

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Setting - Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen

## INTRODUCTION

*The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.*

## PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 18.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**  
**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**  
**We speak in ways that silence others.**  
**We are silent when we should speak up.**  
**We keep score in our hearts.**  
**We let hurts grow into hatred.**  
**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**  
**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG**

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW 796

# How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## 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.**

# CHILDREN 'S SERMON

*The children are invited to come forward.*

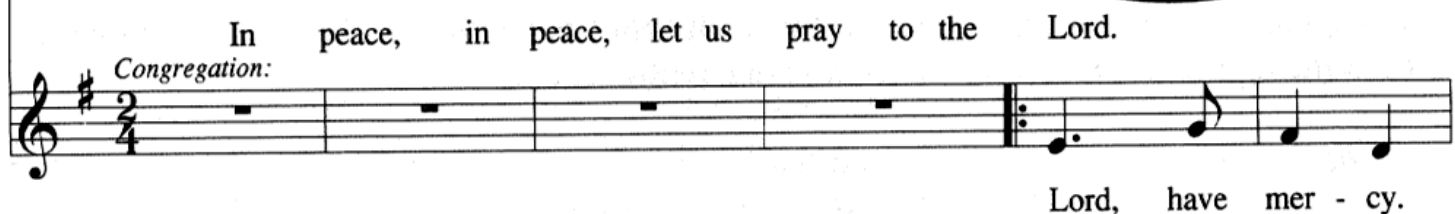
## KYRIE

*Assistant:*



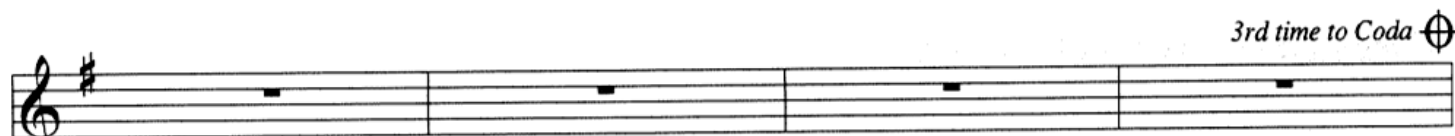
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation:*



Lord, have mer - cy.

*3rd time to Coda* ⊕



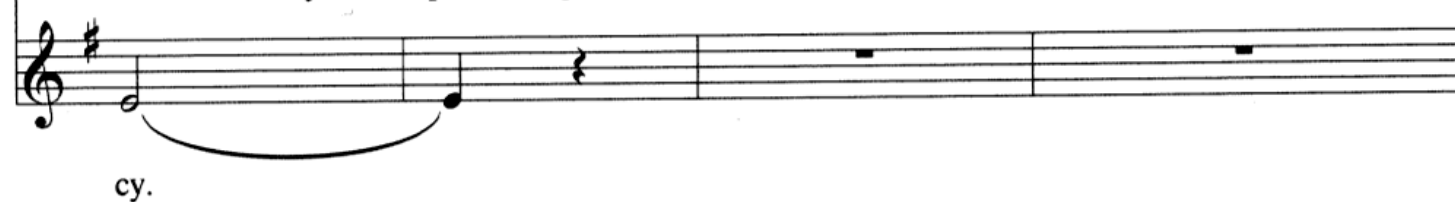
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

*Assistant:*



For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the

For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you



cy.



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

*continued on page 5*

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

\* Ending for Kyrie

God.

A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

**FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31**

*Read responsively*

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's<sup>1</sup> line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-<sup>1</sup>spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face<sup>1</sup> hidden from them;  
but when they cry out,<sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the<sup>1</sup> great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who<sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat<sup>1</sup> and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts<sup>1</sup> live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn<sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow<sup>1</sup> before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs<sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
who rules o-<sup>1</sup>ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow<sup>1</sup> down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,  
shall kneel be-<sup>1</sup>fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall<sup>1</sup> serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera-<sup>1</sup>tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people<sup>1</sup> yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The<sup>1</sup> LORD has acted!"

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

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The Holy gospel according to Mark, the 8th Chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Bob Kippley

*A brief silence for reflection.*

*Please stand if you are able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798



# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



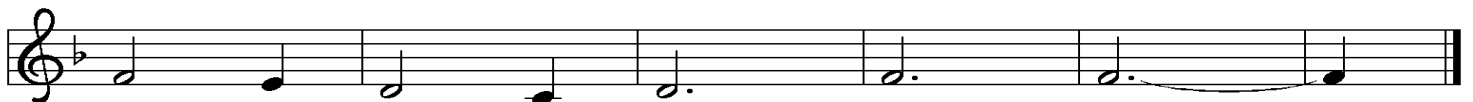
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as -  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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*Please be seated.*

## **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:  
Peace be with you.*

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

*Special Piano Music*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### OFFERTORY

ELW 188

#### Create in Me a Clean Heart

#### *Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Congregation:*

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to a 3/8 time signature. The third staff returns to a common time signature. The fourth and fifth staves continue in common time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life...

...Grace our table with your presence.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

...We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

All praise and glory are yours...

...one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*  
**Amen.**

**he Lord's table** is open to all worshipers from all denominations who wish to share in God's blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is in the bread and wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

*Please let the usher know if you need assistance.*

Please be seated.

## COMMUNION SONG

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
you call us to the way of your  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

mer-cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us.

### Final Stanza

*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy on us.      Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

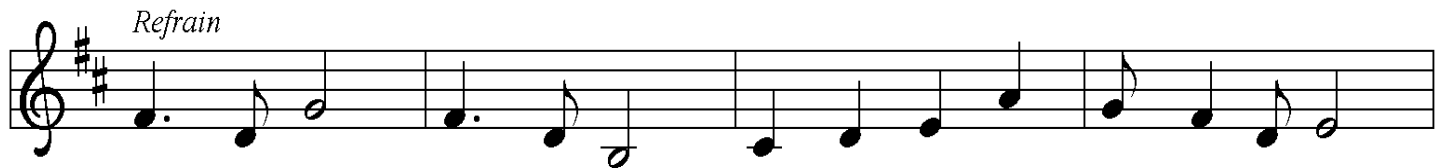
take a - way the sins of the world:      grant us peace,

grant us peace,      grant us peace.

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*Please repeat until Communion is complete*

## Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



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 - dian, 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.



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!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34  
 Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young  
 Text and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

*Please stand if you are able.*



## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Faith of Our Fathers*

ELW 812

# Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.  
 Music: ST CATHERINE Henri F. Henry, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God!**

<b><u>Disciples Serving:</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>
Assisting Minister:	Jerry Vargues	Riley Dunton
Presider:	Pastor Bob Kippley	Pastor Mark Patzke
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Connie Wisthoff/Cassie Walgren	Sue Kastelic
Ushers/Greeters:	Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues	Jackie Cooley
Counters:	Nancy Piazza/Leanne Neu	Kathy & Steve M./Sue Kastelic
JAM:	Children's Sermon	Stacie Bowens/Connie Wisthoff

### **PRAYERS**

<b><u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u></b>	<b><u>Added by Members</u></b>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor
Cheryl Ostern	Sister of Sue Kastelic
Sydney Pine	Truxell Family
Pounds Family	Friends of Kastelic Family
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
The Stone/Pilakowski Family	Truxell Family
The Tristano Family	People of Tabor
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell
Brooklyn Youngblood	Janis Youngblood

### **BIRTHDAYS**

February 27      Zion Johnson  
February 29      Ryan Kessiner

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- *Thrivent Choice: Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2024 to call in to direct any remaining Choice Dollars.*