

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday After Epiphany

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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.*

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 in honor of Patricia "Tricia" Ballington Elledge. I am sorry I was a brat on your wedding day so long ago. Hope these make up for it! I love you like a sister... which is probably why I was a brat! Love you—Kristi.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mrs. Sandra Lindler, Interim Organist

Mrs. Elise Helms, Interim Choir Director

Rev. Emily Willhide, Pastor of Faith Formation

Vicar Justin Marx, Intern

Ms. Lorie Gladyness, Seminarian

Second Sunday After Epiphany ELW Setting Four—Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Here I am, Lord"

Anne Marie David

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

God who searches us and knows us, you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; ☩ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*

Hymn 308

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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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.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his

Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,

who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be
com | pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;**

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.

⁷And so I said, “Here I | am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

⁸**‘I love to do your will, | O my God;**

your law is | deep within me.’”

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness
and | your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God’s church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus

Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord of Light"

Hymn 688

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 bur-

ied; 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) *“Bind Us Together”* Gillman
(11:00) *“Many Gifts, One Spirit”* Pote

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

OFFERING PRAYER

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother’s womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

HYMN *“This Little Light of Mine” (verse 1)* **Hymn 677**

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 in remembrance of me.

HYMN *“This Little Light of Mine” (verse 2)* **Hymn 677**

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 *“This Little Light of Mine” (verse 3)* **Hymn 677**

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

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, grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Blessing, Honor, and Glory”
“We All Are One in Mission”

Hymn 433
Hymn 576

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Hymn 310

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

Benjamin M. Culli

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: Kassidy Bozard, Aaron Gillis, Beth Holliman, Debbie Rakowski, April South, Dakota Todd, Reggie Ward, Robert Wise.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:

Carolyn Creasman, Clara Conrad, Pete Davis, Mary Hamson, Jensen Redmond, Sadie Howard.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Jennifer Brazell, Terry Tucker, Betty Wise, Hazel Rauch, Lynn Hostetter, Penny Timmerman, Matthew Hook, Elise Harmon, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Gail Kneece, Tom Mosteller, Ronnie Boland, Carolyn Sox, Rev. Michael Henderson, Mike Rish, Katie Dutton, Murray Hoskins, Bob Spruill, Henry & Margot Gainey, Jenelle Martin, Tina Scott Frye, Gregg Avedisian, Vladimir Puzdrjakov, Jonathan Anderson, Tommy Roof, Vivian Gwin, Ed Rybicki, 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:

Tom Bryant, Marcus Hayes, 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:

Johnny Miles, Tom Cooperider, Edith Shealy, Peggy Bundrick, Kenneth Cook.

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>	Hannah Vallejo
	<i>Crucifers</i>	Christian Vallejo
Paul Hinson	<i>Lectors</i>	Irelou Moye
Renee Shealy	<i>Greeters</i>	Roxanne Rich
		Rebekah Morris
Charlie Taylor	<i>Ushers</i>	Clyde Nelson
Gerald Shealy		Hampton Miller
Ray Conrad		
Rachel Bundrick	<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Ann Spainhour
Nancy Stone-Collum	<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	Lisa Richardson
Morning Hymn Choir	<i>Musicians</i>	Adult Choir

<i>Budget Information</i>	
OFFERINGS: Budgeted for 2019	713,981.00
I. Weekly Offering needed weekly to meet Budget	13,730.40
Offering Received for January 12	7,834.48
II. 2019 Budget Giving (January 12 - week 2 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	27,460.80
Offering Received	19,021.07
YTD Expense	13,431.01
Capital Campaign Total	321,634.91
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	2,745.18
Capital Campaign Balance as of January 12	324,380.09
First Citizens Loan Balance as of January 13, 2020 @ 4%	4,114.25

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

