

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11:00 AM—May 21, 2023 — Seventh Sunday of Easter Traditional Worship Service Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition

Holy Communion - Setting Four

INTRODUCTION

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God is So Good A Rainbow is a Promise Youth

BLESSING OF COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Dear graduates: At this special time in your life we are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

Let us pray, O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young men and women. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the 🕂 Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SONNE DER GERECHT-

Rise, O Song of Righteousness

n Rise. 0 Sun of with righ vour 1 teous - ness: Rouse our slum ber deep; 2 hearts from may your Gath - er 3 in vour scat tered flock: give us Burst the bars of stub born pride; make the 4 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo ry be to the might cre tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day, а word with in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share up from heav'n-ly path way wide. Raise us and death sin ho - ly Trin i - tv! May your gra-cious will be done: Ο show - ing all your gen tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord. prais - es ho ly name. Have Lord. to your mer cy, in shep - herd's lov ing care. Have mer Lord. our cy, Spir - it's with your liv ing breath. Have Lord. mer cy, make us Have Lord. one, are one. mer - cy, as you

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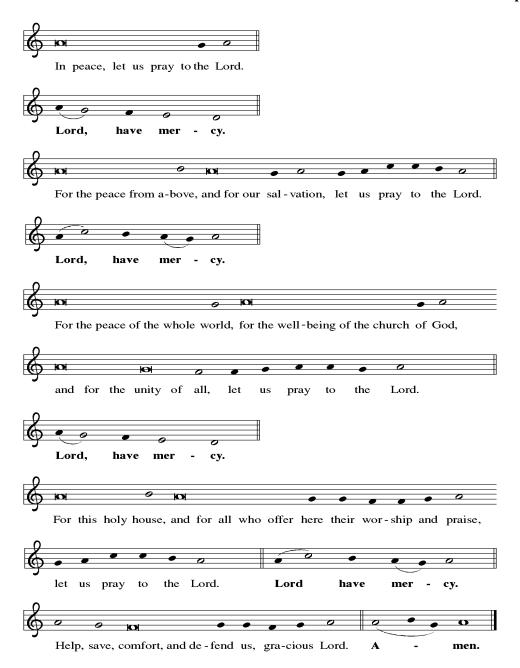
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GREETING

ELW p. 147 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



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

A reading from Acts.

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;

let those who hate God flee.

- ²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
- as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!

Acts 1:6-14

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;

but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,

when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰Your people found their home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from 1 Peter.

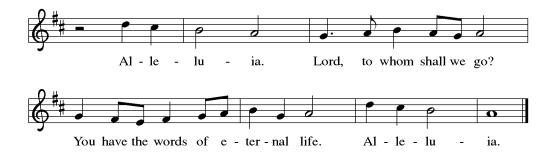
Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

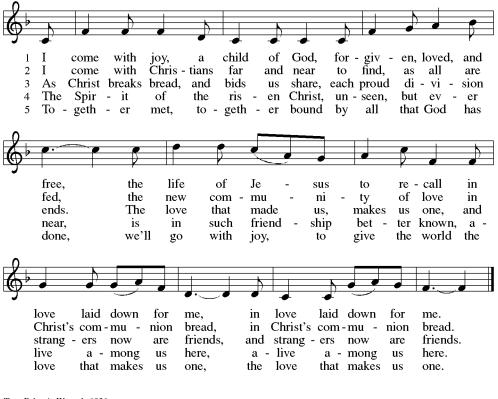
¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

SERMON

Leah Conrad



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PRESENTATION OF BLANKETS

The blankets you see here today have been made by the parents of our graduates. These blankets represent the love that our families share, the love our church family shares, and the love God shares with these young men and women.

Dear Friends in Christ, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe and comforted. Very soon you will be launching a new life, away from the safety and security of this home, family, church and community. As you go out into the world, may this blanket be a reminder of your parents' love and the nurture of this Christian community.

Parent(s): <u>(child's name)</u>, I come this day before God to bless you and thank him for your life. You have given my life a deeper meaning and calling. Through you, I have experienced God's love, joy and forgiveness. Wherever you go, whatever you do, my love goes with you, you will always be part of my heart. May this blanket remind you of the warmth

of my love, the care of this faith community and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. And on those nights when I cannot wrap you in my arms, wrap yourself in this blanket and know that in God's family you are never alone.

Graduates: You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. Today I honor and thank you for your courage, patience, wisdom and love. Wherever I go and whatever I do, I will always be your child, blessed by your love. I thank God for blessing my life with you.

NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

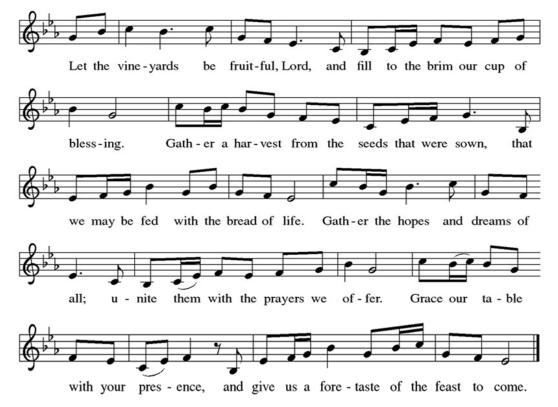
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Goin' to Build My Life Youth Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN 184

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



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Dick Anthony

Ronald A. Nelson

OFFERING PRAYER

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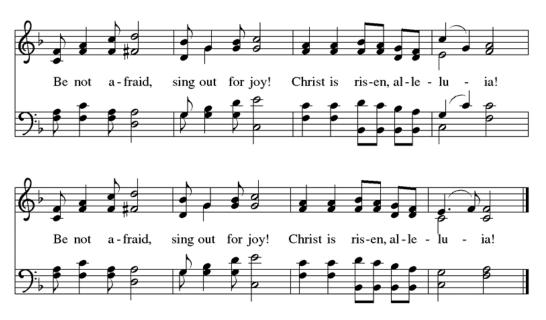
Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN 388

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID



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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 for the remembrance of me.

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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.

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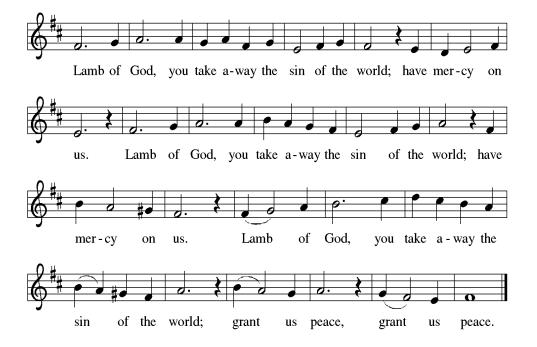
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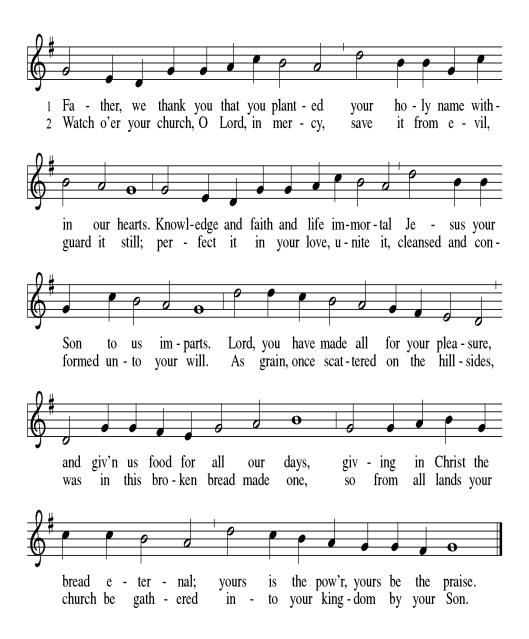
BE NOT AFRAID

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.	ELW p. 154
INVITATION TO COMMUNION	ELW p. 154

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION SONG





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HYMN 475

Lord, Enthroned in heavenly Splendor

BRYN CALFARIA



Text: George H. Bourne, 1840–1925 Music: BRYN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814–1893

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

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BLESSING

Oh, Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

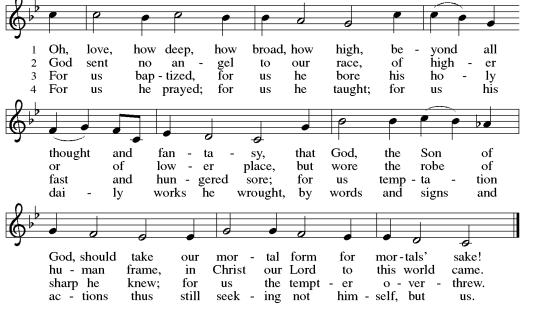
how deep, Oh. love. how broad, how high, be yond all 2 God gel race. of high sent an no to our er bap - tized, for 3 For he bore his ho us us lv Δ For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his Ø and of thought fan ta that God. the Son sy, low of of er place, but wore the robe or fast and hun gered sore; for us temp - ta tion dai works he lv wrought, by words and signs and sake! God, should take tal form mor-tals' for our mor hu - man frame. in Christ our Lord to this world came. sharp he knew: for the tempt o - ver threw. us er ac - tions thus still seek ing not him - self, but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad: the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.



DEO GRACIAS

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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2023 Easter Offering Goal

A motion was made to set a goal for the Easter Offering at \$25,000. 10% will go to charities, 1/3 each (Epworth Children's Home, God's Helping Hands and Gamecock Lutheran Ministry) and the remaining will be split between personnel assistance and staffing (intern, youth, etc.) and ongoing church maintenance and improvements. The motion was approved unanimously.

YTD Total is \$15,376.25



Kitchen Items Need

https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/ DYPT0Y42KBP3/guest-view

Here is the Amazon Gift Registry that we created so that members who want to participate, may purchase remaining items needed for the kitchen. These items will be sent to my house and I will take care of getting them to the kitchen. Please let me know if you have any questions.

> Thank you, Whitney Glass

Sunday, May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition

9:15 am ALIVE! Service 10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Service - Youth Led Holy Communion 12:00 pm Church Council

Monday, May 22

9:30 am Quilting Ministry5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR7:00 pm Mt. Tabor Ringers

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lizard's Thicket)
10:30 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Ladies Aid
5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR
6:30 pm NA Mtg/ECR
6:30 pm ALIVE! Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 24

9:00 am E-News deadline 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Noon Eucharist 6:30 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 25

5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR 5:30 pm Centennial Circle

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28, Pentecost

8:00 am Matins Service - Holy Communion 9:15 am ALIVE! Service - Holy Communion

- 10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Service Holy Communion Drop In/Confirmation Celebration

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34,35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23

Online Giving

Mt. Tabor offers online giving. Scan the QR Code to be taken to our online giving page.





Don't forget about our **Blessing Box** by the Park. This box is to be filled with any blessing that someone else could use: food, blankets, water, etc... anything that could communicate God's love to God's people. Please bring something to add to our box & may God bless you for it! Please do not donate opened food items or things that will melt.

Nursery Volunteers for May: 9:15—Brett Ebener 11:00—Volunteers needed			ONE LICENSE LICENSING PERMISSION: REPRINTED/ PODCAST/ STREAMED WITH PERMISSION UNDER ONE LICENSE #A-7000 ALL RIGHTS RE- SERVED
Still need volunteers for the following months: 9:15 service for May Both services for July 11:00 service for September Both services for October Both services for December Please contact Brett Ebener if you are willing to serve! brettebener@gmail.com (803)260-8173			
	11:00 Ser	vice Worship Assistants	
Lector	Youth	Communion Assistant Worship Assistant Coordinator	Youth Kendrick Kerr
Greeter	Debbie McLeod	Acolyte	Rebecca McQuillen
Ushers	Tom Smith, Janet Smith Foster McLeod, Clyde Nelson	Crucifer	Drew McQuillen

New Members

Mt. Tabor is receiving new members. Anyone that is interested in becoming a member should contact Pastor Wade or the Church Office. The Sunshine Club will meet June 1st at 12:00 Noon. Please bring a covered dish to share. Our speaker will be Don Simmons, who will tell us about the HUGS program. Plan to attend

and enjoy the fellowship and program.

Sunshine Club

Mt. Tabor Quilters Have a Need

The quilters are in need of used bed sheets, blankets, or similar large pieces of fabric (tablecloths, etc.). These items are used as fillers in quilts. Please keep us in mind as you clean closets. Fabric you no longer need can be used for quilt tops. We appreciate your past support. Thank you for all you do to help this ministry.



Faith, Fun, and Fellowship!

Please come join Mt. Tabor at River Rat Brewery for some faith, fun, and fellowship!

Friday, May 26 at 5:00 PM

River Rat Brewery is family and dog friendly! Please check the website for additional information riverratbrewery.com

Congratulations Graduates!

	High School	Plans to Attend
Leah Marie Conrad	Airport High School	Clemson
Jensen Arlene Redmond	River Bluff High School	USC
	College/University	Degree
Alexis (Elledge) Fabian	Liberty University	
Sara Elizabeth Fulmer	USC	PHD in Curriculum with Emphasis in STEM
Madison Clark "Mattie" O'Quinn	USC	Biology & Liberal Studies

Room for Mothers

The Room for Mothers is ready for use again! The room number is 116.

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!

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: David Cook, Ashlynn Busbee, Carson Busbee, Trent Bozard, Blythe Baxter, Natalie Cook, Michael Cook, Ashleigh Christine, Harold Jones, Emilie Jeffries, Sarah Mattern, Kayla Newman, Dalton Rodgers, Todd Sharpe, Eric Smith, Benjamin Smith, Darby Shepherd

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Robert Cromer, Helen Summers, Dennis Rybicki Sr, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Gale McLeod, Lee Riley, Jeanie Jacobs, Lib Manus.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Judy Jordan, David Derrick, Harold Jones, Paul Addy, Paul Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Ann Callison.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Haylen Marcel, Gayle Nelson, Betty Steele, Katie Blackwell Feaster, Deidra Huckabee, Jackson Bell, Ms. Moldovan, Pam Player, Carolyn Conway.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Arturo Rivera, Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Koda Nelson, Frank Miller, Jim Skorzewski, Sybil Hudson.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Tex and Mary Davis's 28th Wedding Anniversary.

The Processional cross flowers are given by Tom and Carol Stork to the Glory of God and in honor of Mount Tabor's Youth and all those who make Youth Ministry possible.

Bulletin Covers are given by Dottie Ford in honor of Leah Conrad, Jensen Redmond and all other graduates.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music