

**MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Third Sunday After Epiphany**

**January 26, 2020**

## **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 God in honor of Owen Plane for his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We love you—Mom, Miller and Bennett.*

### **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

## Third Sunday After Epiphany ELW Setting Four—Holy Communion

### INTRODUCTION

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

Robert A. Hobby

### 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

*“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”*

**Hymn 580**

### 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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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**

Let us pray.

**Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM**

**Psalms 27:1, 4-9**

*The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the  
beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and  
make music | to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;  
have mercy on me and | answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

## **SECOND READING**

## **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

**SERMON**

Vicar Justin Marx

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Will You Come and Follow Me”*

**Hymn 798**

**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)**  
**(11:00)**

*“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*  
*“The Heavens Proclaim”*

Marcello/Hopson

**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.**

## 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**

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

**Hymn 574**

*“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”*

**Hymn 488**

**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.

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**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**

*“We are Marching in the Light of God”*

**Hymn 866**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”*

Robert A. Hobby

**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: Brandon Cato, Don Cole Jr., Lauren Matthews, Annette Monts, Tammy O'Quinn, Nicole Rodgers, Jennifer Smith, Kim Smith, Toby Wiggers.*

**This Week's Prayer Concerns:**

Todd Smith, Carolyn Creasman, Clara Conrad, Pete Davis, Mary Hamson.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Jensen Redmond, Sadie Howard, 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
Linda Spainhour	<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	Sylvia Nelson
Morning Hymn Choir	<i>Musicians</i>	Adult Choir

<i>Budget Information</i>	
<b>OFFERINGS: Budgeted for 2019</b>	713,981.00
I. Weekly Offering needed weekly to meet Budget	13,730.40
Offering Received for January 19	17,053.49
II. 2019 Budget Giving (January 19 - week 3 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	41,191.20
Offering Received	36,074.56
YTD Expense	18,255.57
<b>Capital Campaign Total</b>	324,380.09
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	1,245.00
Capital Campaign Balance as of January 19	325,625.09
<b>First Citizens Loan Balance</b> 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**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 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

