

**MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 17, 2019**

## **Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church**

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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 by Sharon & Sarah Mattern in memory of David Mattern's birthday.*

**Bulletin Covers.** *The bulletin covers are given to the glory of God by Franklin, Jennifer & Ben Smith in honor of Joel Smith & Courtney Short who were married on Friday, November 15, at Aurora Farms in Taylors, South Carolina.*

### **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

## Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost ELW Setting Three—Non-Communion

### INTRODUCTION

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*"Canticle of the Turning"*

Anne Krentz Organ

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.  
**Amen.**

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

**Merciful God, we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.**

At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are † forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**    *"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"*

**Hymn 327**

### 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.**

### KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, **without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING**

**Malachi 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who fear God.*

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 98**

*In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)*

- <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- <sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- <sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**
- <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- <sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.**
- <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.

**SECOND READING**

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 21:5-19**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Vicar Justin Marx

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Canticle of the Turning”*

**Hymn 723**

## **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.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

**ANTHEM (8:30)**  
**(11:00)**

*“With My Whole Heart”*  
*“The King of Love My Shepard Is”*

Meyer  
Beck

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Hymn 885**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God.  
**your mercy is great.**

## LORD’S PRAYER

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.**

## BLESSING

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ’s message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ☩ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*“Soon and Very Soon”*

**Hymn 439**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”*

J. Wayne Kerr

**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: Rebekah Bouye, Emma Chandler, Clay Crawford, Peter Crawford, Paul Dufries, Grayson Elledge, Georgia Loadholt, Caroline Osterhaus, Jenny Osterhaus, Barbara Popkowski, Georgia Popkowski, Frazier Redmond IV, Roxanne Rich, Emily Richardson, Lisa Richardson, Blake White.*

**This Week's Prayer Concerns:**

Charles Rogers, 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:**

Tina Scott Frye, Vladimir Puzdrjakov, Jonathan Anderson, Tommy Roof, Vivian Gwin, Ed Rybicki, Elaine Jeffcoat, Gail Kneece, Tom Mosteller, Emily Windham, Christie Goldberry, Johnnie Blackburn, Byron Bullard, Wanda Hood, Murray Hoskins, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunnicutt.

**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:**

Jean Vasquez, Maurice Dunlap, Nancy Hutto, Cindy Maxheimer, Lois Cromer, Fred Carter.

*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>	Jackson Sox
	<i>Crucifers</i>	<b><i>Assistant Needed</i></b>
Rachel Bundrick	<i>Lectors</i>	Nancy Stone-Collum
Patsy Gambrell	<i>Greeters</i>	Barbara Stilwell
Tim Self	<i>Ushers</i>	Jack Sox
		Derek Monts
		Paul Addy
		Harry Prim
		Foster McLeod
Rachel Bundrick	<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Annie Ruth Addy
Linda Spainhour	<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	Annette Monts
Morning Hymn Choir	<i>Musicians</i>	Adult Choir
Seraph Children's Choir		Max Witherell, soloist

<i>Budget Information</i>	
<b>OFFERINGS: Budgeted for 2019</b>	777,014.00
I. Weekly Offering needed weekly to meet Budget	14,942.58
Offering Received for November 10	4,940.61
II. 2019 Budget Giving (November 10 - week 46 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	666,658.68
Offering Received	594,186.59
YTD Expense	610,914.76
<b>Capital Campaign Total</b>	413,981.87
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	1,334.00
Capital Campaign Balance as of November 10	415,315.87
<b>First Citizens Loan Balance</b> 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**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 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



