

2nd Sunday of Easter – April 12, 2026



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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ELW Setting 4

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

Prelude

Bob Brown

Greeting & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING

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

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

ELW 384

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.



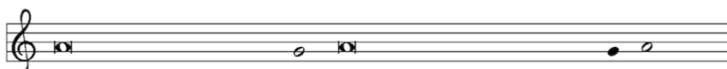
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy 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, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
 wake the dead in num - - ber.
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

1st Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-23

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music All Glory Be to Thee Most High
Mount Tabor Singers

Valentin Schumann
arr. Rachel Aarons

2nd Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

John 20:19-21

The Gospel is announced.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

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**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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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.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

We remember in prayer. . .

Travis and Nathan Jelsma-Beery

Brenda Wardle

Camille Cochran

William Simpson and his parents

Jordan Miller and the family of Alisha Mills

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.**

**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.**

In the name of Jesus,

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, living, and loving God... life for others.

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 Songs

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Holy One,

**through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.**

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,

to love our enemies,

and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Please be seated.

SENDING

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

Our Life Together (pg. 16)

***Blessing & Benediction**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,

Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,

and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW 535

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Bob Brown

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Assisting Minister: Kylie Jones-Greenwood
Lector: Virginia Lederer
Usher: Dannie Gavros
Counters: N/A
Greeter: Barb Cochran
Altar Ministry: Lanea Brown
AV Technicians: Lee Kreutzer/Duane Lee
Presiding Minister: Rev. Christine Higuera-Street
Music Minister: Bob Brown
Administrative Assistant: Kristin Jensen

Our Life Together Announcements

The Worship and Music Ministry will meet today, **April 12th** immediately following worship.

"Dinner At Vinnies" service opportunity is Tuesday, April 14th 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.

The Council will meet **next Sunday, April 19**, directly after worship.

Senior Food Box Distribution Our distribution of USDA food boxes to seniors in our neighborhood continues with our next distribution set for **Wednesday, April 22nd**. These boxes are available for those who meet eligibility guidelines and have signed up through the Utah Food Bank.

In March and April, the **entry door codes and office door codes will be updated**. The plan is to install new codes in March, but to keep the old codes still functional. Then, in April, 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

Announcements for the bulletin are **due by Wednesdays at noon**.

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. Please note that **names submitted after Weds at 12PM noon will be included in the following week's bulletin**.

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.