

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11:00 AM—January 15, 2023 — Second Sunday after Epiphany Traditional Worship Service

Setting Four—Holy Communion

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Partita on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
Introduction and Variation V

Jan Bender

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



GREETING ELW p. 156

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 ELW p. 156

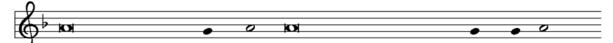




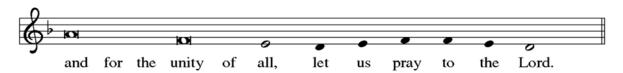


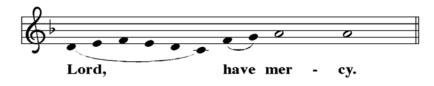
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





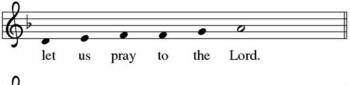
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

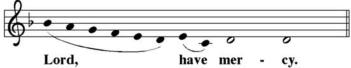






For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,











PRAYER OF THE DAY

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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.**

FIRST 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.

Listen 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.

He 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.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But 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."

Thus 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.



¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,

who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure. R

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies. R

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required. R ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'" R

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; R

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe. R

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from 1 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:

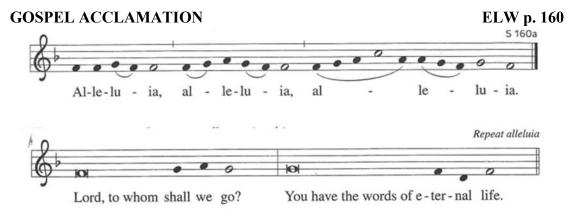
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



GOSPEL John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I 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.' 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 fol-

lowed 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

HYMN 311 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602 CREED ELW p. 160

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.

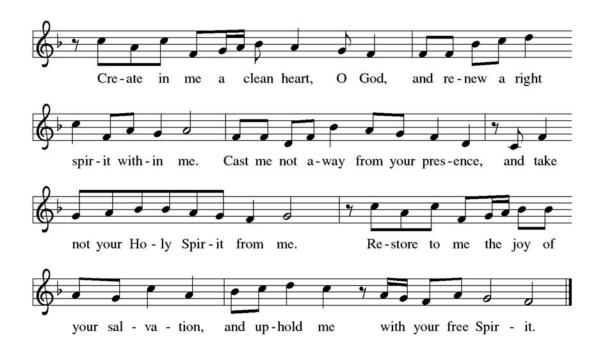
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

PEACE ELW p. 161

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



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HYMN 186

Create in me a Clean Heart

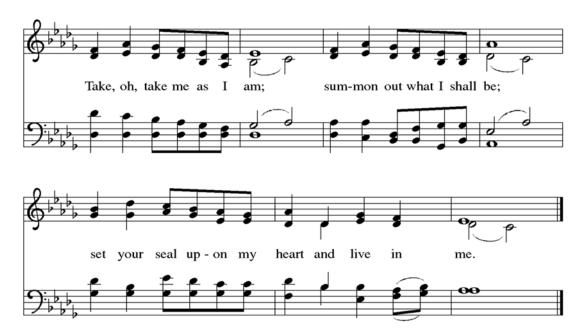
Richard W. Hillert

OFFERING PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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HYMN 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

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 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

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 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 154

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.

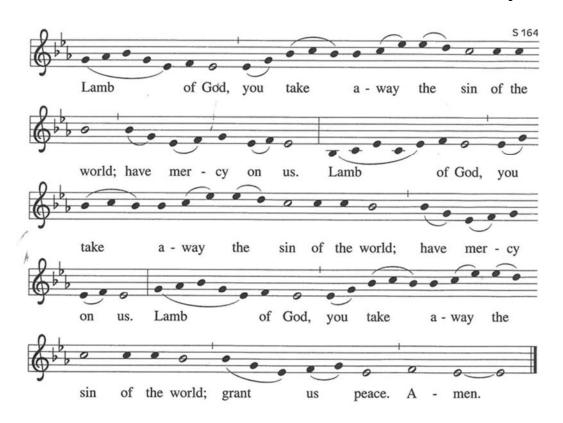
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG

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not un-known, our Sav-ior and our Lord, our Sav-ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING ELW p. 164

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



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Partita on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" **Jan Bender** Variation IV

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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 Fairgrounds

Sunday, January 22 Third 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

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

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 and the state of the state o



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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.



Please join us in giving Blood February 12, 2023 10:00 AM -3:00 PM Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Assembly Room.

2/12/2023

Whitney Glass is working on the Nursery Volunteer Schedule for 2023. Nursery will be available for 9:15 and 11:00 service. If you are interested in volunteering, please let her know.



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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 **Not** 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.

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

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:

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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

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:

Stephen Knight, 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,

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.

11:00 Service Worship Assistants

Lector
Greeter
Ushers
Communion Assistant
Worship Assistant Coordinator

Irelou Moye Patsy Gambrell Hampton Miller Irelou Moye

Worship Leaders

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