

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2026



the good news is...

**even Judas gets
his feet washed**



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.

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*Indicates to please stand as you are able until you are directed to be seated.
Congregational responses are in bold print.

Greeting & Preparation for Worship

As we prepare our hearts for worship, keep silent and listen to the birds.

GATHERING

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

***Call to Worship**

The birds announce God's glory! . . . let us now listen to God's love through each other's voices.

Gathering Song

As the Deer Runs to the River

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Vs. 1 & 4



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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Call to Confession

We come to worship feeling the burdens of life that only God knows. But we also come feeling weary, tired, sad, frustrated, angry, exhausted, spent, not knowing what to do, how to live our lives fully, or how to fix things. Our world is so confusing right now, and we are feeling lost. It is time to confess to God the things we carry and don't tell anybody, the things that we feel we can't speak, and the things we don't know how to speak.

God of love, we come to you feeling a thousand feelings. There is too much going on, and we don't know how to handle it all. We don't even know how to put words to all that we are going through.

Hear our prayers.

God of love, we come to you wanting total control over our lives, the stories we live, the people around us, and our own desires. Hear our prayers. God of love, we also come to you feeling numb.

Hear our prayers.

God of love, we come to you in silence.

Hear our prayers.

God of love, we come to you because you are the source of life.

Hear our prayers.

Assurance of Pardon / Time of Silence

Hear this good news: the God of love listens to you attentively.

“As an eagle stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, as it spreads its wings, takes them up, and bears them aloft on its pinions.”

We are all listened to. We are all forgiven.

Let us sit in silence for a few moments.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

Movement one | The Betrayal & Arrest of Jesus

Today is Maundy Thursday, . . . revisiting the events leading up to Jesus' final hours.

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:47-53

Reflection on the Scripture

by Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes

This text . . . to heal our souls.

Movement Two | Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Once again, let us turn to scripture, hearing the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet.

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-35

Reflection on the Scripture

Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes

That night . . . we are listening to each other.

Foot / Hand Washing

Now we will move into a time of washing each other's feet (or hands). When you come forward, we encourage you to begin by looking at the person whose feet (or hands) you will wash. Look into their eyes and see the image of God. Then, you may show the love of God by washing each other's feet (or hands). Let us embody Jesus' new commandment. I invite you now to come forward and follow Jesus' example as we wash one another's feet (or hands), remembering the radical love of God that included even Judas.

MEAL

God Feeds Us with the Presence of Jesus Christ.

Movement Three | Holy Communion

Invitation to Christ's Table

The Last Supper . . . exactly as you are.

Prayers of the People

Here in this place, we join Jesus in the sacred space between his last supper and his last breath.

We'll stick with him through his suffering just as God is present in our own liminal moments, sharing our pain, feeling all we feel with us.

Trusting in God's eternal solidarity, let us pray:
In the limbo of uncertainty, when all we can do is wait—
with those between paychecks, between jobs, between meals,
with those in hospital rooms or prison cells,
Ever-present Jesus, abide.

With those who fight to be believed by doctors,
who wait for diagnosis, treatment, or results,
and with those who have Long COVID or other serious conditions,
Jesus the Suffering Savior, abide.

With those in the closet, and those who've just come out,
with those waiting for surgery, or HRT, or radical acceptance,
Queer God, abide.

With those who are sick of waiting:
Indigenous people whose loved ones disappear in silence,
Black communities urged to wait for justice in an onslaught of brutality,
and all those who find themselves burning out
in the endless efforts to resist injustice,
Black Christ, native of occupied land, abide.

With all who scramble between
life and death, survival and thriving:
immigrants and refugees, border crossers and ICE detainees,
the people of the Middle East—
bombed, displaced, and denied aid—
Jesus the refugee, abide.

With those enduring the worst of climate change,
and all whose homes or whole communities
have been ravaged by natural disasters,
Creator God, abide

With all whom our society fails to protect:

those who are unhoused,
and those whose homes are fractured by violence,
those experiencing mental illness or addiction,
and all who are shoved to the margins,
Persecuted Christ, abide.

And when there is no going back to how things were,
in our moments of despair at the world's pain,
we cry out, "HOW LONG, O LORD?!"
Abide with us, everlasting God. Abide with us.

Co-creating . . . many years ago.
Amen.

Words of Institution

Adapted from Luke 22:14-20.

On this very night . . . of me."

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Last Supper was an intimate gathering of close friends, where anxiety for the future blended with conversation and song. Our Communion feast tonight will hold these elements too.

We invite you to serve each other, passing the elements from person to person around the table. One person at your table can begin by taking the bread and cup and turning

to the person on their right, saying a blessing such as, “The bread of life; the cup of salvation.” That person will take and eat one piece of bread and one of the communion cups. Then, they will take the bread and cup/s and serve the person to their right until everyone has been fed.

Communion Song

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup

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Refrain




Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a - way.
 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



Refrain

in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
 God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
 Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
 Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

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Prayer After Communion

As Jesus nourishes us with his very body,
 we become the Body of Christ.
 May this feast fuel us for the work of joining others
 in their in-betweens.
Amen.

Continuing the Feast

We will take 20 minutes to share some snacks, conversation and music.

Friends, this is a joyful feast, meant to be shared and savored. I invite you to continue

the feast by snacking on the additional food items placed at your table. As you did before, you may wish to pass the food around the table, so everyone is served.

SENDING

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

Sending Prayer

God of gatherings, life is much less frightening when we are together, when we care for each other, when we are able to listen to each other. Then we can find joy even in the most difficult days of our lives. We are grateful, for it is your love that brings us here, and we honor you and one another for this unending love. Take us back home, now prepared for the days ahead. For in you we can go through the darkest night of the soul and rise again in your love!

Amen.

Please stand around your tables and hold hands.

In one final time of silence, let us contemplate how we can better care for each other.

Benediction and Dismissal

Today we have received a difficult commandment from Jesus Christ: to go out and wash another's feet, to care for the vulnerable, and to offer our presence to our community. This is not easy, and alone we fail. But together, we will continue to serve each other and find strength. Together! Yes, together! May the love of God, the service of Jesus Christ, and the healing power of the Holy Spirit be upon us all now and forever.

Amen.

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
 pray. Watch and pray.

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We will remain a few moments in silence; when the bell rings, please depart in silence.

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- Greeter:** N/A
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Our Life Together Announcements

Easter Brunch Join us after worship on **Easter Sunday, April 5th** for our Easter Brunch, hosted by the Council. There will be a free will offering to benefit the Food Assistance and Emergency Assistance Ministry. There will be ham, quiches, fruit and more to enjoy. Bring your friends and family to church and stay afterwards for this delicious event.

Utah Food Bank – We will be sorting food at the Utah Food Bank on **Saturday April 4 from 10am to Noon.**

First Things, First Mondays rally at the Federal Building 125 State Street, SLC at noon are continuing **Monday, April 6 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 weierbridgetter@gmail.com.

The Worship and Music Ministry will meet on Sunday **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 on **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.

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.

Author of Maundy Thursday's Liturgy



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Carvalhaes teaches on rituals, worship/liturgy, performances, ecology, theology and the arts, indigenous knowledge, decolonial studies, anthropocene, interreligious dialogue and immigration and borders.

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