

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Little Mountain, SC

The Rev. Chris Wendel, Interim

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: #596

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

The Greeting

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The Kyrie

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The Hymn of Praise (Glory to God...)

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The Prayer of the Day:

P: 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.

The First Lesson

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

<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, rejoice, 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 peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

The Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia...)

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The Holy Gospel (with responses)

Luke 21:5-19

The Children’s Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #785

When Peace Like a River

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 Anthem

We Praise You, O God

The Offertory: #884

The Doxology

The Offertory Prayer

The Prayers of the Church

(Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,  
We respond “Hear our prayer.”)

The Lord’s Prayer

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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: #632

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Dismissal

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Organist – Gloria Danielowski

Choir Director – Kayleigh Eargle

Lector – Alana Stockman

Acolyte – Grant Shealy

Ushers – Amanda Long, Gwen Davenport, Laken Williams

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.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Kynley Ruth Mack, for her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday (November 19) by Jamey and Kim Mack. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Janice Long.

Our attendance last Sunday was 97 (96 inside and 1 outside). Offering was \$2,387.00. Sunday School attendance was 50.

Today’s loose offering will go to the Backpack Ministry. The loose offering for next Sunday will go to World Hunger Relief.

Choir practice will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The 2026 Flower Chart is posted on the narthex bulletin board.

**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, Debbie Rister, Derek Bowers, Henry Childs, and Carolyn Torrence.

**Family and Friends:** Celeste Bowers, Will Nobles, Dean Stribble, Beckham Waters, Alston Slater, Larry Danford, Andy Wessinger, Susan Wicker, John Carroll Swygert, Cindy Mace, Charles Shealy, and John Wheeler.

**Ms. Carolyn Torrence** is home from the hospital.

**Pastor Chris** would like to do some visits either at members’ homes or at the church office. If you would like a visit, please call him (317-412-1609), the church office (803-945-2333), or sign the sheet posted in the narthex to schedule an appointment.

Mt. Tabor will be hosting the joint **Thanksgiving Service** this year. The service will be on Sunday evening November 23, 2025 at 6:30pm. Please sign up to help with refreshments for after the service. The **sign up sheet** is on the bulletin board. Pastor David Tholstrup will deliver the sermon.

**WeCare** is collecting \$25 gift cards for the holidays. Mt. Tabor’s goal is to be able to furnish at least 15 cards that are \$25 each. Please label donations for WeCare and place in the offering plate. We will continue to accept donations until Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Envelopes/forms for ordering poinsettias** are on the narthex table, or if you are worshipping outside, ask an usher. Poinsettias will be \$13.00 each and will come from Wicker’s Greenhouse. Deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be turned in with the offering or dropped by the church office. Make checks payable to Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church.

The **Young at Heart** group is planning a trip to the Blue Ocean for lunch on November 21<sup>st</sup>. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

The **CIA** will meet on Monday evening, November 24<sup>th</sup> to go shop for our angel tree gifts and to eat supper. Please check GroupMe for more details.

At last Sunday’s **Congregational Meeting**, we voted 72 yes and 8 abstaining to accept the NALC proposed ratification. We also voted to adopt the proposed constitution for Mount Tabor that will be in effect immediately. We also voted for the first round of council members. Today we will vote for four council members from the eight finalists.

This year our **Backpack Ministry** is serving 12 students at Little Mountain Elementary School. Each week these 12 students receive a generous bag of nonperishable food items provided by Mt. Tabor. These 12 students belong to eight families. For the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will provide each of these eight families with a \$20 Food Lion gift card and a bag of side items for their Thanksgiving meal. Thank you for your generous donations to the Backpack Ministry! Because of you, we are able to ensure these children have the food they need -- AND we are able to do extra things for the holiday season!



**Christmas Program Announcement**



All ages are invited to participate in our upcoming Christmas Program, “The Animals’ Tale.”



Program Date: Sunday, December 14 — during regular service



To Participate:

Please contact Amanda Long at 803-924-4184 (call or text) or email [a\\_r\\_stockman@hotmail.com](mailto:a_r_stockman@hotmail.com).



Practice Schedule (tentative):

- Monday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m.

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with this special program and hope you’ll join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and joy!