

2nd Sunday in Lent – March 1, 2026



the good news is...

great love for
God & neighbor



Mt. 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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ACS Setting 12

***Please stand as you are able until you are directed to be seated.**

Greeting & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING

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

***Call to Worship**

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

Please be seated.

Prelude

Bob Brown

***Call to Confession**

Family of faith,

we long to love others as God loves us,
but that work is easier said than done.

We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful.

We need God's grace.

Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given.

So, join me in the Prayer of Confession.
Join me in being transformed.

Prayer of confession

Merciful God,

**Did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?
Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?
Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?**

**Or did we cross the street?
Did we avert our eyes?
Did we come up with every excuse in the book?**

**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.
But we must admit, we have a long way to go.**

**Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love.
Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray,
Amen.**

Words of forgiveness

Faith family,
even when we act with judgment,
even when we are guided by fear,
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,
God does not turn God's back on us.
So, join me in this good news declaration:
We are seen.

**We are forgiven.
 We are invited to try again.
 Thanks be to God for this unending love.
 Amen.**

Gathering Song Holy Woman, Graceful Giver

ACS 1001



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,
 2 Like the ves - sel, we are bro - ken; like the
 3 In these jars is hid - den trea - sure, cost - ly
 4 Ho - ly wom - an, cost - ly trea - sure, with the



ser - vant, and be - liev - er, wom - an with the oint - ment
 oint - ment, we are to - ken of God's lov - ing un - to
 fra - grance, Christ - ly plea - sure, like the Christ, first from the
 jar of al - a - bas - ter, shows the hid - den gift we



jar, rose up near the time ap - point - ed, broke the
 death; like the wom - an, we are serv - ing; like the
 dead, bro - ken for cre - a - tion's whole - ness, poured out
 are; there - fore let us as Christ's ser - vants hold our



seal, Christ's head a - noint - ed for the com - ing fa - tal
 scold - ers, ill - de - serv - ing such a rich, for - giv - ing
 for its com - ing full - ness, Proph - et, Ser - vant, Hope, and
 sis - ter in re - mem - brance, wom - an with the oint - ment



hour, for the com - ing fa - tal hour.
 faith, such a rich, for - giv - ing faith.
 Head, Proph - et, Ser - vant, Hope, and Head.
 jar, wom - an with the oint - ment jar.

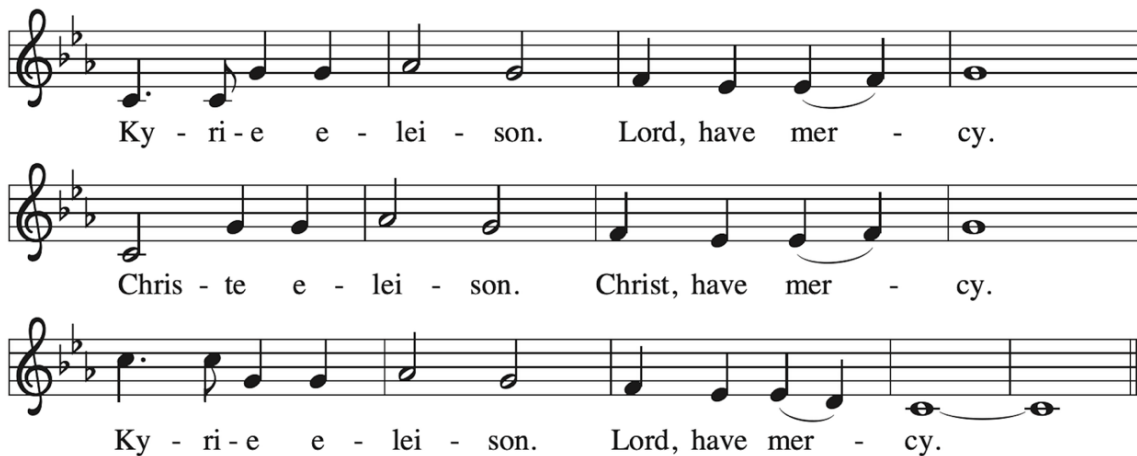
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Greeting

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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Song of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Good news God,
speak louder than the news updates.
Speak louder than our mental distractions.
Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear.

God, speak loudly to us today,
because we long to hear your good news once more.

With hope we pray,

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

1st Reading

1 Samuel 2:8-10

⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.

⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked will perish in darkness,
for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰ The LORD! His adversaries will be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the power of his anointed."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Everything Ends
Shem Greenwood

Leith Ross

Psalm 28

¹To you, O LORD, I call;
my rock, do not refuse to hear me,
for if you are silent to me,
I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

**²Hear the voice of my supplication,
as I cry to you for help,
as I lift up my hands
toward your most holy sanctuary.**

³Do not drag me away with the wicked,
with those who are workers of evil,
who speak peace with their neighbors
while mischief is in their hearts.

**⁴Repay them according to their work
and according to the evil of their deeds;
repay them according to the work of their hands;
render them their due reward.**

⁵Because they do not regard the works of the LORD
or the work of his hands,
he will break them down and build them up no more.

**⁶Blessed be the LORD,
for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.**

⁷The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts;
so I am helped, and my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

**⁸The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

⁹ O save your people and bless your heritage;
be their shepherd and carry them forever.

***Gospel Acclamation**



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

The Gospel

Luke 7:36-50

The Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater

debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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 Come with My Devotion

ELW 810

Tune: O Jesus I have Promised

Words by Anna Strickland (2025), Tune by Arthur H. Mann (1881)



I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom



my God Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me
and least The hun - gry and im - pris - oned,
we meet Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing



be - fore I e - ver sought The glo - ry of the
the bro - ken ones like me For in each act of
all of hu - man - i - ty So I'll re - turn the



hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So ev - ery
kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All wor - thy
love which has formed me from the start — Lov - ing



gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne
of our love — since it's God's face we bear
my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

Affirmation of Faith

Please join me in professing our Christian faith.

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

It sounds like welcome and feels like home.

It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.

It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,

so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have seen it alive in the world.

And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage,

even when mercy feels out of reach,

I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.

I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired

those around him.

I remember that the good news really is good news,

for I have seen it alive in the world.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.

Please be seated.

The Prayers of the People

Jesus of Nazareth,

Your love for this world is so strong.

It's like a jar of perfume broken in a crowded room,

it permeates everything it touches.

God, we long to love like that.

We long to love you with the same extravagant abundance

that the woman with the alabaster jar displayed.

However, we often get in our own way.

Holy God, today we pray,

**When it comes to our neighbors, give us eyes to see as you see.
Give us hands to serve as you serve.
Give us arms to hold.
Give us feet to journey alongside.
Give us hearts of compassion, just like yours.**

We pray for our friends and family who we name now aloud or within the silence of our hearts.

Silence is kept.

We lift our prayers for:

Travis and Nathan Jelsma-Beery	Janis Knight
Sheri Clark	Brenda Wardle
Charlie Clapp	Linda Poe
Coni Hampton	Dennis Pasborg
Heather, Mike, & Declan Redondo	Camille Cochran
William Simpson and his parents, David & Angela	
Presley Vann	

God, our love does not stop with our neighbor.

We also long to love you.

So when we pass a field of purple,

remind us to say thank you.

When we hear the sound of laughter,

remind us that there is good in this world.

When music or birdsong moves our soul,

remind us that you are always present with us.

In all of these moments, turn our hearts toward you.

May we be the next ones to love boldly, to sing praise, to say thank you.
With gratitude for the woman and her alabaster jar, we pray.
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



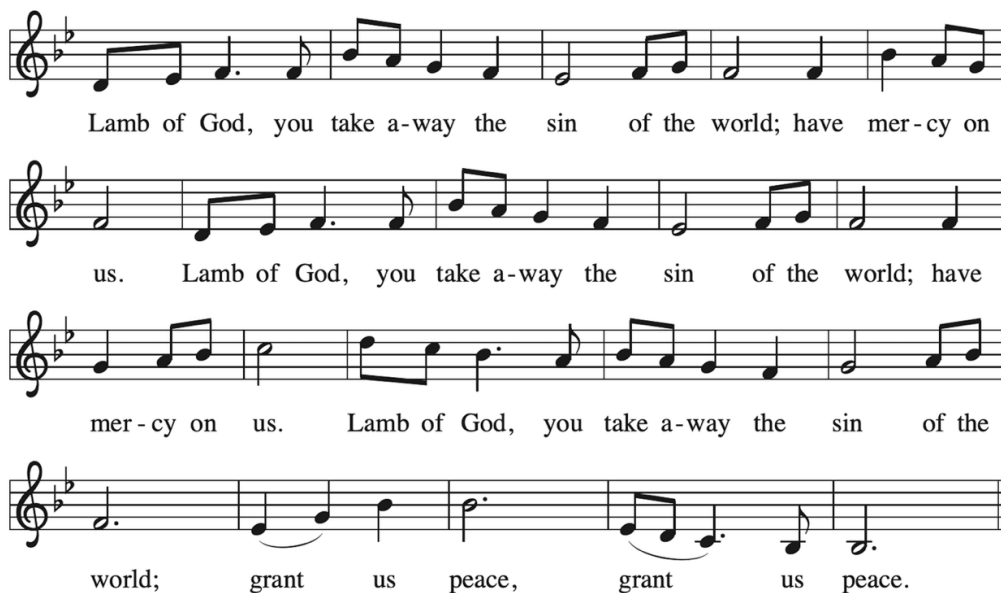
Prayer of Gratitude

Table-setting God,
this Lent we do not want to miss your invitation. We do not want to be so caught up in our own business that we miss the holiness right in front of us. So settle our hearts, and open our spirits to hear your word anew. Help us hear your good news today. With hope we pray,
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 living Water... his life for the world.

The Words of Institution

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

Amen.

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Songs

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

Eat this Break, Drink this Cup

ELW 492

*Post Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

God of our salvation,

**we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.**

**Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Let us pray.

Please be seated.

SENDING

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

Our Life Together (pg. 22)

*Blessing & Benediction

As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.

When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak this good news.
For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.
The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking.
For if you won't, then who will?
Thanks be to God for this good, good news.
Amen.

Sending Song God, When Human Bonds are Broken **ELW 603**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Bob Brown

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Assisting Minister:	Mallory deForest
Lector:	Chris Jensen
Usher:	Dave Warren
Counters:	N/A
Greeter:	Barb Cochran
Altar Ministry:	Lanea Brown
AV Technicians:	Duane Lee, Lee Kreutzer
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Christine Higuera-Street
Music Minister:	Bob Brown
Administrative Assistant:	Kristin Jensen

Our Life Together Announcements

A Lenten Devotion and discussion on the artwork used for the season will be led by Kylie Jones-Greenwood **before Worship at 10AM on Sundays during Lent** and on Passion/Palm Sunday.

The Worship and Music Ministry will meet **today immediately following worship.**

First Things, First Mondays rally at the Federal Building 125 State Street, SLC at noon are continuing **Monday, March 2 at noon.** We are standing in solidarity with our immigrant and LBGTQIA+ neighbors who are being targeted in the legislature and in the streets. For any questions, please contact Pastor Brigitte Weier at weierbrigetter@gmail.com.

Utah Food Bank - We will be sorting food at the Utah Food Bank **Saturday March 7th from 10am to Noon.**

"Dinner At Vinnies" service opportunity is Tuesday, March 10th from 4:30-6:30pm at the St Vincent DePaul Dining Hall at the Weigand Center downtown. Come and share Tabor's gracious and loving hospitality with our hungry neighbors living on the streets. We always have room for more volunteers! Please see Casey White if you have any questions.

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.

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):

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

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.