

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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10:00am



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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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+ WE GATHER TOGETHER +

*Welcome Visitors! We are delighted you are with us today!*

*If you are visiting with family or friends, we pray that your time together is filled with joy & love. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our community of faith here at Tabor.*

*We prepare our hearts & minds for worship as we listen to the Prelude.*

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**      *Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*Welcome to all who worship today!*

*May our fellowship with Christ & with one another - listening to God's living Word, singing and praying and sharing the Holy Meal - all be blessed by God.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**P.**      Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
our light and our salvation. Amen.

**C.**      **We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

*The Pastor pours water into the font as the Assisting Minister prays...*

**AM.**      We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

**P.**      Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Cleanse us from our doubts and drown our divisions.  
Send us companions on our journey  
as we go into the world to share your love.  
Make us one. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with new life.  
To the glory of God, now and forever.

**C.**      **Amen.**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Greeting

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C. **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C. **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P. Arise, the dawn has come.  
 The dawn of new light, the light of resurrection.  
 The light of hope and peace. Alleluia!

C. **Fill our hearts Lord, that we might worship you ...  
 not with empty words or hollow songs,  
 but with hearts full of faith and joy. Alleluia!**

## Announcements

*The congregation may be seated.*

+ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD +

**Reading**

**Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.  
The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.  
You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Word of God.

**C. Word of Life.**

*The congregation stands for the Gospel.*

**Gospel**

**John 10:22-30**

P. The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

+ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD +

**Sermon**

*Pastor Maria Hammons*



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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**Apostles' Creed** *Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
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 life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*(Petitions marked "W" for worshipper may be read by anyone who feels moved by the Spirit.)*

AM. Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*The congregation may kneel or sit during the prayers.*

W. Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

W. Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

W. Warm the hearts of all who celebrate Mother's Day, and comfort those who mourn on this same day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve in mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

AM. Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation. Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. We pray for our military men and women, especially those in harms' way, and for their families. Finally, we lift up those close to the hearts of our Tabor

Church family, especially ...Austin, Tim, Bob & Betty, Susan, Ruth, Carl, Joan, Donielle, Lynne, Bob, Cathyann, Bryan, Nancy, Lindsey, Bertie, Iris, Chet, Cody, Alexander, Ben, Patrick, and families and friends of Richard Montelius and Phylis Johnson and those we now name in our hearts or on our lips (*brief silence for congregational prayers*). God, in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

W. Shepherd our Tabor congregation through this time of holy discernment and transition. May your Spirit inspire us to have open minds and hearts as we listen for our voice, and have the courage to follow where you lead. God, in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

W. Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes, peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

AM. God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**C. Amen.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## Peace

*As we await the day when it will be safe to embrace one another, we offer each other a sign of God's perfect peace... God's shalom.*

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**Offering**      *We offer our gifts - our time, talent, and treasure - to God,  
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

**Anthem**      *Come Into God's Courts With Praise*      *Michael Helman*  
*Tabor Handbell Choir*

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## Offering Prayer

AM. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.

**C. Reach out to us through this meal, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**+ WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE +**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P. The Lord be with you.                   **C. And also with you.**  
P. Lift up your hearts.                   **C. We lift them to the Lord**  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. 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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, in great love you sent to us Jesus,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*We raise our bread & wine together  
as we remember the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper.*

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await Christ's coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord.

**C. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**      *We pray in the words that Jesus taught us.*

**C. 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, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**      *All are welcome at the Lord's Table!*

P. Our risen Christ gives everyone a place at the welcome table.  
Come to the feast. All are welcome!  
P. Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed.  
**C. Blessed be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed.  
Amen.**

*Together, we receive the Holy Meal. The Body and Blood of Christ, given for you.*

**Communion Hymn**      *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains, Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

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**Blessing after Communion**

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

## Prayer after Communion

AM. Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.  
Now send us forth to extend our tables to welcome all who are hungry  
and to share your gifts until that day when we all feast together at your  
heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

+ WE ARE SENT TO SERVE +

## Blessing

P. May the blessing of the living God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

### *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness;  
2 Whendark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un - chang - ing grace;  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer - it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
when all sup - ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

**Sending**

AM. Go in peace, strengthened for the journey.  
Go with hope in the promise of new life.  
Go with joy, to share the good news.  
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C. **Thanks be to God!**  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*We thank Heather Meachen for worshipping with us today  
and for sharing her special gifts of music.*

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**Assisting with Worship Today – May 8, 2022**

Ushers	Need Volunteers
Lector	Need Volunteer
Assisting Minister	Need Volunteer
Musician	Heather Meachen
Presider/Preacher	Rev. Maria Hammons

**Assisting with Worship next Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Ushers	Need Volunteers
Lector	Robert Dolan
Assisting Minister	Lori Linsley
Musician	Chuck Stack
Worship Leader	Peter Harding

Please indicate your interest in filling one of these worship assistant positions. Just call the church office and let us know or click the sign up here:

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**  
**May 8, 2022 – May 15, 2022**

<b>Sunday, May 8, 2022</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MOTHER’S DAY</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Monday, May 9, 2022</b> <b>8:30 a.m.-3p.m.</b> <b>9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m..</b>	<b>Preschool Classes</b> <b>Office Hours</b>	<b>Education Wing</b> <b>Church Office</b>
<b>Tuesday May 10, 2022</b> <b>8:30 a.m.-3p.m.</b>	<b>Preschool Classes</b>	<b>Education Wing</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 11, 2022</b> <b>8:30 a.m.-3p.m.</b> <b>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b>	<b>Preschool Classes</b> <b>Office Hours</b>	<b>Education Wing</b> <b>Church Office</b>
<b>Thursday, May 12, 2022</b> <b>8:30 a.m.-3p.m.</b>	<b>Preschool Classes</b>	<b>Education Wing</b>
<b>Friday, May 13, 2022</b> <b>8:30 a.m.-3p.m.</b>	<b>Preschool Classes</b>	<b>Education Wing</b>
<b>Saturday, May 14, 2022</b>		
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2022</b> <b>10:00 a m</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

*Flowers on the altar today are provided by Judy Myers  
In loving memory of Bud on our 40th anniversary.*



**The flower chart is almost WIDE OPEN for the entire Summer. Please choose a Sunday you would like to provide flowers for our altar. Dedicate them to the honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion.**

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