

Tabor Mennonite Church

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World Communion Sunday



Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday as a congregation, recognizing our brothers and sisters in Christ in our country and around the world. Together, we are all part of the global body of Christ! Today's scripture focus is on the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand and also declaring himself to be the Bread of Life. As we reflect on these texts, may we come hungry to receive Jesus' nourishment.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE *Come, Christians join to sing (Spanish folk melody) Marcene Entz
*Amazing Grace (Traditional American melody)
*Siyahamba - We are walking in the light of God (from South Africa)/Kum Ba Yah (African melody)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Katherine Goerzen
from Psalm 126 (a Song of Ascent)

*GATHERING HYMN "Here in this place" No. 6

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Seed, scattered and sown" No. 454

*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Leann Toews

SCRIPTURE READINGS *John 6: 25-35* Dale Alderfer
Mark 6: 34-44 Elaine Unruh

The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Come Hungry" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "I am the Bread of life" No. 472

*CELEBRATING WORLDWIDE COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "For we are strangers no more" No. 322

"WHAT IF" Lewis Unruh

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN "Send forth by God's blessing" No. 478

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Our Father which art in Heaven (West Indies folk melody)

* From the CD "A World of Praise" - Pianist Linda McKechnie & the Don Marsh Orchestra. Used with permission.

Today

We remember fellow Christians throughout the world as we participate together in communion this morning. Breads representing different countries are featured on the communion table: Basotho bread (Southern Africa), Greek bread, French bread, Kansas wheat bread, German zwiebach, and corn tortillas. These world breads will be available to sample in the foyer after the worship service in celebration of God's abundant provision in our lives.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Archie and Kristin Schmidt and Phil, Sarahanne, Vatriken and Bosten Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, as well as a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Yvette Nickel.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are a visitor to Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

Garden Produce is available on the table in the foyer hallway.
Donations for the Tabor Food Pantry are welcome.

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.—Appreciation event at the Bethel College Mennonite Church fellowship hall for John and Mary Gaeddert.

This Week

October 2 - October 4

Tabor serves at Homeless Shelter

Tuesday, October 4

9:30 a.m.—Staff meeting

7:00 p.m.—Church Council

Wednesday, October 5

5:45 p.m.—Supper for everyone

6:30 - 7:15 p.m.—Orientation for children and parents

7:30 p.m.—Adult Choir

Thursday, October 6

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Next Sunday, October 9

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we will begin a series called “Faith and Politics: Living the Sermon on the Mount”. Scripture focus will be Matthew 5:1-12 and James 3:13-18 and Pastor Rosie will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, September 25.

- ★ Marcene Entz shared praise for the worship service noting that God is working his purpose out in spite of the way the world is today and invited the congregation to sing the hymn, “God is working his purpose out”. Lord, hear our prayer.

Dates to Remember:

October 5: Wednesday Evening ministries begin
October 9: Harvest Giving Walk
October 16: Fellowship Event - Papa's Pumpkin Patch
October 20: Stories & Stuff
October 27: Tabor program at Bethesda
November 3: Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ
November 6: Congregational Meeting
November 6: Tabor Trading Post kickoff

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 25, 2016

Offering	= \$ 8,679.69	Attendance	= 161
Adult F.F.	= \$ 38.00	Attendance	= 60
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 25.89	Attendance	= 35

Announcements and conference prayer requests are on the announcements page, which was either emailed to you or can be found in your church mailbox. Additional copies can be found in the literature rack.

Come Hungry

Mark 6:34-44; John 6:25-35

Feeding the Crowds

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, [Jesus] looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.” (Mark 6:41-43, *NRSV*)

Food that Endures

“‘For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” (John 6:33-35, *NRSV*)

“Give us this bread always”



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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