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**11:00 AM - April 6, 2025, Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Traditional Worship Service**

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## **Holy Communion Setting 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

*Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten*

**Johann Sebastian Bach**

#### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM    ELW p. 234**

*Today we welcome Sarah Rybicki (ALIVE!) and John Belle Isle (11:00 service)  
to our Mt. Tabor Family.*

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 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.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## GREETING

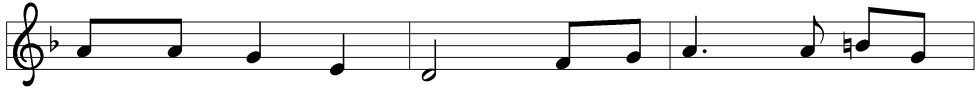
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 bod - y of our Lord.  
 riv - er, you the sea.

*One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.*

*General*

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
 give new strength to our believing,  
 give us faith to live your word

*Lent 1*

From the dawning of creation  
 you have loved us as your own;  
 stay with us through all temptation,  
 make us turn to you alone.

*Lent 2*

In our call to be a blessing,  
 may we be a blessing true;  
 may we live and die confessing  
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

*Lent 3*

Living Water of salvation,  
 be the fountain of each soul;  
 springing up in new creation,  
 flow in us and make us whole.

*Lent 4*

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
 make us children of your light.  
 Give us hearts to live more nearly  
 as your gospel shining bright.

*Lent 5*

God of all our fear and sorrow,  
 God who lives beyond our death,  
 hold us close through each tomorrow,  
 love as near as every breath.

*This year, we are including Lenten candles as part of our worship to represent the journey of Lent, which is a time of decreasing light leading up to Good Friday. Each week the extinguished candles signify a deeper reflection of Jesus' sacrifice and the approaching darkness of the cross.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

A reading from Isaiah.

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 126

W K Davis



The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad in-deed.

- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." **R**
- <sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb. **R**
- <sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

A reading from Philippians.

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL**

**John 12:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial." <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Wade Roof**

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Albert L. Travis

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

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Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.**

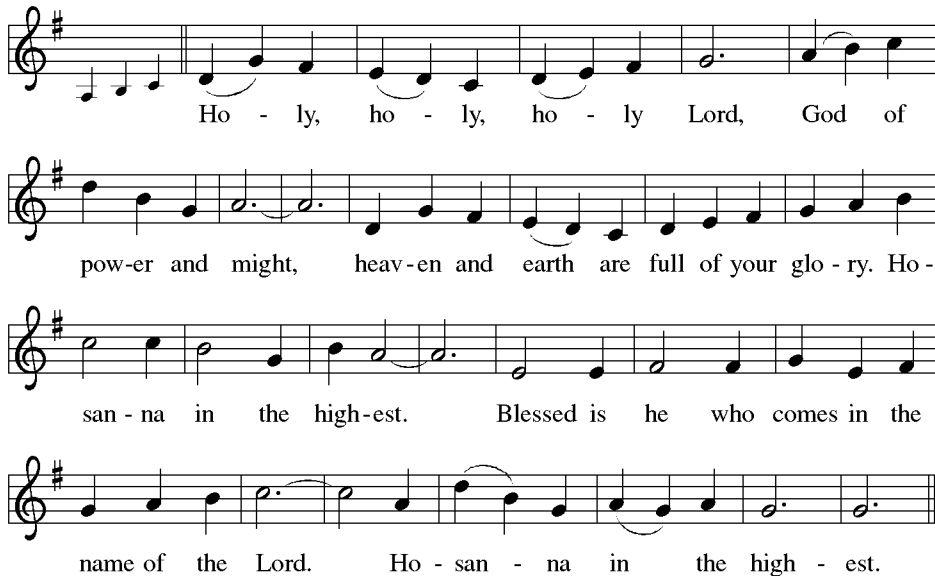
## PREFACE

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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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

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

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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.**

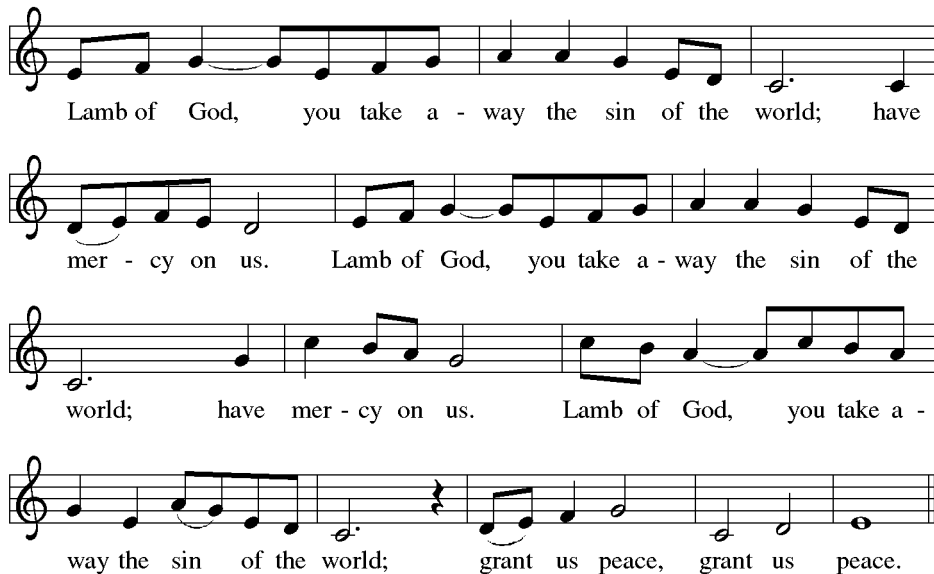
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,

tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has  
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al

faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;

no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.  
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE; Johann Crüger, 1598–1662; arr. hymnal version  
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1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - spect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



*Refrain*  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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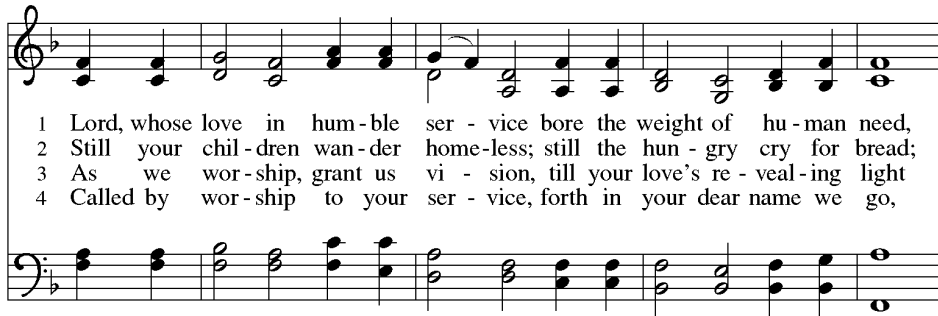
Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

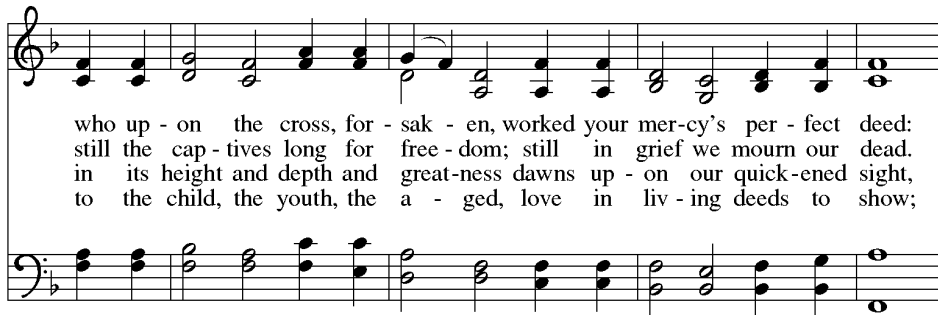
## BLESSING

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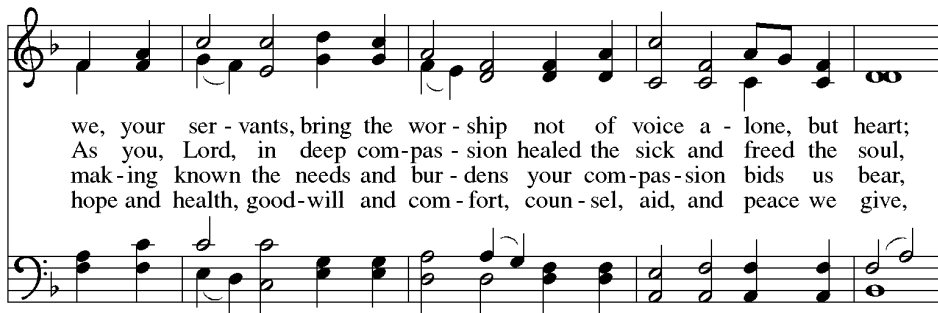
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**




1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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- Lector* ..... *Sarah Whitehead*
- Ushers* ..... *Sammy Haftoglou, Foster McLeod*  
..... *Joe Jones, Tex Davis*
- Greeter* ..... *Lacey Haftoglou*
- Acolyte* ..... *Zoi Haftoglou*
- Crucifer* ..... *Eli Haftoglou*
- Worship Coordinator* ..... *Sarah Whitehead*
- Livestream coordinators* ..... *Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr*



The vases of greenery placed on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Sue and Mike Morrow, and in honor of my Aunt Nancy Waugh’s 98<sup>th</sup> birthday by Nancy Smith.

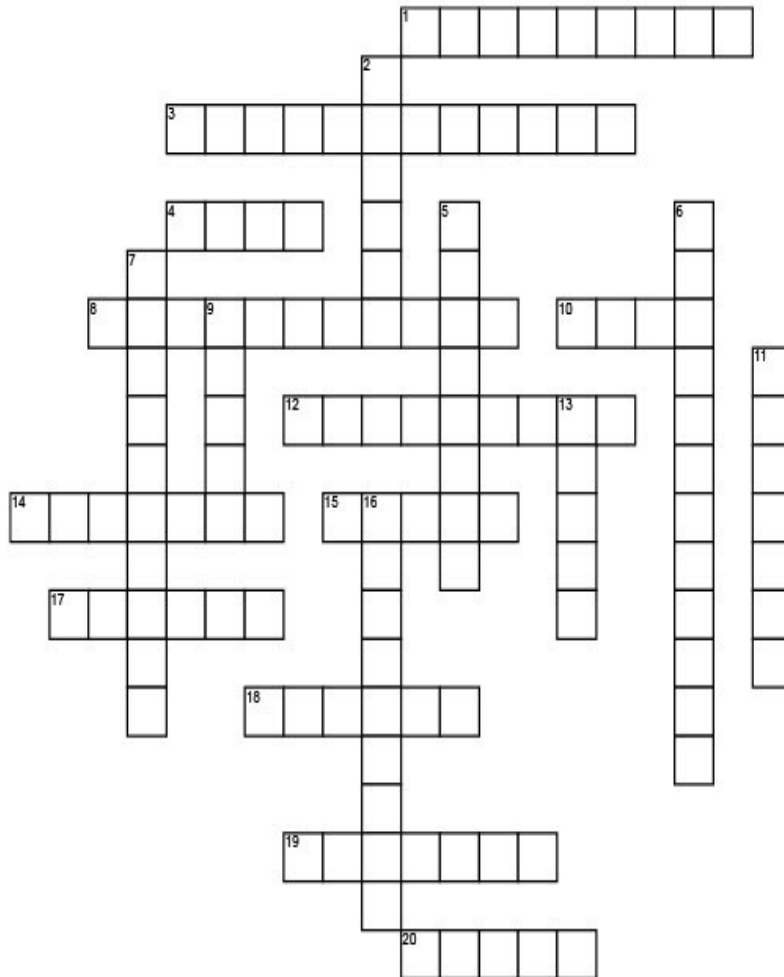
Today’s bulletin covers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mikey Dunlap’s birthday, which would have been on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope you are still making “bulletin flowers” for all to enjoy. We love you, Chris, Joe and Momma.



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# Lutheran Schools Week Words



## Across

1. The act of receiving the Eucharistic elements, the body and blood of Christ.
3. What the members of the church are called.
4. To offer a devout petition, praise, or thanks to God.
8. A willingness to forgive a wrong.
10. A song that is sung in church.
12. Of or relating to sacred things or matters; religious; devotional.
14. Consecrated, holy, worthy of adoration.

15. Any of the songs, hymns, or prayers contained in the Book of Psalms.
17. Three in one - God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.
18. The good news of the Bible.
19. A story that Jesus used to teach a lesson.
20. Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone.

## Down

2. The dwelling place of God, where where Jesus sits at God's right hand.
5. Any follower of Christ sent forth to teach.

6. A process to learn the teachings of the church, when complete, the person becomes a full member of the church.
7. To tell your sin to God and ask for forgiveness.
9. The unmerited or undeserving favor of God.
11. When someone is blessed with the water and the word to become a member of the family of Christ.
13. An elevated table at the front of the church, which holds the Bible and the communion elements.
16. A particular passage of the Bible.

**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!

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**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*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: Cody Cooper, Luca Metts, Debra Morris, Norma Rae Blume, Lisa Spigner, Ann Spainhour, Sandra Hutto, Sylvia Nelson, Danny Baker, Rhonda White, Julianne Jones, Tim Self, Cathy Crawford, Vicki McFarland, Kristen Stockton, Kristen Pittman, Nellie Phillips, Ed Fuson, Michael Hook, Harry Prim, Emma Lou Easley, Sue Jones, Scott Shull, Todd Wilson, Flora Evans, James Hook Brittany Looby, Matthew Hook, Rachel Bundrick, Tripp Owen.*

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Carol Busbee, Kay Smith, Sylvia Nelson, Nancy Stone-Collum, John Conrad, Carolyn Dufries  
Lauren Addy, Linda Price, Kim Pittman, Lynda Mason, Bruce Merchant

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

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

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*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*