

TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

9:30 am

Setting - Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen

INTRODUCTION

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 17-18.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please stand if you are able.

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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.

We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In + Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of naught chang - eth thee.
light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

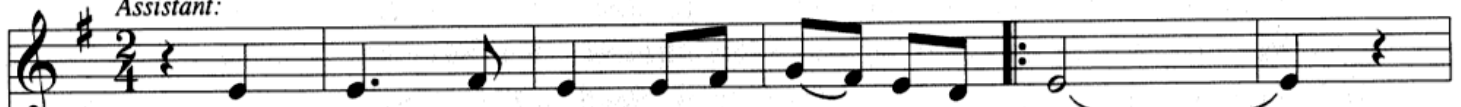
And also with you.

CHILDREN GO TO JAM

The Children are invited to come forward. The children are dismissed for Children's Jam, Sunday School, returning during the Peace.

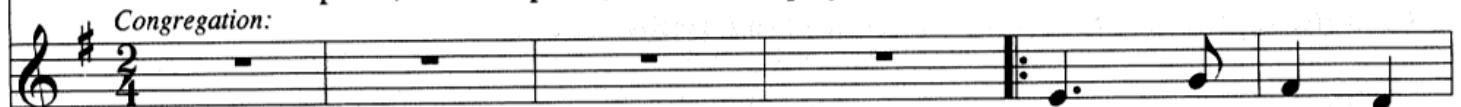
KYRIE

Assistant:



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

Congregation:



Lord, have mer - cy.


3rd time to Coda ⊕



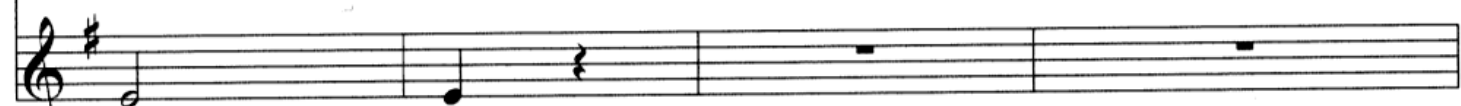
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -




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

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm: 27

Read responsively

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high up on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

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.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Holy gospel according to Luke, the 13th Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated

REFLECTION
A brief silence for reflection

Riley Dunton

Please stand if you are able

Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

God in your mercy,
Receive our prayer.

Prayers conclude with:

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Last Sunday, we were reminded that
In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

Again, after supper ...
...Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.**

Communion has been pre-consecrated by Pastor Karen Matuska during worship service last Sunday.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.
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.

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:



world: • have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 460

Please repeat until Communion is complete

Now the Silence



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



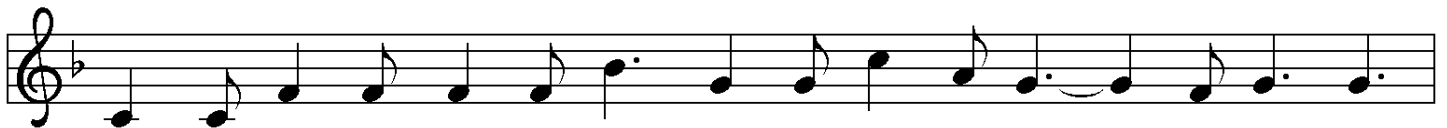
Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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 Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

+ bless you now and forever

Amen.

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Disciples Serving:</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Presider/Supply	Riley Dunton	Pastor Dominic Palacios
Assisting Minister:	Gwen Hedding	Ryan Kessinger
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson
Ushers/Greeters:	Tony Martinet	Tony Martinet
Counters:	Karen Dunton/Sue Kastelic	Kathy Lambert/Leanne Neu
JAM:	Stacie Bowens/Emily Briggs	Children's Sermon

PRAYERS

<u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u>	<u>Added by Members</u>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Robert Bogusch	Nephew of Kathy Lambert
Pam Cardinal	Sister of Clay Kashner
John Centa	Bowens Family
Fred Cortese	Gwen Hedding
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
Arlis Petersen	Mother of Leanne Neu
Andrea Pitre	Friend of Emily Briggs
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
Starcher Family	Friends of Emily Briggs
Caitlan Thorne & Family	Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert
Denise Tristano	People of Tabor
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell

BIRTHDAYS

16 Jerry Vargues 20 Carol Leking

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † We will be installing Merlin and Carol Leking as new members next Sunday, March 23rd. Please join us for a cake reception after worship to welcome them.
- † We will be having several upcoming Special Sundays. All are encouraged to attend.
March 23: Healing with Pastor Dominic **April 6:** Healing with Pastor Karen
April 13: Healing with Pastor Dominic **May 4:** Healing with Pastor Karen



THE GOOD NEWS

TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

March 13, 2025



Gryssie and Gwen are wanting to see if our JAM kids and families would be interested in and available for decorating the entryway for Easter Sunday again this year. We were thinking of meeting Saturday, April 19th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

If you would like to donate the *flats* to decorate the church for Easter morning, please use the order forms and envelopes on the table in the Narthex. The cost for each Easter Flat is \$15 and the flat can be taken with you after worship-Easter morning.



The Easter Egg Hunt will be after church on Easter Sunday. All children ages 3 to elementary school are invited. Please bring your own basket and join in the fun!

Birthdays

March 16 Jerry Vaygues
March 20 Carol Leking

Disciples Serving: Sunday March 16

President/Supply: Riley Dunton
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JAM: Stacie Bowers/Emily Briggs



Gwen Hedding is leading a Lenten Bible Study. It is held on Sundays after worship. Participants meet in the Parlor after coffee fellowship. It started on March 9th and will go through Palm Sunday, April 13th. Participants are asked to pay for half of the cost of the study books and Tabor will pay half. Sign-up is still available in the Narthex.



We will be installing Merlin and Carol Leung as new members next Sunday March 23rd. Please join us for a cake reception after worship to welcome them.



Tabor is starting the "Healing" portion of our transition process as recommended by Pastor Dominic. He and Pastor Karen Matuliska will be aiding in this Healing portion. We strongly encourage everyone to attend these Special Sundays:

- March 9: Healing with Pastor Karen
- March 23: Healing with Pastor Dominic
- April 6: Healing with Pastor Karen
- April 13: Healing with Pastor Dominic
- May 4: Healing with Pastor Karen
- May 18: Healing with Pastor Dominic
- June 1: Healing with Pastor Karen
- June 22: Healing with Pastor Dominic

We encourage everyone to attend and take part in any after-worship sessions that Pastor Karen and Pastor Dominic are having.

Disciples Serving: Sunday, March 23

Pastor Dominic Palacios
Ryan Kessinger
Dr. J. Michael Beck
Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson
Tony Martinet
Kathy Lambert/Leanne Neu
Children's Sermon



Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2025 to call in to direct any remaining Choice Dollars. Call 1-800-847-4836 and select "Thrivent Choice" to talk to a live person.



If anyone needs to have a larger bulletin printed for Sunday service, please let Julie know.



We need volunteers for JAM teachers and helpers for April and May. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.



Noisy offering collections from January-June 2025 will go to the Pueblo Child Advocacy Center. Our JAM kids will be making blankets for the children. The Noisy offering collections from July-December 2025 will go to Meal on Wheels.

Pastor Dominic Palacios has invited anyone who would like to speak with him personally to please send him an email and he will get in touch with you to talk to you when he is here at Tabor supplying. His email address is: dominic.palacios@gmail.com



Church Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month after worship.
Next Meeting: April 13, 2025
All Members are welcome to attend



JAM and Children's Sermon Schedule

March	2-JAM	9-Children's Sermon
	16-JAM	23-Children's Sermon (spring break)
	30-JAM	
April	6-JAM	13-Children's Sermon
	20-JAM	20-Children's Sermon (Easter)
	27-JAM	
May	4-JAM	11-Children's Sermon
	18-JAM	18-Last JAM Class
	25-JAM	25-Children's Sermon