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9:15 AM — January 15, 2023 — Second Sunday After Epiphany ALIVE! Worship Service

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.

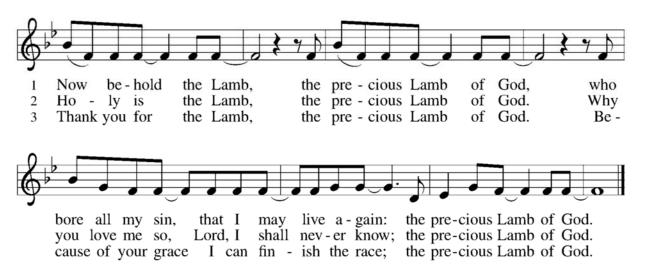
Gathering Song Verses 1, 2 & 5 Christ, Be Our Light



YOU.



Now Behold the Lamb



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Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

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PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND 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

Let us pray.

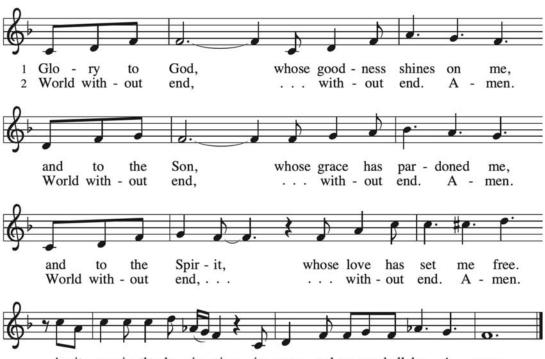
Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

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READING Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

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.



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Gospel: John 1:29-42

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! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I 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.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who daptizes with the riory 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 Wade Roof

ANTHEM There Is a Redeemer Green/arr. Harlan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen

OFFERING



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice

and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⅓ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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!

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Dale Jeffcoat (birthday 1/12) by Rue Jeffcoat.

ALIVE! Musicans

Gale McLeod, Co-Director	Clark Ebener	Mary Katherine King
Irelou Moye, Co-Director	Lyndsey Ebener	Ricky Lusk
Beth Branham	Hannah Fogle	David Moye
Leah Conrad	Erin Hall	Ed Redmond
Brett Ebener	Vaughn Hall	Roxanne Rich

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music

Worship Assistants

Lector Whitney Glass Greeter Usher

Communion Assistant Nancy Stone-Collum

FOR HOME SELF-STUDY & REFLECTION

READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from Corinthians.

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, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God 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.

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

January 15, 2023

This Week at Mt. Tabor...

Sunday, January 15 Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 am Matins Service - Holy Communion

9:15 am ALIVE! Service

10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Service -Holy Communion

Monday, January 16 Office Closed ML King Day

9:30 am Quilting Ministry

5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR

7:00 pm Mt. Tabor Ringers

Tidings Deadline

Tuesday, January 17

10:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR

6:30 pm NA Mtg/ECR

6:30 pm ALIVE! Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 am E-News deadline

10:00 am Bulletin deadline

11:00 am Bible Study

12:00 pm Noon Eucharist

3:30 pm Sing & Celebrate

4:45 pm Children's Choir

6:30 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, January 19

5:30 pm Positively Fit/ECR

5:45 pm Diabetes meetings/AR

7:00 pm 90th Anniversary/ECR

9:00 am—2:00 pm Palmetto Senior Show/ SC State Fair-grounds

Sunday, January 22 Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 am Matins Service -

9:15 am ALIVE! Service

10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Service

Next Sunday's Readings Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

God's Helping Hands Needs

Oatmeal, Mac n' Cheese, Grits, Jelly, Fruit Juice, Cookies, Rice, and Beans

Love Offering

Scooter Scott Project

MOBILE GIVING

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime



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Attention Seniors 55+ FREE ADMISSION!

\$5.00 Parking per vehicle



Thursday, January 19, 2023

9:00 am to 2:00 pm Goodman Building - SC State Fairgrounds

On Patrol: Live — Curtis Wilson

Miss South Carolina — Jill Dudley

Mama's Home Cookin' • The Time Pirates

TV Personality Tim Miller

Pat Strubbe — John Farley — Preservation Specialists

100 Exhibitor Booths



Please join us in giving Blood February 12, 2023 10:00 AM -3:00 PM

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Assembly Room.

YEARBOOK & DIRECTORY

All reports and personal information for the 2023 Yearbook and Directory are due by January 17TH.

Be sure to update the church office with any name, address, phone number or email changes.

Also, we need updated information on our college students.





We have <u>Not</u> received the offering envelopes for 2023. Please use the ones located in the church pews and we will notify you as soon as they are delivered.

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: Dennis Barfield, David Derrick, Catherine Latham, Katelyn Hilton, Reed Glass, James Shorzewski, Vance Hutto, Pam Berrian, Mack Insabelle, Alexis Spainhour, Allison Eudy, Kay Smith, Ali Moriarty, Margaret Raye Flora, Dakota Todd, Reggie Ward, Robert Wise,

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

D. J. Rybicki, Edna Holton, Foster McLeod, Pete Davis, Mary Davis, John Conrad, Paul Addy.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Janet Smith, Paul Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sharon Mattern, Jackie Macaulay, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Jeanie Jacobs, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Linda Shull, David Baldwin, Family of Jeff and Regene Kenyon, Chuck Backman, Nancy Peters, Johnny Moore, William Sox, Brinlee Erwin, Molly Gilbert, Bob & Shirley Spruill, Henry Gainey, Stacy Carns, Jordan Mellichamp, Charles Hite, Tyler Carter, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, Steve Collum, John Bundrick.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, 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, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Hazel Price, Ronnie Hutto, James Self, Bonita Taylor.

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.