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11:00 AM - August 24, 2025, 11th Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion - Setting 10

INTRODUCTION

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Lobe den Herren Simon Sechtor

SERVICE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

ELW p. 227

Today we receive in Holy Baptism
Louis Joe Witcher

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Louis Joe Witcher for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

Parents response: I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live together among God's faithful people, to come to the word of God and the Holy Supper, to learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to hold in your hands the Holy Scriptures, and to nurture your soul in faith and prayer, so that *you* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Louis Joe* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ? **We do.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

Louis Joe, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Louis Joe, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized and all of God's people say Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Louis Joe* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Louis Joe, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



GREETING ELW p. 203

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.

KYRIE ELW p. 203



- 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

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- 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!

Let us pray.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:9b-14

A reading from Isaiah.

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong,

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water

whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the Sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,

serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

then you shall take delight in the LORD,

and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-8

(The congregation is invited to sing all verses with the choir.)



- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my **soul**, and all that is within me, bless God's holy **name**.
- ² Bless the LORD, O my **soul**, and forget not all God's **benefits**—
 ³ who forgives all your **sins**

and heals all your diseases;

- ⁴ who redeems your life from the **grave** and crowns you with steadfast love and **mercy**; ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with **good things** so that your youth is renewed like an **eagle's**.
- ⁶O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ You made known your ways to **Moses** and your works to the children of **Israel.**
- ⁸ LORD, you are full of compassion and **mercy**, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast **love**.

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews.

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

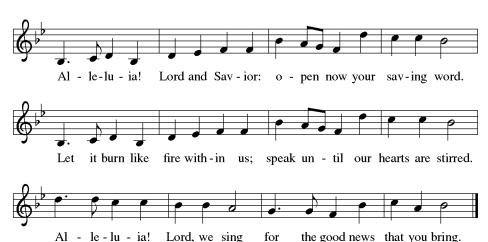
²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE ELW p. 206

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord of the Dance

S. Carter/ arr. J. Hess

OFFERTORY HYMN 182

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

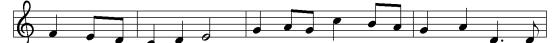
R. W. Hillert



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your



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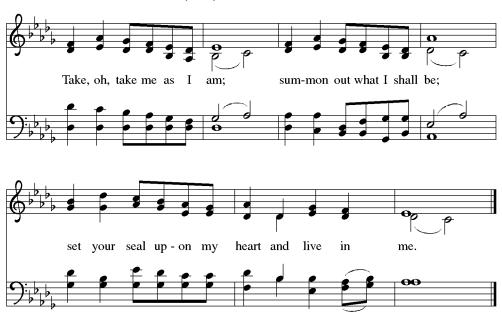
Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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.

HYMN 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

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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.

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LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 208

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

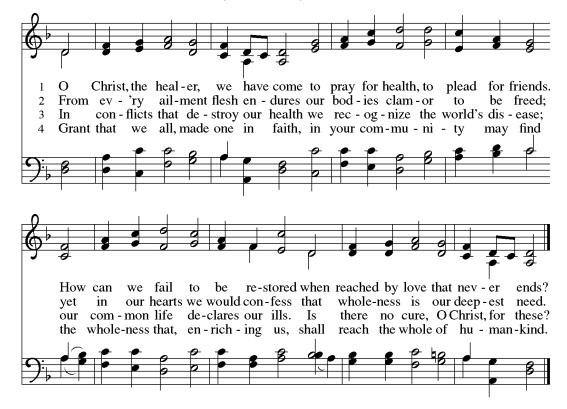
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI ELW p. 208







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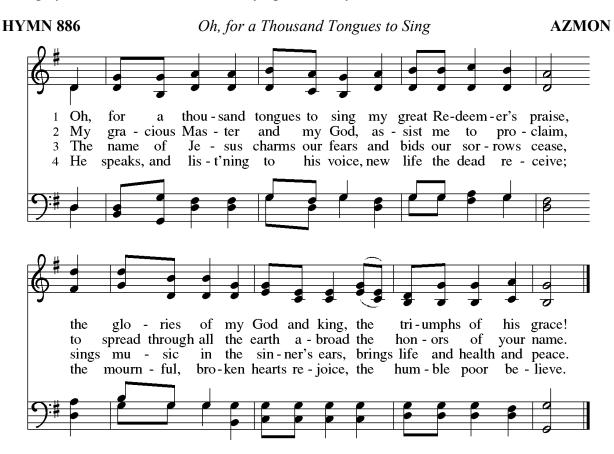
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Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING ELW p. 209

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.



- 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.

ELW p. 209 DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord **Craig Phillips**

Worship Assistants

Communion assistants Kendrick Kerr, Annie Ruth Addy Lector Christie Cook Ushers Jeremy Goings, Tex Davis, Mike Cook Greeter Elizabeth Goings Acolyte Blakely Goings Crucifer Paxton Goings Livestream coordinators Pam Hoskins. Kendrick Kerr



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our Lord, and in honor of Ann Spainhour. 57 years ago, she said two words that blessed my life beyond measure. Ann, thank you for being my forever, Gary.

The bulletin covers are given to the glory of our Lord and in memory of George Freddie Fulmer, Jr., who joined his Heavenly home five years ago; and in honor of Rick Moorer's birthday on August 21st, and Sherri Moorer's 50th birthday on August 26th by Kay and Stephen Fulmer.

Church Fun

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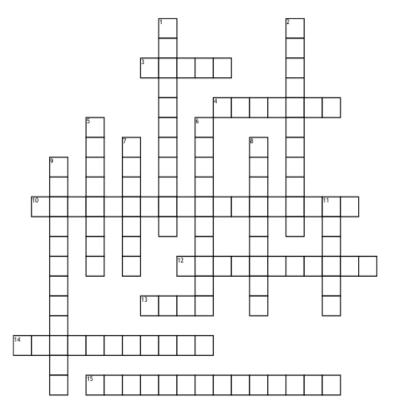
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The Seven Sacraments

Across

- 3. The ____ but turns into the Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist
- 4. Symbol of Holy Communion (drink)
- **10.** When a person is very ill
- 12. Symbol of unity
- **13.** Promises made before God and the community.
- 14. Symbolises Christ and the couple's' families joining in unity





15. Confession of sins

Down

- Another word for baptism.
- 2. What you ask for in Reconciliation
- **5.** Holy Orders and _____ are examples of sacraments of service

- 6. Priesthood
- 7. The first sacrament that makes us children of God and members of the church
- **8.** The sacrament that Jesus left us at the last supper
- **9.** Signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit
- 11. Blessed oil

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Stanton Moye, Nicole Thompson, Sally McFarland, Tyler Wiggers, Paxton Goings, Jackson Addy, Stephen Hamilton, Mindy Williams, Charlotte Rister, Ray Conrad, Rick Dinkins, Hunter Dinkins.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Natalie Cook, Grace Kelly, John Richardson, Jana Payne, Karen Holton Joyce Riley, Jackie Macaulay, Nancy Stone-Collum, Carolyn Dufries Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, Barbara Raulerson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

John Conrad, Linda Price, Bruce Merchant, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard Elmer Sundlie, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs Paul Addy, Herman Bouknight, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Bill Baney, Henry Mixon, Tyler Corbitt, Eddie Porter, David "Bubba" Martin, Jr.
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Judy Lazarczyk, Mike Baxter, Allan Oliver, John Holland, Tonia Boland, Misty Smith
Pastor Kenneth Taylor, Johnny Smith, Anne Moye

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

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Zachery Gayden, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

The Family Of:

SCHP Trooper Dennis

Worship Leaders