

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Mt. Tabor. *We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please fill out and return the 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!*

Mt. Tabor's Nursery. *A nursery is provided during both worship services for children of suggested ages infant to four years old. However, we encourage all children to remain in worship as it is in worship that they learn the faith of the church. In an effort to ensure a safe haven for our children, parents are responsible for signing their child in and out of the nursery as stated in our Risk and Abuse Policy.*

New Mother's Suite. *Nursing mothers are invited to take advantage of the private space in our Mother's Suite in room 116 of the nursery wing.*

Child Protection Policy. *Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is committed to being a safe place for children and youth. Our congregation has enacted policies and procedures designed to minimize the risk of abuse. Copies of our Child Protection Policy are available in the narthex and in the Church Office.*

Children's Activity Bags. *Children's activity bags are available in the Narthex and can be found hanging under the picture board. These bags contain coloring sheets, activity sheets and crayons for the children to use during the service as well as an information sheet for reminders about the bag. At the end of the service, the child can take home the sheets used and return the bag to the narthex so it is available for the next service. Our hope is that this children's ministry will be another way for our children to enjoy worship with their families.*

Communion. *Normally, communion is celebrated with wine and bread; however, those with allergies may choose to receive communion in one kind—either bread or wine. Either is an acceptable practice. Grape juice is also available.*

Altar Flowers. *The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Nancy Corley Sharpe for her birthday on September 14th. I am so happy you passed on your love for making things pretty to me so that I could make these for you and all of the family with you! The flowers are also given in loving memory of Earl & Claudia Corley, Hub & Betty Ballington, Charles & Beverly Corley and Kenny Ballington. "Blest be the tie that binds..." You are all deeply loved and sorely missed. Love my cardinals! Kristi*

Bulletin Covers. *The bulletin covers are given to the glory of God by The Sox Family in honor of Lilli Sox's birthday on September 11th.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor
Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Rev. Emily Willhide, Pastor of Faith Formation
Vicar Justin Marx, Intern
Mrs. Elise Helms, Interim Choir Director

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ELW Setting Three — Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Listen, God is Calling"

Anne Krentz Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come. **Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

God our helper, we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"Lift High the Cross"

Hymn 660

GREETING

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

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, **in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**GOSPEL****Luke 14:25-33**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON**

Pastor Wade Roof

HYMN OF THE DAY*“Take Up Your Cross”***Hymn 667****CREED****I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

ANTHEM (8:30) "Blest Are They" Haas
(11:00) "Take Up Your Cross" Giamanco

OFFERTORY HYMN "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 885

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, we **bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

HYMN "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" Hymn 814

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 "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" Hymn 814

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.

HYMN "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" Hymn 814

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

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Take My Life, That I May Be” Hymn 685
“Change My Heart, O God” Hymn 801
“O Master, Let Me Walk with You” Hymn 818

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and compassionate God, **in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

Hymn 722

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Tell Out, My Soul”

J. Wayne Kerr

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: Amy Carlton, Brett Ebener, Rebecca Gaultney, Nicholas Hayes, Nikolaus Hostetter, Heath Hutto, Barney Miller, Mattie O'Quinn, Kim Pittman, Richard Shirah, Joel Smith Jr., Dakota Steele, Justin Steele, Katlynn Steele, Phoebe Steele, Terry Tucker, Kate Willhide.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:

Larry Taylor, Betty Wise, Marsha Reynolds, Fred Carter.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Adam Jones, John Conrad, DeeDee Fogle, Edith Shealy, Dustin Baxter, David Senn, Jane Eubanks, Lynn Hostetter, Penny Timmerman, Maurice Dunlap, Matthew Hook, Elise Harmon, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Lois Cromer, Mary Hamson, Terry Tucker, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Wanda Hood, Melody Hughes, Fallynn Rickards, Howard Lang, Markle Family, Carol Miller, Richard Merritt, Bobby Smith, Murray Hoskins, John Imbaratto, George Pheasant, Henry & Margot Gainey, Hardy Goff, Margret Hook, Vivian Gwin, Amelia Sightler, Tillman Chesney, Mike Eden, Scott Stein, Nancy Lee, Betty Driggers, Gregg Avedisian, Scott Willyerd, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunnicutt.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Mike Willhide, Scott Hash, John Post, Dallas Phillips.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews, Bernd Koehler, John Ward.

The Family Of:

Chase Ada Tucker, Annie Sharpe, Kenny Ballington, Porter Hooks, Patricia Scyphers, Bob Wise, Kenny King, Shirley Miles.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.

8:30 A.M.	<i>Worship Assistants</i>	11:00 A.M.
Leah Conrad	<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Assistant Needed</i>
	<i>Crucifers</i>	Emily Hutto
Cathy Crawford	<i>Lectors</i>	Elise Helms
Linda Spainhour	<i>Greeters</i>	BJ Roof
Charlie Sharpe	<i>Ushers</i>	Travis Spainhour
Don Simmons		Russell Pauly
Paul Jacobs		
Dusty & Miley Rhodes	<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Kendrick Kerr
Sue Jones	<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	Julie Plane
Sandra Lindler, organ	<i>Musicians</i>	Sandra Lindler, organ
Morning Hymn Choir		Adult Choir

<i>Budget Information</i>	
OFFERINGS: Budgeted for 2019	777,014.00
I. Weekly Offering needed weekly to meet Budget	14,942.58
Offering Received for September 1	11,668.04
II. 2019 Budget Giving (through September 1 - week 36 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	521,732.88
Offering Received	461,019.74
YTD Expense	466,454.28
Capital Campaign Total	398,956.25
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	2,391.63
Capital Campaign Balance as of September 1	401,347.88
First Citizens Loan Balance as of August 4, 2019 @ 4%	11,469.12

Sunday School 2019 - 2020

Superintendent - Linda Spainhour & Sarah Whitehead

Secretary/Treasurer - Jeanie & Paul Jacobs

Nursery Pianist - Janice West

Nursery - Room 107

Nancy Allen

Dottie Ford

Room 124 Disciples - Room 109

Joe Vasquez

1, 2 & 3 Year Olds - Room 117

Barbara Livingston

Tina Conrad

Rhonda White

Mindy Williams

Curriculum - Deep Blue

Augsburg - Room 101

Charles Easley

Freddie Fulmer

Allen Wise

Jean Latimer, Sub

Curriculum - Augsburg Adult Bible Studies

4 & 5 Year Olds - Room 307

1st Grade - Room 307

Pam Berrian

Irina Roof

Barbara Stilwell

Betsy Sippel

Curriculum - Deep Blue

Middle and High School - Room 301

Tommy Smith

Whitney Glass

Linda Spainhour

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade - Room 304

Anna Scyphers

Jimmy Williams

Betsy Sippel

Curriculum - Deep Blue

New Seekers - Room 121

Pam Burnett

Janet Wood, Sub

Carol Williams, Sub

Don Simmons, Sub

College and Careers - Room 302

Pastor Wade

Pastor Emily

Friends & Followers - Room 207

Harry Prim

