those who rejoice, to mourn with those who sorrow, and to share together in God's love.*

Service: *We seek to serve our community and the world, offering up our time, talents, and treasures to bring about God's healing and justice 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.

The twelve parking slots on the north side of the parking lot have been leased to students living in Unite Student Living for their use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **The slots are numbered 1 to 12. Do not park in these slots as your vehicle may be towed. All other spots** – aside from handicap spaces – **are also rented between 9pm-9am.** Please plan accordingly.

Holy Communion is open to all. Children of all ages are always welcome in the sanctuary. We are blessed to be part of their faith formation through worship! With parents' or guardians' permission, children are invited to receive communion. Gluten-free bread & grape juice are available options. If you would like a blessing, come to the altar with your arms folded. Come when you are ready.

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.

Visit our web site at www.mttaborslc.org

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Liturgy - ELW Setting 10

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

Greeting & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING

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

Prelude

David Kime

*** Call to Confession**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the One who knows us completely.

Silence for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The former things have passed away,
 and new things God now declares:
 Like a spring of water that never fails,
 God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
 and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.
 May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
 and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

Gathering Song

Shine, Jesus, Shine

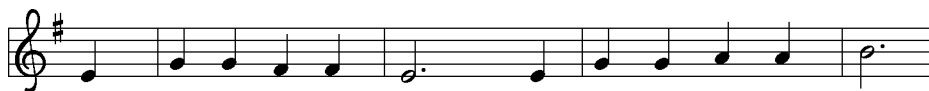
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Greeting

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 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

David Kime

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of

scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I

am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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**

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

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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.

At the conclusion of each petition, we pray:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

... those who grieve. We pray now for our friends and family who we name before you aloud or within our hearts.

A brief silence.

We remember in prayer.

Travis and Nathan Jelsma-Beery
William Simpson
Brenda Wardle
Linda Poe
Pierre Pearson
Camille Cochran

Janis Knight
Sheri Clark
Charlie Clapp
Coni Hampton
Heather, Mike, & Declan Redondo
Dennis Pasborg

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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.

Gratitude plants the seed for Abundance

God is abundantly able to do more than we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. *Ephesians 3:20*

"This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We are prophets of a future not our own." *Excerpt from The Romero Prayer*

Mount Tabor is grateful for your generosity. We provide several ways of sharing your financial blessings:

- Offering plates located at the doors of the sanctuary

- eGiving online using a credit card or ACH.

Visit: <https://mttaborslc.org/give> or contact office@mttaborslc.org



Prayer of Gratitude

Let us pray,
God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

Almighty Lord ... and every day.

Words of Institution

In the night...Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth maker, Pain bearer, Life giver, Source of all that shall be. Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven; May the hallowing of your name echo through the Universe! May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! May your heavenly will be done by all created beings! May your realm of peace and freedom sustain our hope and may it come on earth.

With the bread that we need for today, feed us. In the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love. Now and forever, now and forevermore. Amen. *New Zealand Prayer Book

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Songs

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

ELW 317

As with Gladness Men Folks of Old

ELW 302

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood

you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight,

that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,

and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Our Life Together (pg.14)

***Blessing & Benediction**

May the triune God,

who has put a new song in your mouth

and tuned your heart for praise

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

David Kime

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6th Sunday of Epiphany: February 15, 2026

Assisting Minister: Mark Elstad

Lector: Deb Elstad

Usher: Steven Baker

Counters: N/A

Greeter: Casey White

Altar Ministry: Becki Kaiser

AV Technicians: Duane Lee, Lee Kreutzer

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christine Higuera-Street

Music Minister: Bob Brown

Administrative Assistant: Kristin Jensen

Special thank you to David Kime for coming today and sharing his musical gifts on the organ!

Life Together Announcements

All announcements must be approved by pastor or the council president before sharing with the congregation.

Council Meeting will be today, **Sunday February 15**, directly after worship.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Shrove Tuesday invites us to celebrate God's abundance together before Lent begins—a season that calls us to reflection, repentance, and renewed trust in God's grace. Join us for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper **Tuesday, February 17 from 6:00–7:30 PM**. We'll enjoy pancakes, toppings, and community as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. All ages are welcome! A freewill offering will be collected to support ELCA World Hunger. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex where you can volunteer to bring pancake toppings and sides. Contact Kylie (208.230.4001) for more info.

There are several opportunities for Ash Wednesday on February 18th:

- **Ashes to Go 6:30 to 8:30 AM** in the parking lot
- **Noon Worship** in the sanctuary
- **Evening Worship** at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary

Senior Food Box Distribution Our distribution of USDA food boxes to seniors in our neighborhood continues with our next distribution which is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 18th**. These boxes are available for those who meet eligibility guidelines and have signed up through the Utah Food Bank. Contact Casey White if you wish to volunteer.

Family Promise dinner dates for 2026: Mount Tabor will be providing dinners on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and brunch on Saturday for the following weeks at **Christ United Methodist Church** (2375 E 3300S):

February 15 – 21; April 26 - May 2; September 13 - 19

This is a great opportunity to show God's love to **unhoused Families**. If you have any questions about being a volunteer, please let me know. ~Chris Jensen

Family Promise Coordinator

Leadership Retreat will be held on **Saturday, February 28th from 9am-1pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church** in Taylorsville for the **new council members** and open to all other of **Tabor's leaders**. Questions, please contact Pastor Christine.

In February and March, the **entry door codes and office door codes will be updated**. The plan is to install new codes in February, but to keep the old codes still functional. Then, in March, the old codes will be removed. Further, we will be reconsidering who has physical keys to the building. As part of this effort, it is requested that **any member needing access to the building or the office send an email to Kristin (office@mttaborslc.org)** requesting a **key to the building** (frequent need to access the building), the **code for Mt Tabor members** (occasional need to access the building), and/or a **unique code to enter the office** (frequent need to access the office). The council will consider the requests and instruct Kristin to provide keys and codes as they see fit. At the same time, new entry codes will be provided to all user groups.

You may add names to the prayer list by sending a request to Kristin Jensen (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.

Pastor Christine is available by text and is the best way to communicate with her. Her contact information is 801-215-9208 or 619-459-8879 which you may text, call and leave voicemails. Emails can be sent to pastor@mttaborslc.org.