

## **MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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11:00 AM—May 14, 2023 — Sixth Sunday of Easter Traditional Worship Service

## **Holy Communion - Setting Four**

#### **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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Larghetto—Andante (Fugue) Georg Berg

#### HOLY BAPTISM

#### PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents: I present Alyssa Caroline for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring <u>Alyssa Caroline</u> to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people, bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *her* hands the holy scriptures, ELW p. 227

and nurture *her* in faith and prayer, so that *she* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *this child* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *her* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support <u>Alyssa Caroline</u> and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.** 

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

#### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### BAPTISM

<u>Alyssa Caroline</u> I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

#### The Congregation will sing the processional hymn 631 found on the next page.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain <u>Alyssa Caroline</u> with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

<u>Alyssa Caroline</u>, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.** 

#### WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.





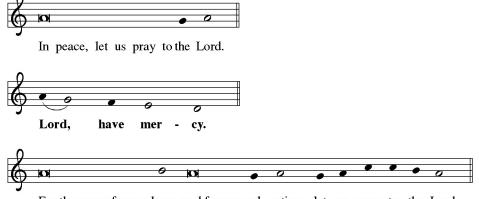
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#### GREETING

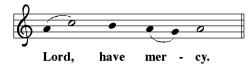
ELW p. 147 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

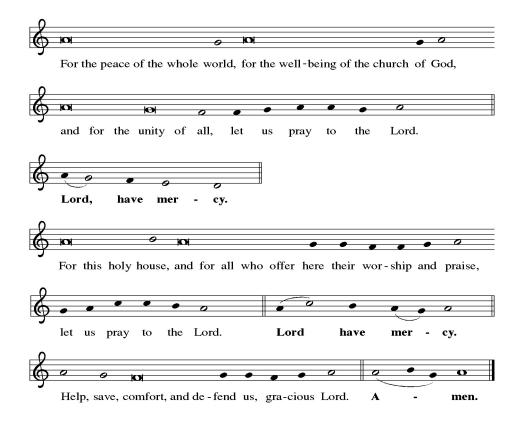
#### **KYRIE**

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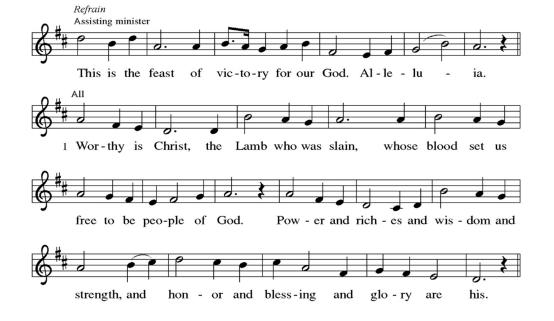
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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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.** 

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### FIRST READING

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.

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For 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. <sup>24</sup>The 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, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From 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, <sup>27</sup>so 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. <sup>28</sup>For '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.'

<sup>29</sup>Since 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. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in right-eousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Psalm 66:8-20



<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip. R
<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. R <sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  $\mathbf{R}$ <sup>13</sup>I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows— <sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. **R** <sup>15</sup>I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats. <sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me. R <sup>17</sup>I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue. <sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; **R** <sup>19</sup>but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer. <sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me. R

#### **SECOND READING**

A reading from 1 Peter.

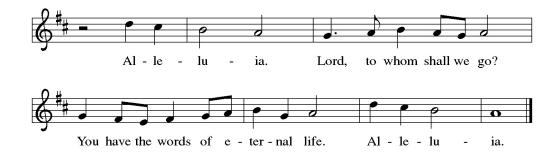
The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but 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; <sup>16</sup>yet 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. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For 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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>And 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, <sup>22</sup>who 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.** 

1 Peter 3:13-22

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#### 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.

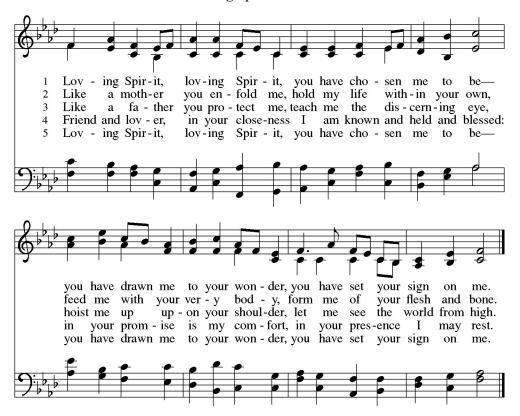
[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows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

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They 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**



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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** 

If Ye Love Me

**Thomas Tallis** 

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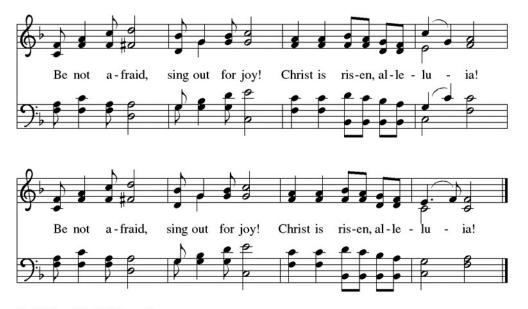
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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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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.** 



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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.

#### HYMN 388

Be Not Afraid

**BE NOT AFRAID** 

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 388	Be Not Afraid	<b>BE NOT AFRAID</b>
LORD'S PRAYER		ELW p. 154
Gathered into one by the Ho	bly Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.	
Our Father, who art in he	aven,	
hallowed be thy name		
thy kingdom come,		
thy will be done,		

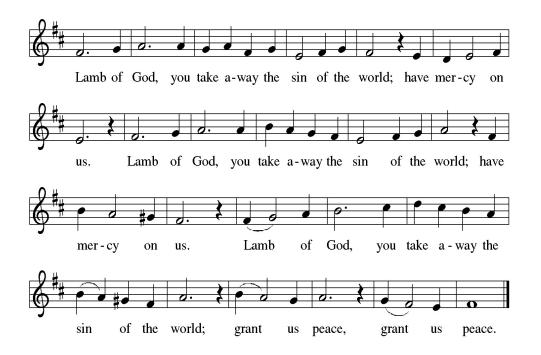
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

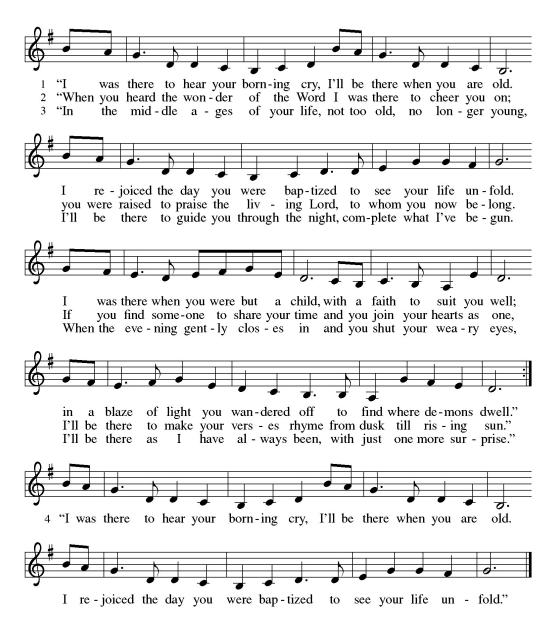
**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied. **Thanks be to God.** 

**AGNUS DEI** 

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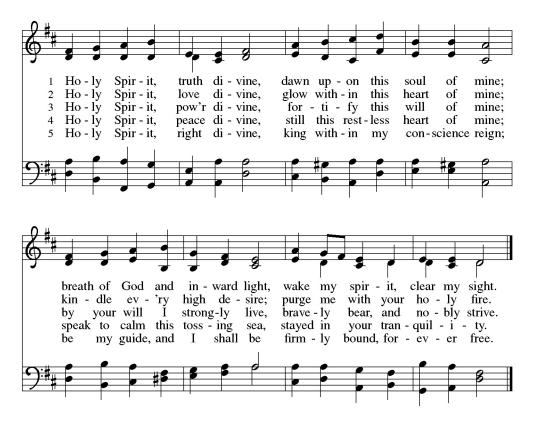
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Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892 Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.** 

#### **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.



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759 **DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### POSTLUDE

Carillon

**Herbert Murrill** 

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## 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

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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 Meeting5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR6:30 pm NA Mtg/ECR6:30 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.

## **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



## Nursery Volunteers for May: 9:15—Brett Ebener

11:00—Volunteers needed

## Still need volunteers for the following months:

9:15 service for May Both services for July11:00 service for September Both services for OctoberBoth services for December

Please contact Brett Ebener if you are willing to serve! brettebener@gmail.com (803)260-8173



## 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

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## Diabetes

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## 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 Betsy Sippel Irina Roof Julie Ann Payne Adam Davis

- Barabara Livingston Rachel Popkowski John Matthews Brandon Payne Harry Prim
- Judy Fisher Melanie Yoder Lauren Matthews Whitney Glass 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.

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 Ruth Goldsmith Randy Klapman Jennifer Pauly Tommy Smith Tristan Spainhour Nancy Stone-Collum Kevin Davis Kendrick Kerr Annette Monts Terri Phillips Ann Spainhour Jenny Wright



### **SUNSHINE CLUB**

The Sunshine Club will meet June 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**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!

11:00 Service Worship Assistants		
Lector	Docia Jones	
Greeter	Patsy Gambrell	
Ushers	Tim & Sheri Self, Derek Monts,	
	Tex Davis, Travis Spainhour	
Communion Assistant	Joe Jones	
Worship Assistant Coordinator	Hampton Miller	
Acolyte	Rebecca McQuillen	
Crucifer	Drew McQuillen	
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#### 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.

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.

#### Worship Leaders

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