

# MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**9:15 AM - November 9, 2025 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**ALIVE! Worship Service**

## INTRODUCTION

*We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.*

### ***Death Was Arrested***

#### *Verse 1*

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

#### *Verse 2*

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

#### *Chorus*

Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You

#### *Verse 3*

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

#### *Repeat Chorus*

#### *Verse 4*

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began

#### *Repeat Chorus*

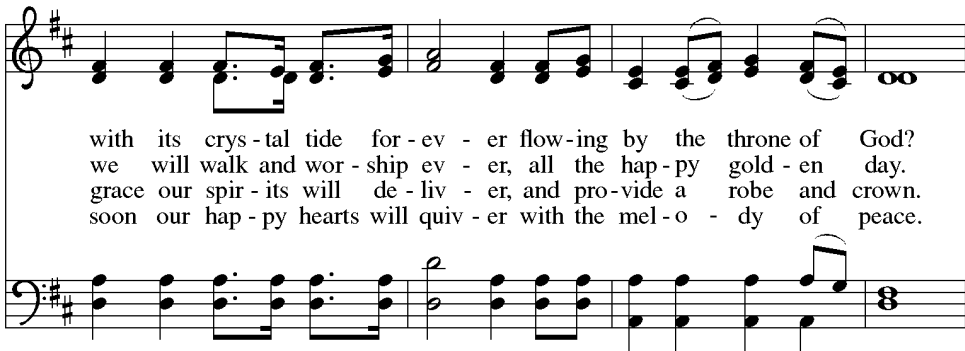
#### *Bridge*

Oh we're free free forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

## Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;




with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

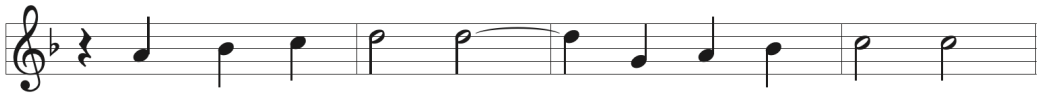
## When We Are Living



*Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,*  
1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain, . . . .  
3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find . . . .



*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.*  
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .  
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .  
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
and when we help them, or when we feed them,



*so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.*  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

2 En la tristeza y en el dolor,  
en la belleza y en el amor,  
sea que suframos o que gocemos,  
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

3 En este mundo por doquier habrá  
gente que lloray sin consolar.  
Sea que ayudemos o alimentemos,  
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

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## PEACE

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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.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## *Let There Be Praise*

F C/E F Dm Dm/F Gm Gm<sup>2</sup> Gm C

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/F E<sup>b</sup>M<sup>9</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Csus<sup>4</sup> C

Sing to the Lord, give God the glo - ry. glo - ry.

F C/E F Dm Dm/F Gm Gm<sup>2</sup> Gm C

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/F Gm F/A B<sup>b</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

For - ev - er - more let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

## A READING

Job 19:23-27a

A reading from Job.

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

- <sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM HYMN

## *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

Optional descant

The musical score is written for a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef, and the guitar accompaniment is in treble clef. The score includes an optional descant at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes, and the chords are written above the guitar line.

Chords: C, F/G, C, F/G, C, F/G, C, Gsus/C, C, F/C, C, F/G, C/G, F/G, C, F/G, C, F, C, Gsus, G, C, F, C, G<sup>7</sup> sus G<sup>7</sup>, C.

Lyrics:

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be  
 who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be  
 praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.  
 saved from my en-e-mies.  
 I will call up-on the Lord. The  
 Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-  
 va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,  
 and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed.



## GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Wade Roof**

## ANTHEM

*Graves Into Gardens*

**Brown, Hammer, Furtick  
& Lake/arr. Rouse**

## 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.**

# OFFERTORY

## Only By Grace

On-ly by grace can we en - ter, on - ly by grace can we stand;  
not by our hu - man en - deav - or,  
but by the blood of the Lamb. In - to your pres - ence you call  
us, you call us to come.  
In - to your pres - ence you draw us, and now by your grace we come,  
*Fine*  
now by your grace we come.  
Lord, if you mark our trans - gres - sions, who would  
stand? Thanks to your grace we are cleansed  
*D.C. al fine*  
by the blood of the Lamb.

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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.**

## **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.**

## **BLESSING**

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

# SENDING HYMN

## Heaven Is Singing for Joy



*El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!,*  
1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,



*por - que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.*  
for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.  
for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.  
for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



*lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

2 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,  
porque a tu vida y la mía  
las une el amor de Dios. Estribillo*

3 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,  
porque tu vida y la mía  
proclamarán al Señor. Estribillo*

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## DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

## **FOR FURTHER STUDY**

### **Psalm 17:1-9**

- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- <sup>2</sup> Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- <sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- <sup>4</sup> I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- <sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.
- <sup>6</sup> I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- <sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- <sup>9</sup> from the wicked who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

### **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

*This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

## ***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 ..... Irina Roof, Abby Grace Roof*

*Lector ..... Irina Roof*

*Greeter ..... Grace Fuson*

*Ushers ..... Sue & Lucky Jones*

*Livestream coordinators ..... Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr*



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# Gratitude

*Thank You*



*for your Kindness*

Volunteering  
Thanksgiving  
Relationship  
Appreciation  
compassion  
acknowledge  
Thoughtful  
Friendship  
compliment  
Happiness  
Encourage  
Excited  
Grateful  
Engaged  
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Thankful  
loyalty  
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joyful  
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Caring  
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O C I S K V V F K K W T R N R D J I Z J N K L C  
S Y I N T M U A M D R B Q G K J R C Y A E R M W

**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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*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:* Rick Moorer, Addie Pinner, Shelley Lee, Marshall Rooks, John Richardson, Kristi Hall, Stephen Rowe, Hannon Amick.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Dennis Rybicki, Jr., Pam Hoskins, Liliana Stork, 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, Alice Pollock  
Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Emma Lou Easley  
Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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John Sharpe, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Bobby Brown, Steve Blake, Zach Wash  
Jack Hayde, Barbara Antley, Ty Arlet, Bill Baney, Tyler Corbitt, Eddie Porter  
David "Bubba" Martin, Jr., Lara Backman Carter, Wayne Hall, Kimberly Chapman  
Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sam Waugh, Laura Ann Merrill, Pastor Kenneth Taylor  
Johnny Smith, Anne Moyer

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Jane Sexton, Mickey Geiger

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***Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*