

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Little Mountain, SC

The Rev. Chris Wendel, Interim

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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: #430

Rejoice for Christ Is King!

The Greeting

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The Kyrie

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

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The Prayer of the Day:

P: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give

thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

1God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

3though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

5God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

6The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

7The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

9behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

10“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

11The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

The Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia...)

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The Holy Gospel (with responses)

Luke 23:33-43

The Children’s Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #778 (WOV)

O Christ the Same

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Jesus Shall Reign

The Offertory: #884

The Doxology

The Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Proper Preface

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Agnus Dei

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Holy Communion

The Post-Communion Blessing

The Post-Communion 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: #855

Crown Him with Many Crowns

The Dismissal

The Altar Flowers are given in Loving Memory of Glenn and other loved ones and to the Glory of God by Janice Long and family. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Melvin Metts.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Organist – Karen Davis

Choir Director – Kayleigh Eargle

Lector – Janice Long

Acolyte – Grant Shealy

Ushers – Amanda Long, Gwen Davenport, Laken Williams

Communion Assistants – Murray Shealy, Melvin Metts,
Marlene McCormack

Communion Usher – Warren Davis

We **welcome visitors** who are worshipping 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.

Our **attendance last Sunday** was 107 (103 inside and 4 outside). Offering was \$1,715.00. Sunday School attendance was 49.

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, and Charles Shealy.

Today is **Pastor Chris's** last day with us. We would like to thank him again for his time with us.

Today's **loose offering** will go to World Hunger Relief. The loose offering for next Sunday will go to Little Mountain Fire and Rescue.

The **October Council Minutes** are available this morning.

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

The **2026 Ministry Teams** Sign Up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you wish to be on a particular team. Council will be making teams at their next meeting.

At last week's **Congregational Meeting**, we elected the following three new members to church council: Mark Gosnell, Brandon Shealy, and Gwen Davenport. Congratulations! Today we will have a runoff between Billy Lindler and Susan Fulmer for the fourth and final seat on Council.

Mt. Tabor will be hosting the joint **Thanksgiving Service** this 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.

Today, November 23rd, is the last day to contribute for the **WeCare** \$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.

The **church office** regular hours are Tuesday through Friday 9am-2pm. However, the office will be closed on Thanksgiving. If you have announcements for the Nov. 30th bulletin, please turn them in by Wednesday at 10am at the office, by email at mttaborulutheran@gmail.com, or by calling 803-945-2333.

The **CIA** will meet on Monday, November 24th at 6:45pm for a light meal and then to head out for shopping so that we can buy items for our "angels." **"Operation Christmas Cheer"** will be lots of fun! Please let us know if you plan to attend.

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 next Sunday, November 30th. Orders can be turned in with the offering or dropped by the church office. Make checks payable to Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church.

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!

The **CIA** is invited to a **Jesus and Jammies Christmas Party** on Saturday, December 6th from 7 to 10 pm at the home of Amy and Daniel. We will enjoy dinner, a devotional, and some Christmas fun. Please check GroupMe for more information.

The **CIA** will go **Christmas Caroling** on Dec. 21st. We will meet at the church at 2 PM. We invite all members of the church to join us caroling as we bring Christmas Joy to our members.

Any **Golden Ager or Shut-In** who would like the CIA to come and **Christmas Carol** to them are asked to sign the sheet in the narthex, call the church office (803-945-2333), or contact Daniel Wicker (803-924-3828) to get your name on the list. A leader of the CIA will contact you with an estimated time of arrival. We look forward to singing to you! Please sign up by December the 16th.



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.



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!

B&B Florist is now able to deliver to the church. If anyone knows another florist interested in delivery, please let the office know. We will contact them and discuss. We now have a lock box with a key we can give them the combination to. We plan to change the combination every couple of months.

*Dear Church Family,
I would like to **thank you** all for the gift cards I have received from the church and the gift of the computer that I used while working there. I want you all to know that I worked all those years for the love of God and the love of this congregation. I also would like to thank so many of you for the prayers, cards, visits, and food you have so generously shared with me during my recent struggles. I am deeply grateful for the love and support of my church family. It has been a true blessing.*

*In Christian Love,
Carolyn Torrence*

Again this year we will provide the residents at **Palmetto Gardens** in Prosperity with a bag of toiletries for Christmas. There are paper stockings hanging on the tree in the narthex with a list of needed toiletry items. You may add to this list if you wish. This year each resident was asked to give us one suggestion of a clothing item which they would like to receive for Christmas. An angel with their name and item is on the tree. When taking an angel or stocking, please sign your name by the appropriate number on the list posted on the bulletin board. Each angel and stocking is numbered. This is just a way to help us know when all stockings and angels have been taken and gifts received. All gifts need to be brought to the church by Sunday, December 14th. You may leave them under the tree in the narthex. Please make sure you attach the stocking to your toiletry gift bag and angel to your gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead of shopping that is fine also. Please put your donation in an envelope marked Palmetto Gardens Christmas in the offering plate. Checks should be made payable to Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Shealy.

The Town of Little Mountain invites everyone to the **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** on Sunday, November 30, 2025 from 4:30pm-6pm at Brady Park and Old Town Hall, 206 Depot Street. Come out for Santa, cookies, hot cocoa, music by the LME chorus, and snow!

If you have any additions or changes to make to your contact information in the **church yearbook**, please contact the church secretary at 803-945-2333 or mttaborlutheran@gmail.com.