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**ALIVE! Worship Service** 

#### INTRODUCTION

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, and The Word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

# He Who Began a Good Work in You

#### Chorus

He who began a good work in you He who began a good work in you Will be faithful to complete it He'll be faithful to complete it He who started the work Will be faithful to complete it in you

#### Verse

If the struggle you're facing Is slowly replacing Your hope with despair Or the process is long And you're losing your song in the night You can be sure That the Lord has His hand on you Safe and secure He will never abandon you You are His treasure And He finds His pleasure in you

# We've Come This Far by Faith

congregation sings refrain, ALIVE sings verses



- 1 Just remember the good things God has done, things that seemed impossible; oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.
- 2 Don't be discouraged with trouble in your life; he'll bear your burdens, and move all the discord and strife.

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# Faith Alive!

ALIVE sings once, then congregation joins in and sings twice

# D G Call my name and I'll rise up from my sleeping D G Give the Word and I'll leave my world behind D G All these days like a gentle water falling A G Give me bread for the journey, oh Jesus, I pray D G Light my way with faith alive, Light my way with faith alive D Let me burn so bright, burn with faith alive

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#### **PEACE**

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

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Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRAYERS**

#### **KYRIE**

# Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

# **HYMN OF PRAISE**

# Great Is the Lord



A READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from 2 Timothy.

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
  - <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

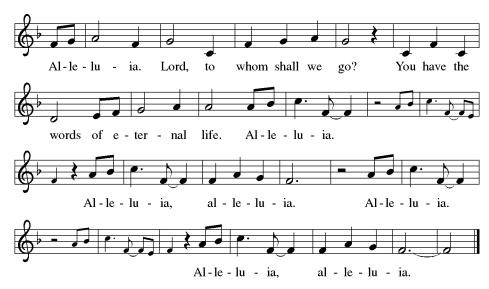
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof

#### **ANTHEM**

We Believe Ryan, Hooper & Fike/arr. Sorenson The congregation is invited to join in singing the chorus.

#### Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

#### Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)

#### Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing In our weakness and temptations We believe we believe

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# Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

# Chorus Congregation stands

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We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again

# Ending

He's coming back again He's coming back again We believe we believe

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

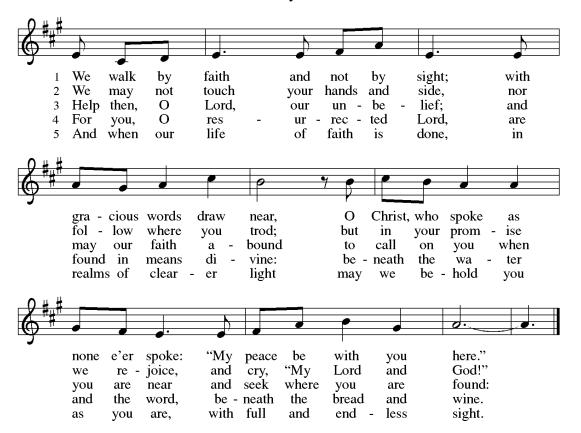
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

# We Walk by Faith



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# Christ, Be Our Light

verses 1, 3 and 5



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# You Are My God



# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

# **BLESSING**

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



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#### **FOR FURTHER STUDY**

# Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

#### Psalm 37:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

# **ALIVE!** Musicians

Gale McLeod, Co-Director	Lyndsey Ebener	Ricky Lusk
Irelou Moye, Co-Director	David Moye	Julie Ann Payne
Beth Branham	Erin Hall	Ed Redmond
Leah Conrad	Vaughn Hall	Roxanne Rich
Brett Ebener	Steve Hamilton	Sarah Smith
Clark Ebener	Stephanie Liscusky	Jessica Gibbons

# Worship Assistants

Communion assistants	Paul Jacobs, Nick Skorzewski
<i>Lector</i>	Nick Skorzewski
Greeter	Grace Fuson
Usher	Ed & Grace Fuson
Livestream coordinators	Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



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# Inspiration Word Search

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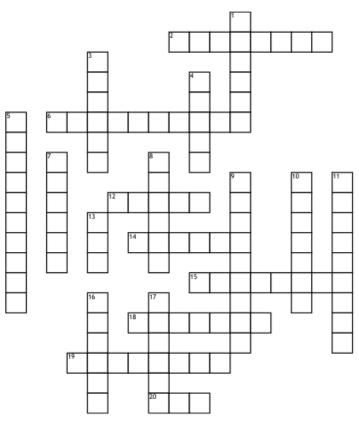
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EMPATHY
SUCCESS
CONFIDENCE
STRENGTH
DEDICATION
INTEGRITY

RESPECT
INSPIRE
ACHIEVEMENT
IMAGINATION
EFFECTIVE
KNOWLEDGE
COLLABORATION

ORGANIZATION FAM
ENCOURAGE CRE
PERSEVERANCE HOP
CHALLENGE DISC
FAIRNESS PRII
KINDNESS MIN

FAMILY
CREATIVE
HOPE
DISCIPLINE
PRIDE
MINDSET

# The Odyssey





#### Across

- **2.** Who is the most prominent suitor?
- **6.** Who was the cyclops blinded by Odysseus?
- **12.** Who was the goddess who turned Odysseus' men into pigs?
- **14.** What was Odysseus disguised as when he returns home?
- 15. Which god did Odysseus anger by blinding the god's son?
- **18.** What substance does Odysseus put in his crews' ears so they wouldn't hear the sirens?

- 19. Who was Odysseus' wife?
- **20.** How many sailors did Scylla eat off the deck of the ship?

#### Down

- 1. What has the body of a bird, the head of a woman, and lure men to their deaths with song?
- **3.** How many axe handles did Odysseus fire an arrow through?
- 4. Who wrote the Odyssey?
- 5. Who is Odysseus' son?
- 7. Where did Odysseus live?

- **8.** Who was the messenger of the gods?
- **9.** Who was dead prophet that Odysseus travels to the Underworld to see?
- **10.** what was the false name Odysseus gives to the Cyclops?
- 11. What war was Odysseus returning from?
- **13.** How many men did the cyclops eat for breakfast?
- **16.** Who was the goddess who helped Odysseus the most?
- **17.** Who was the god of the winds?

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: Karen Holton, Jensen Redmond, Nancy Lee, Logan O'Neal, John Payne, Chris Corbacho, Brandon Haltiwanger Miranda Downing.

# **Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Pam Hoskins, Liliana Stork, Kim Pittman, Natalie Cook Jana Payne, Karen Holton, Barbara Raulerson

# **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Grace Kelly, Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, 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 Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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# Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

# Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

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

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Mickey Geiger, Mary Jo McLeod Place, Herman Bouknight, JoAnn Davis

# **Worship Leaders**