# TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 8, 2024 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Setting 10—ELW (Evangelical Lutheran book of Worship) year B

#### INTRODUCTION

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

# **PRELUDE**

Announcements are on page 18.

Please stand if you are able.

#### 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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

**GATHERING** 

**GATHERING HYMN** 

Earth and All Stars!

**ELW 731** 

# Earth and All Stars!



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987 Text and music © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

#### **GREETING**

**KYRIE** 

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.

ELW Setting 10



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

# Glory to God

ELW Setting 10



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Please be seated

# **WORD**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**PSALM: Psalm 146** 

Read responsively

<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while  $I^{\perp}$  have my being.

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth, and in that day | their thoughts perish.

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help, whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that <sup>|</sup> is in them; who keeps promis- <sup>|</sup> es forever;

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17** 

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



The Holy gospel according to Mark, the 7th Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 7:24-37

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

**SERMON** 

A brief silence for reflection.

Pastor Karen Matuska

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 612** 

# Healer of Our Every Ill





give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.





Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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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.

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude with:

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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 583





#### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

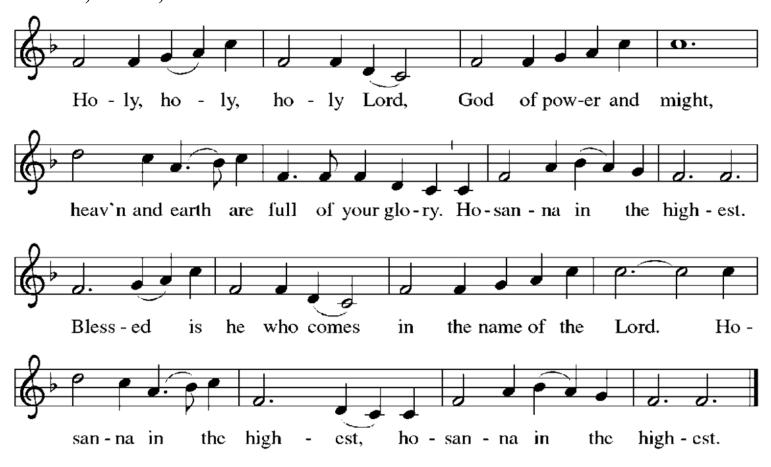
We lift them to the Lord.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father...

- O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
- O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
- O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy spirit, all honor and glory is yours almighty Father, 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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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.

The 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.

# **COMMUNION SONG**



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;



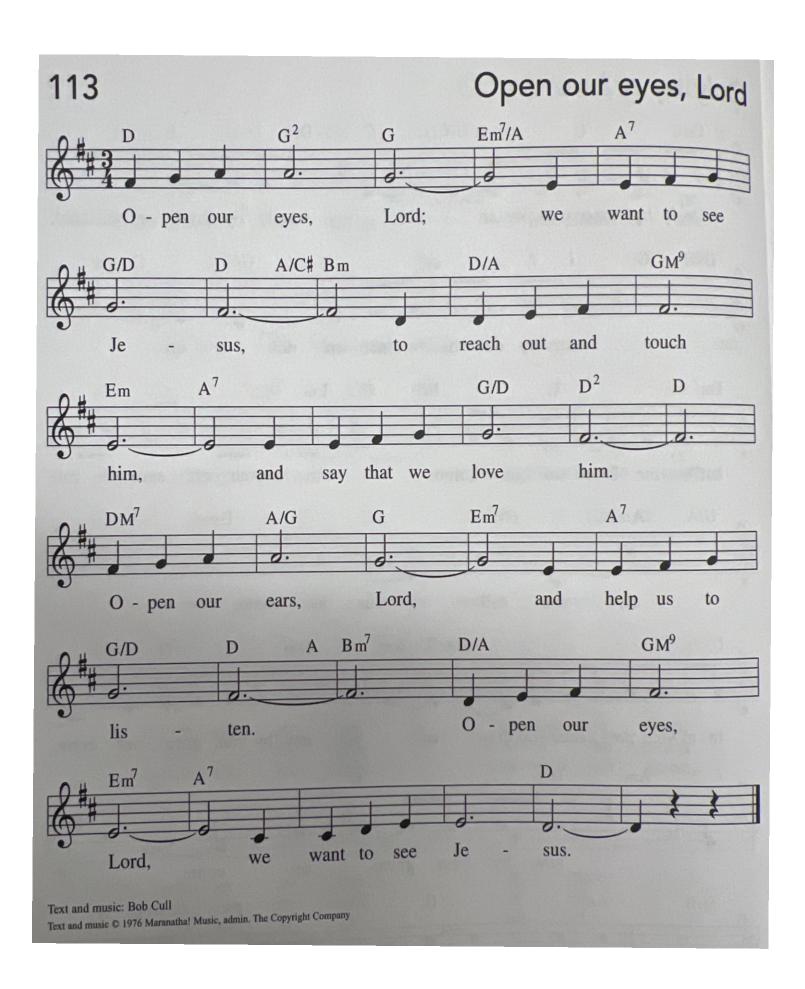
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

# **COMMUNION HYMN**

Open Our Eyes, Lord

W&P 113

Please repeat until Communion is complete



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

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **SENDING**

# **BLESSING**

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

**Disciples Serving: Next Sunday Today Assisting Minister:** Ryan Kessinger Jerry Vargues Pastor Bob Kippley Pastor Karen Matuska Presider: Pianist: Dr. J. Michael Beck Dr. J. Michael Beck Altar Guild: Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson **Jackie Cooley** Jackie Cooley Ushers/Greeters: Kathy Lambert/Charlotte Vargues Karen Dunton/Leanne Neu Counters: JAM: Children's Sermon

# **PRAYERS**

Members, Friends and Relatives	Added by Members
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Robert Bogusch	Nephew of Kathy Lambert
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor
Sue Kastelic	People of Tabor
Will Nichols	Truxell & Vargues Families
Audrey and Andrea Pitre	Friends of Emily Briggs
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
Jeremy Skaggs	Friend of the Wisthoff Family
Starcher Family	Friends of Emily Briggs
Caitlan Thorne & Family	Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell

# **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

September 12 Jeff Jesmain
September 14 Stacie Bowens
September 14 Karl & Adrian Wisthoff 5 years

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- † Lay Ministry Meeting Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00pm
- † JAM class starts up again on Sunday, October 6, 2024. We need volunteers to help with JAM teachers and helpers. Please see Cyrisse if you are interested.
- † JAM Training and Safe Haven Review Training will be September 29th after church in the parlor.