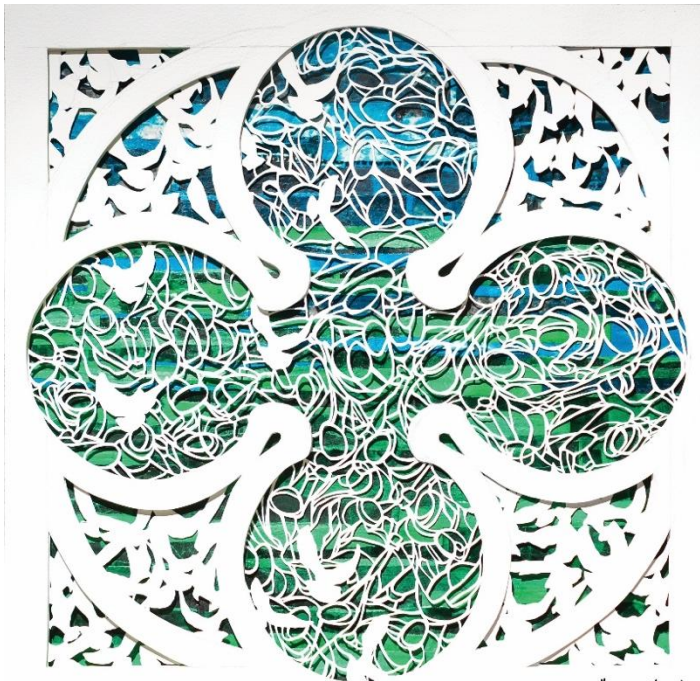


The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026



the good news is...

alive in the world



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.*

A special thank you for our exceptional music this morning to enhance our worship experience. Bob and Bobby Brown are on trumpets, and thanks to Bob Brown's extraordinary arrangements on all brass pieces.

Prelude

Bob Brown

Processional

All Glory Laud and Honor

ELW 344

Greeting & Preparation for Worship

GATHERING

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

***Call to Worship**

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

The good news is dancing!

The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

***Call to Confession**

Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God.

The world battered and bruised,

betrayed and abandoned,

crucified and buried our living God.

And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return.

Jesus rose again and immediately went to work spreading God's love

to the very people who had hurt him.

So, hear me when I say, there is nothing you can do that could keep God's love at bay. With that good news mind, let us go to God in prayer, trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us.
Friends, let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

we want to be Easter people.

We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.

We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.

**We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid,"
but we are afraid.**

And we don't know where to look.

And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing.

So, forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.

We are best intentions and best laid plans.

We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias."

We are on our way, but we are not there yet.

Show us how to embody your good news in this world.

Show us how to be your Easter people.

With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias,"
we belong to God.

Jesus died and rose for you.

And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay.

So, join me in this good news declaration:

Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.

This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

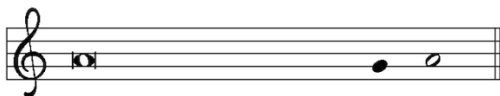
Trumpet descant by Bob Brown

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.



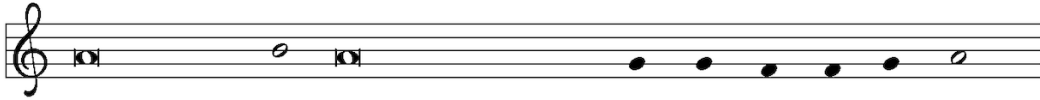
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



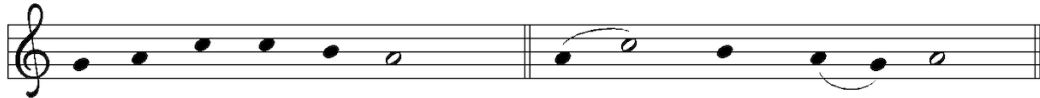
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Song of Praise



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

Holy One, all over the world,
people are gathering to hear the same story.
All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting.
All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you.
So, like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here.
Speak to us today.
Soften the calloused parts of our hearts
until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more.
With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb.
We sing alleluia.
We bow our heads.
We listen for you.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

1st Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music The Day of Resurrection
 Mount Tabor Singers

Wirtemberg Gesanbuch
Arr. Evelyn R. Larter

2nd Reading

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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*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

Matthew 28:1-10

The Gospel is announced.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

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

Risen Christ,
good-news God,
and ever-present Spirit,
today is a day we've been waiting for.
**We've been waiting for the holy mystery of this morning.
We've been waiting for the good news of an empty grave.
We've been waiting for the sound of alleluias.**
Today is a day we've been waiting for,
and now that we're here, all we can say is thank you.

Thank you for showing the world what could be.
Thank you for loving us with abandon.
Thank you for facing death and returning with mercy.
Thank you for the empty tomb.
Thank you for morning birdsong.
And thank you for meeting us here, as you always do.

Today we celebrate the good news that you are alive in the world.
The grave couldn't hold you.
Death couldn't keep you.
The empire couldn't confine you.
Instead, you are here and everywhere.
You are risen.
You are on the move in the world.
Your love meets us at this Table and calls us out into the world.
And that is good, good news.

So on this Easter Sunday, this holiest of days,
we ask for your help noticing you in our midst.
When our feet walk beside wildflowers, may we think of you.
When the stars light up the sky, may we see you.
When we break bread with our neighbors, may we feel you.
When a stranger acts with kindness and love, may we recognize you.
We know that you are out in the world, God,
and we don't want to miss a minute of it.

And while we pray these prayers with gratitude and joy,
we also pray for those who still find themselves at the foot of the cross.
We pray for those stuck in the pain of Good Friday.
We pray for those who find themselves trapped in war-torn areas.
**We pray for our country, as she continues to break over gun violence
and political differences.**
We pray for our earth as creation continues to cry out
We pray for those in our own pews who are saddled with grief.

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
Family and Friends of Charlie Clapp
William Simpson and his parents

Brenda Wardle
Camille Cochran
Heather, Mike, and Declan Redondo

Holy One, so many days feel like Good Friday,
but the promise of Easter is that Good Friday does not have the last word.

So may we live like that is true.

May we speak this hope to our neighbors.

May we look for you in our midst.

And may we always remember: alleluias came after the grave.

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.

Invitation to the Table

On Easter morning . . . do not be afraid.

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

Blessed Assurance
King of Love my Shepherd Is

ELW 638
ELW 502

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer After Communion

Loving Christ,

Thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies.

Thank you for the cup that quenches our thirst.

Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are.

Thank you for this Table that brings us together.

Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits.

Thank you for the promise that at this Table, and every table, you will be there. May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good, good news.

With joy and hope we pray.

Amen.

Please be seated.

SENDING

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

Our Life Together (pg. 19)

***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

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

ELW 377

Trumpet descant by Bob Brown

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Bob Brown

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Easter Sunday:	April 5, 2026
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Usher:	Dave Warren / Deng Hoth
Counters:	Dave Warren / Chris Jensen
Greeter:	Casey White
Altar Ministry:	Lee Kreutzer
AV Technicians:	Duane Lee, Lee Kreutzer
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Christine Higuera-Street
Music Minister:	Bob Brown
Administrative Assistant:	Kristin Jensen

Our Life Together Announcements

Easter Brunch Join us after worship **today, 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.

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.

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.