

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

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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.*

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.*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism. *This morning, during the 8:30 am service, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Megan Ashley Lyons and her children, Antonio Edward and Emma Rose Lyons. We welcome Megan, Antonio, and Emma into the faith we all share through Jesus Christ.*

Altar Flowers. *The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Murray & Pam Hoskins in honor of their wedding anniversary on October 20th and in honor of Brennen Hutto's birthday on October 20th and DeeDee Fogle's birthday on October 21st.*

Bulletin Covers. *The bulletin covers are given to the glory of God in honor of Megan, Antonio and Emma's baptism. Welcome to our church family—Poppy, Bob, Barbara, Acy, Blair, Margaret Raye, Bob, Katie, Ford, Mary Lane, Betsy, Patrick, Jack, Emily, Rachel, Joe, Little Joe, Barbara, Georgia, Anna, Tom, Connor, Greyson, Rebekah, Alex, Court, Baby Morris, Roxanne, Auston, and Foster.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mrs. Sandra Lindler, Interim Organist

Rev. Emily Willhide, Pastor of Faith Formation

Vicar Justin Marx, Intern

Mrs. Elise Helms, Interim Choir Director

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ELW Setting Three — Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"

Anne Krentz Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (11:00)

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.**

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:30)

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GATHERING SONG

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymn 858

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED (8:30)

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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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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, **you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you

ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 121

My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;

from where is my | help to come?

²**My help comes | from the LORD,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 18:1-8**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"*

Hymn 750**CREED (11:00)**

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) *“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”* Lowry
(11:00) *“Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You”* Althouse

OFFERTORY HYMN *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* Hymn 885

OFFERING 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

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 *“Oh Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”* **Hymn 610**

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” **Hymn 767**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” **Hymn 742**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymn 840

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Michael Burkhardt

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: Jennifer Brazzell, Lynn Cain, Tommy Dawson IV, Garrett Haltiwanger, Pam Myers, Alice Pollock, Alison Post, Cooper Redmond, Cheyenne Steele, Katie Sulser, Butch Swygert.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:

Brittany Rister, Larry Taylor.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betty Wise, Marsha Reynolds, Michael Bradshaw, Hazel Rauch, Lynn Hostetter, Penny Timmerman, Maurice Dunlap, Matthew Hook, Elise Harmon, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Mary Hamson, Terry Tucker, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Jean Vasquez, Tom Mosteller, Emily Windham, Christie Goldberry, Johnnie Blackburn, Byron Bullard, Wanda Hood, Murray Hoskins, 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:

Tristan Mullen, 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:

Lois Cromer, Elaine Jeffcoat, Melody Sox Hughes, Fred Carter, Estelle Rhodes, Magnolia Markle, Wanda Hood, Chase Ada Tucker, Annie Sharpe.

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>	Bennett Plane
	<i>Crucifers</i>	Owen Plane
Allen Wise	<i>Lectors</i>	Tom Smith
Betty Senn	<i>Greeters</i>	Janet Smith
William Wood	<i>Ushers</i>	Tom Smith
Acy Flora		Freddy Vallejo
		Clyde Nelson
Joe Jones	<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Randy Klapman
Sybil Kennedy	<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	Rachel Popkowski
Morning Hymn Choir	<i>Musicians</i>	Adult Choir
		Cherub 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 October 13	6,108.56
II. 2019 Budget Giving (October 13 - week 42 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	608,688.36
Offering Received	532,542.21
YTD Expense	551,006.28
Capital Campaign Total	408,745.73
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	490.00
Capital Campaign Balance as of October 13	409,235.73
First Citizens Loan Balance as of October 5, 2019 @ 4%	8,541.98

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 - Church office

Pastor Wade

Pastor Emily

Friends & Followers - Room 302

Harry Prim

