

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

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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 Charlie Sharpe's birthday on December 10th. Daddy, you are loved by many and a good friend to all! You make us so proud! We love you—Kristi & Harris*

Bulletin Covers. *The bulletin covers are given to the glory of God by Nancy Allen in loving memory of Lois Shealy's birthday on December 11th.*

Advent Wreath. *The Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God by Tom & Carol Stork in honor and memory of all our loved ones, especially Thomas Hazlett Stork, Jr.*

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

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ELW Setting Four—Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

INTROIT

"The King Shall Come"

Elise Helms, soloist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh Great God, we are gathered here, your people, seeking out your face and the peace that is found in your presence.

Let us dwell always in Your presence, and walk in Your peace.

When humanity opened the door to sin, we were plunged into darkness and despair. But You, Loving God have made peace with us and restored us to grace.

For Your infinite mercy and lovingkindness, we thank You.

You sent your son Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, into the world as a human to save and heal Your children who were lost. The light of peace came into the world.

We who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!

We prepare our hearts now and acknowledge that Christ's work on the cross was the beginning of Your kingdom here on earth. Your kingdom is a peaceable kingdom, where lion and lamb may lie down together, where there is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female. We are all one in the peace of Christ.

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and may we carry the light of peace wherever we go. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Hymn 250

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.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: MIGHTY GOD

(Choir) Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he.

(REFRAIN)



Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,
ev - er - more and ev - er - more, Em - man - u - el.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,'. The second staff contains the melody for the final phrase: 'ev - er - more and ev - er - more, Em - man - u - el.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

RESPONSIVE LITANY

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

And he will be called Prince of Peace.

We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

And he will be called Prince of Peace.

We wait for the one who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding.

And he will be called Prince of Peace.

We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

And he will be called Prince of Peace.

Today we light two candles. The first candle reminds us of our hope in knowing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor. As we light the second candle, we remember that Jesus came to earth as the Prince of Peace. In a world filled with conflict and discord, we pray for harmony and unity as we work towards claiming the promise of peace on earth.

(Choir) Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts his praises sing: powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.

(REFRAIN)

(Choir) Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)

¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²**that he may rule your | people righteously**
and the | poor with justice;
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;**
you alone do | wondrous deeds!
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

SECOND READING**Romans 15:4-13**

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 3 & 4) **Hymn 257**

GOSPEL**Matthew 3:1-12**

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

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Joy to the World”

Hymn 267

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)

“Come Now, Oh Prince of Peace”
“Creation Will Be At Peace”

Geonyong Lee
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OFFERTORY HYMN

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Hymn 186

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.

HYMN

“Wait for the Lord”

Hymn 262

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. 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

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Hymn 262

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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LORD’S PRAYER

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

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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

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!”

Hymn 246

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Hymn 263

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Hymn 272

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

**God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“People, Look East”

Hymn 248

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Anne Krentz Organ

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: Emily Berrian, Kenlee Cassella, McKenna Cassella, Sandy Dennis, Eleanor Dunlap, Tyler England, Carroll Hutchinson, Jake Jacobs, Rylee Jacobs, Koy McCullough, Becky Newman, Sharon Rogers, Drew Shealy, Vicki Smallwood, Curren Taylor II, Luke Witherell.

This Week’s Prayer Concerns:

Jennifer Brazell, Susan Stilwell, Terry Tucker.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Melvin Manus, Brittany Rister, Larry Taylor, Betty Wise, Marsha Reynolds, Michael Bradshaw, Hazel Rauch, Lynn Hostetter, Penny Timmerman, Matthew Hook, Elise Harmon, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Mary Hamson, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Murray Hoskins, Bob Spruill, Henry & Margot Gainey, Jenelle Martin, Tina Scott Frye, Gregg Avedisian, Tina Scott Frye, Vladimir Puzdrjakov, Jonathan Anderson, Tommy Roof, Vivian Gwin, Ed Rybicki, Elaine Jeffcoat, Gail Kneece, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunicutt.

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:

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:

Clint Walker, Charles Rogers, Jean Vasquez, Maurice Dunlap.

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 Fogle
	<i>Crucifers</i>	Joey Sullivan
Ray Conrad	<i>Lectors</i>	Tex Davis
Marion Lusk	<i>Greeters</i>	Debbie McLeod
Jimmy Williams	<i>Ushers</i>	Paul Addy
Lucky Jones		Curren Taylor
Ricky Lusk		Harry Prim
Dusty & Miley Rhodes	<i>Communion Assistants</i>	David Mellichamp
Betsy Sippel	<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	Wanda & Lauren Addy
Morning Hymn Choir	<i>Musicians</i>	Adult Choir
Elise Helms, soloist		Elise Helms, soloist

<i>Budget Information</i>	
OFFERINGS: Budgeted for 2019	777,014.00
I. Weekly Offering needed weekly to meet Budget	14,942.58
Offering Received for December 1	12,488.06
II. 2019 Budget Giving (December 1 - week 49 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	710,136.42
Offering Received	631,123.35
YTD Expense	641,347.38
Capital Campaign Total	416,036.08
Watts & Associates Roofing	-105,755.40
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	18,977.86
Capital Campaign Balance as of December 1	329,258.54
First Citizens Loan Balance as of November 5, 2019 @ 4%	7,071.41

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

