MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:15 AM —May 14, 2023 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.



Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version Text © 1983 Gracia Grindal, Selah Publishing Co., Inc., agent. www.selahpub.com. Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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Don't Be Afraid



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell
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10,000 Reasons



Text: Matt Redman, b. 1974, and Jonas Myrin, b. 1982

TEN THOUSAND REASONS

Music: Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

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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.

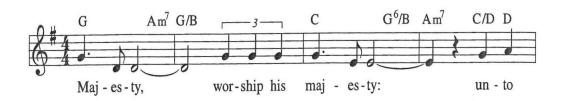
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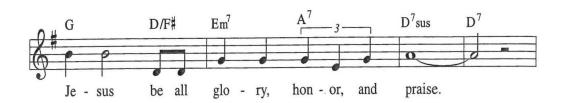
Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

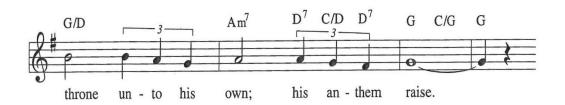
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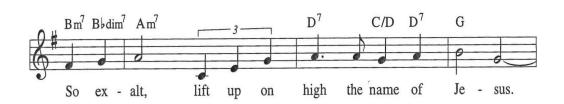
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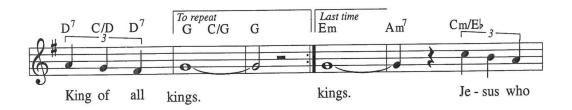














Text and music: Jack Hayford

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A READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the Book of 1 Peter.

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66

Glory and Praise to Our God

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain after each verse.





GOSPEL John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM This is Amazing Grace Riddl

Riddle, Wickham and Farro/ arr. Larson

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

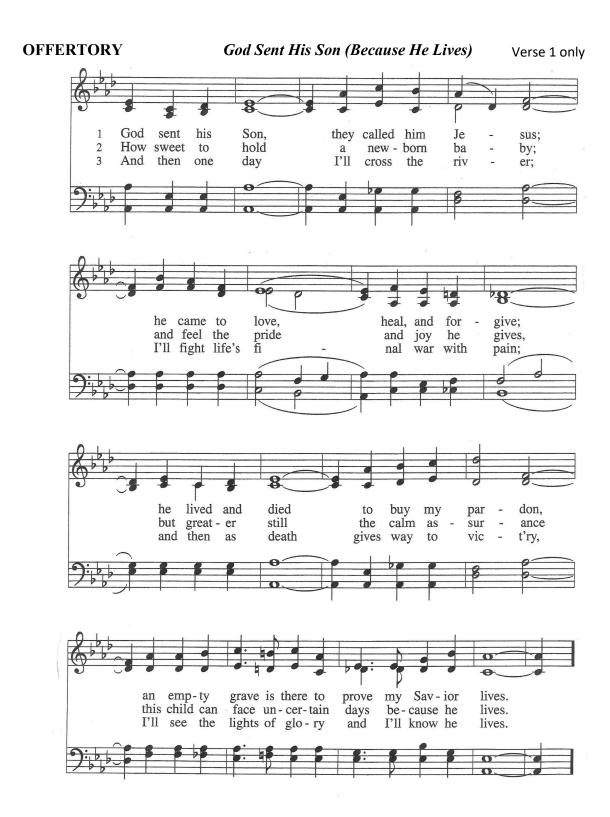
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**





Text: Gloria Gaither, b. 1942, William Gaither, b. 1936 Music: William Gaither, b. 1936 © 1971 William J. Gaither, Inc.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

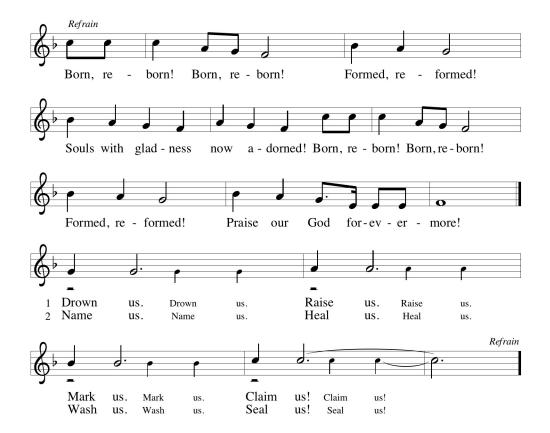
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

The 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.**

SENDING HYMN

Born, Reborn



Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980 Music: BORN, REBORN, Justin Rimbo Text and music © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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POSTLUDE

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Sunday, May 14, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Matins Service - Holy Communion

9:15 am ALIVE! Service

10:00 am Mother's Day Breakfast and Cong.
Meeting

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Service - Holy Communion

6:00 pm Standing Committees

Monday, May 15

9:30 am Quilting Ministry

5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR

7:00 pm Mt. Tabor Ringers

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Tuesday, May 16

10:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR

6:30 pm NA Mtg/ECR

6:30 pm ALIVE! Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 17

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 18

3:00 pm Tea Time Circle/ECR

5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR

Friday, May 19

Saturday, May 20

10:00-12:00 AR/Sanctuary

Sunday, May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

6:00 pm Church Council

Youth/Graduate Sunday

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

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.

FOR HOME SELF-STUDY & REFLECTION

FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."



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

Nursery Volunteers for May

9:15—Brett Ebener 11:00—Volunteer Needed 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

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 \$14,376.25



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

D2&Me

Diabetes

and the

Mediterranean Diet

Wednesday, May 17
5:45 to 6:45 p.m.
Lexington Family Practice—Lexington
122 Powell Drive
Lexington, SC

Guest Speakers:
Greg and Kaye Gerrald
The Classy Cruet Olive Oils and Vinegars

Sunday School Teachers



We LOVE and APPRECIATE all of you!

No matter how long you have been a teacher, please know that you have not just taught us bible stories, songs and prayers. You have played a large role in our lives and our church family. You have helped guide us in tough times, shown us kindness, how to love, and what truth and honesty can do. You are faithful servants in God's work and we cannot express our gratitude enough for all you do.

We thank you all for your dedicated volunteer service this year.

Tina Conrad Barabara Livingston Judy Fisher
Betsy Sippel Rachel Popkowski Melanie Yoder
Irina Roof John Matthews Lauren Matthews
Julie Ann Payne Brandon Payne Whitney Glass
Adam Davis Harry Prim Kendrick Kerr

We also send love and appreciation to the many volunteers who have taught Sunday School in the past, helped with special programs and continue to help spread God's Love through learning.

9:15 Service Worship Assistants

Irina Roof Lector Tina Conrad Greeter

Ushers Ray Conrad, Dennis Rybicki

Communion Assistant

Worship Assistant Coordinator Gerald Shealy

Altar flowers are given by Candy Croft in honor of the marriage of Elizabeth and Brian Davis and in honor of all mothers.

The processional cross flowers for May 14 are given in honor of all the Women of Mt. Tabor by their Mt. Tabor Family.

Bulletin Covers are given in honor of William Harold "Hambone" Jones' 90th Birthday on May 17th. Given by his family.

Thank you to all who have taught our children to

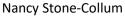
Sing and Celebrate

about God and all His Glory this school year.

Without amazing volunteers like you this program would not be possible. We love all you do for our children and our church families every week! Please help us in Thanking:

Lynn Arrington
Judy Fisher
Elizabeth Klapman
Tammy O'Quinn
Rachel Popkowski
Linda Spainhour

Rebekah Bouye **Kevin Davis** Ruth Goldsmith Kendrick Kerr Randy Klapman **Annette Monts** Jennifer Pauly Terri Phillips **Tommy Smith** Ann Spainhour Tristan Spainhour Jenny Wright





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.

Club

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: Wanda Addy, Michael Bradshaw, Pat Bradshaw, Milton Hall, Al Jordan, George Minor, Kaitlyn Pittman, Todd Stilwell, Venetia Sharpe, Wendy Spainhour, Helen Summers, Jessica Tablas, Alexander Tuten, Carolyn Taylor, Charles Taylor, Freddy Vallejo

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Robert Cromer, Helen Summers, Dennis Rybicki Sr, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Gale McLeod, Bruce McFarland, Ruth Goldsmith, Lee Riley, JoEllen Anderson, Bill Hunnicutt, Jeanie Jacobs, Alice Pollock, Lib Manus, Elise Helms, Murray Hoskins, Judy Jordan, David Derrick, Harold Jones, Paul Addy.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

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, Cheryl Hall, Mary Hamson.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation