

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

**Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
  ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
  worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**  
<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
  the God of glory thunders;  
  the LORD is upon the mighty waters.  
**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
  the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**  
<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
  the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
**<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
  and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**  
<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire.  
  the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
  the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
  and strips the forests bare.**

**<sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”**

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
  the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

**<sup>11</sup>The LORD shall give strength to his people;  
  The LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace!**

**Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

# Mount Tabor Lutheran Church



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**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son (✚), and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

P: Most merciful God,

*C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (✚) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

The Hymn: #423

*Shall We Gather at the River*

The Greeting

The Kyrie

The Hymn of Praise (*This is the feast...*)

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The Prayer of the Day:

P: Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1-11

The Gospel Acclamation (*Alleluia...*)

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

The Children's Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #673

*God, Whose Almighty Word*

Installation of Elected Parish Officers

The Apostles' 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*

The Prayers of Intercession

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*(Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy,*

*We respond "Hear our prayer."*

The Peace

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The Anthem

*When You, O Lord, Were Baptized*

The Offertory: #884

*The Doxology*

The Offertory Prayer

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The Great Thanksgiving

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The Sanctus

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The Eucharistic Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Agnus Dei

Holy Communion

The Post-Communion Blessing

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor (✚) and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

The Hymn: #881

*Let All Things Now Living*

The Dismissal

**SERVING OUR LORD TODAY**

**Supply Pastor** – Gary Blobaum

**Organist** – Gloria Danielowski

**Choir Director** – Kayleigh Eargle

**Lector** – Julianne Wicker

**Acolyte** – Maddy Stribble

**Ushers** – James Torrence, Janice Shealy, Ashley Lindler

**Communion Assistants** – Leonard Shealy, Murray Shealy, Steve Willis

**Communion Usher** – Warren Davis

We welcome **Pastor Gary Blobaum** today as our guest preacher and worship leader.

We welcome visitors who are worshiping with us today. We invite you to sign one of the Visitor cards in the pew rack and place it in the plate in the narthex as you leave or give it to an usher. We welcome to Communion all who are baptized members of all churches who receive communion in their own churches. Please complete a communion card found in the pew racks and give to the communion usher.

The Altar Flowers today are given in honor of Cassidy's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday (January 12<sup>th</sup>) and to the Glory of God by Garrett and Molly Lominack. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Barbara Lindler.

Our Attendance last Sunday was 113 (112 inside and 1 outside). Offering was \$6,080.00. Sunday School attendance was 48.

Today we will **install** our newly elected **Council members**:  
Gwen Davenport, Mark Gosnell, Billy Lindler, and Brandon Shealy.  
We will also install our church secretary Marsha Meetze.

**Remember in your prayers:**

**Mt. Tabor Members:** Scott Frick, Melvin Bowers, Ann Bowers, Troy Shealy, Jane Speight, Dick Shealy, Shane Stroud, Micheal Torrence, Linda Dowd, Todd Frick, Carter Dominick, Derek Bowers, Henry Childs, and Wayne Koon.

**Family and Friends:** Celeste Bowers, Will Nobles, Beckham Waters, Alston Slater, Larry Danford, Andy Wessinger, Susan Wicker, Cindy Mace, Catherine Elaine Hamm, and Jack Owens.

The **loose offering** for the month of January will go to Nick and Amanda Childs to help with medical bills for Henry.

If you have end of year reports or information for the **Church Yearbook**, please email them to [mttaborlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:mttaborlutheran@gmail.com).

**Choir Practice** will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The **LCW** will meet Monday at 10:30am in the conference room. Betty Counts will lead the program.

*Thank you to our church family for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of my father. Your cards, visits, kind words, food, and prayers have meant more to our family than we can express. We are deeply grateful for your love and support during this difficult time.*

*With heartfelt thanks,  
Amanda Riddle & family*

We offer our **sincere condolences** to Lindsey Stribble and his family on the loss of his father Dean Stribble. A graveside service was held on Wednesday at Newberry Memorial Gardens.

We offer our **sincere condolences** to the family of Roger Long. A private family memorial service was held on Wednesday here at Mt. Tabor.

We also extend our **sincere condolences** to the family of the Rev. Andy Eargle, who passed away on Christmas Day. His funeral was on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's and his interment was here at Mt. Tabor.