

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

10:30am



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**It is the Mission of Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church to be:
A blessed community in Christ, that warmly welcomes people across their lifespans,
to worship and serve in varied and diverse ways,
enthusiastically responding to God's call.**

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

PRAY & PLAY PACKS are available in the Narthex. Children are welcome to take a pack as they enter the Sanctuary and return it on the way out.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

The Sick: Ruth Carbone, Joan Collins, Terrence Daley, Donielle Didiano, Doris Gargone, Pat Kendrick, Ina Montelius, Lynne Palomaki, Betty Polverari, Bob Puckett, Annabelle Spaulding and Bryan Tuccillo.

Homebound Members: Chet Blomquist, Patricia Kendrick, Barbara Lane and Ken Sondergaard.

The Grieving.

Military: For all those serving, and all those who have served in the Middle East and around the world, and the chaplains of our churches who serve them, especially Cody Cox, Alexander Hassen, Ben Hassen and Patrick Tuccillo.

(Time will be allowed in the Prayers of the Church for you to name anyone else in need of prayers.)

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Bill & Pam Peterson in memory of Alphonso Proto on his birth anniversary, May 19th.

LAST WEEK'S MEMBER GIVING: \$3,003.00

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

arr. Charles Callahan

BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW #631



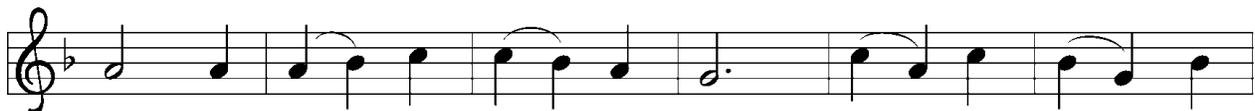
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. (*a brief silence*)
Almighty and ever-living God,
you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.
In your great mercy
receive the prayers of all your children,
and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

APOSTLES' CREED

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All: **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 to the dead.
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.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Welcome to all who worship today!

*May our singing, our fellowship with Christ and with one another,
our prayers, our hearing and our studying of the Word all be blessed by God.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

The FIRST READING is from the Acts of the Apostles:

Acts 17:22–31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Lector: Word of God! Word of life!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The SECOND READING is from 1 Peter:

1 Peter 3:13–22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God’s eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: Word of God! Word of life!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Those who love me will
keep my word,
and my Fa- | ther will love them, * and we will come to them
and make our | home with them.

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

People: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

Pastor Myers

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“10000 Reasons”
Kiersten Bjork, *soloist*

Matt Redman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The petitions marked "Worshipper" may be read by anyone who feels so moved by the Spirit.)

Leader: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God
in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Worshipper: Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden
our church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living.
We pray for our mission partners, especially University Lutheran Ministries at Yale.
(silence) Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Worshipper: You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs,
glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures.
(silence) Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Worshipper: You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly,
show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets.
(silence) Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress.
We pray for those who suffer in any way.
We pray for the sick, especially....
We pray for the homebound, especially....
We pray for the grieving, especially
We pray for our troops in the Middle East and around the world,
and the chaplains who serve them, especially....
And we pray for those we name now in our hearts and on our lips, especially....
(silence) Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Worshipper: Your commands are good and merciful.
Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice,
advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit.
(silence) Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Worshipper: You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who
have gone before us especially those who have died as a result from the COVID 19 pandemic.
Unite us forever in your final victory over death .
(silence) Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Pastor: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God,
we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord .

All: **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

ELW #836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER CHART FOR 2020 SIGN-UP LIST IS POSTED

Sign Up in the Narthex Today!!

You may take the flowers following the 10:30 Service. The cost of two bouquets is \$30.

Your gift is an opportunity to honor and/or remember loved ones, a special occasion or event!

*If you are interested in ordering flowers for the altar,
you can sign up on our sign up genius website at:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4AA5AB2EAAF58-altar>

Or you can contact me in the church office.

DEVOTIONALS for April, May and June are available in the Narthex today for a small fee. Take and use these materials to enhance your prayer life. *Please let me know if you'd like one mailed to you.*

2019 STATEMENTS & 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex. Please take yours as you leave today! If you do not see envelopes with your name on it, please see Heather in the church office. Thank you for your continued support of Tabor Church and have a blessed holiday season! *Please let me know if you'd like them mailed to you.*

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED: Tabor has an opportunity to enhance our beautiful grounds by planting a new stand of native species trees along Tabor Drive. Christie Day is organizing an initial planning meeting on May 24, via Zoom. If you are interested in being a part of this project, please email the church office, and we will contact you with meeting details. Some of the goals of this project:

- Contribute to the effort to plant billions of trees world-wide which will help to sequester carbon and counter climate change.
- Demonstrate that Tabor is a community that cares about the environment, reinforcing the steps we have already taken to install our new rooftop solar array.
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife.
- Help to purify the air.
- Visually enhance our beautiful campus.

Please consider joining us on May 24 in a virtual meeting. Let Heather know you are interested by Friday, May 22, via email at: taborlutheranchurch@gmail.com

CHURCH CALENDAR
May 17, 2020 – May 24, 2020

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:15am – 10:15am

10:30am – 11:30am

Bible Study

Worship – LIVE Stream on FB

on Zoom
Sanctuary

Monday, May 18 – Friday, May 22, 2020

Office Hours will vary each day

Please leave a message or email and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

You can also call Pastor Myers at 203-214-2551

Saturday, May 23, 2020

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:15am – 10:15am

10:30am – 11:30am

11:30am – 12:30pm

Bible Study

Worship – LIVE Stream on FB

Communion Distribution

Donation Bin for Duffle Bags for Foster Kids out front until 12:30pm

on Zoom
Sanctuary
Parking Lot

