

First Reading: Exodus 24:8-18

<sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2:6-13

<sup>6</sup>“I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”

**Let me announce the decree of the Lord:**

He said to me, “You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations  
for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

**You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”**

<sup>10</sup>And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

**11Submit to the Lord with fear,  
and with trembling bow before him;**

<sup>12</sup>Lest he be angry and you perish;  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
**13Happy are they all who take refuge in him!**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

# Mount Tabor Lutheran Church



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**TRANSFIGURATION 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: #315

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

The Greeting

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The Kyrie

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

The Prayer of the Day:

P: O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the

disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 24:8-18

Psalm 2:6-13

2 Peter 1:16-21

The Second Lesson

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The Gospel Acclamation (*Alleluia...*)

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel

The Children's Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #631

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

*Come to the Mountain*

The Offertory: #884

*The Doxology*

The Offertory Prayer

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The Great Thanksgiving

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The Proper Preface

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The Sanctus

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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: #838

*Beautiful Savior*

Farewell to Alleluia:

**Farewell to Alleluia, exalted Word of Praise;  
Which now in faith we forfeit, throughout these forty days  
While ashes of contrition, our true repentance prove;  
Till Easter Alleluias, the veil once more removed.**

**Lord, sanctify the silence, with which we contemplate;  
Your boundless love for sinners, Your sacrifice so great.  
And grant us hope and patience, that when the fast is gone;  
New songs of Alleluias, May greet our Easter dawn.**

The Dismissal

**SERVING OUR LORD TODAY**

**Organist** – Karen Davis

**Choir Director** – Kayleigh Eargle

**Lector** – Teresa Player

**Acolyte** – Brendan Wicker

**Ushers** – Daniel Wicker, Jana Livingston, Michael Livingston

**Communion Assistants** – Gwen Davenport, Alison Fulmer,

Susan Fulmer

**Communion Usher** – Warren Davis

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.

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The **Altar Flowers** today are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Baylor Williams and Johnny Riddle in celebration of their February birthdays by the Williams Family. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Jake and Linda Frick.

**Today's loose offering** will go to the Backpack Ministry. Next week's loose offering will go to World Hunger.

Our **Attendance** last Sunday was 113 (111 inside and 2 outside). Offering was \$7,028.00. Sunday School attendance was 57.

We welcome **Pastor Cathy Fanslau** as our Interim Pastor here at Mount Tabor! She will be with us during this season as we continue the search for our next pastor. She will be available for visits at homes or at church as needed. You may contact her at her cell 757-635-6115 or her email [revcathyfanslau@gmail.com](mailto:revcathyfanslau@gmail.com).

We will adjust our **secretary's schedule** so that she will be available for Pastor Cathy. Marsha will now work Mondays through Thursdays from 9am – 2pm. Therefore, announcements for the bulletin will need to be in by 2pm on Wednesday. Bulletins will be printed on Thursday morning. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have information for the **March Newsletter**, please turn it in by Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2025 Financial Statements** and the **2026 Yearbook** are available today on the table in the cry room. Please stop by and pick yours up. Additional copies of the February **Tabor Times Newsletter** are available again today. January **Council Minutes** are also available.

#### **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, Carter Dominick, Derek Bowers, Henry Childs, Wayne Koon, and Beverly Dominick.

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

Please pick up some extra flyers to share with family, friends, and neighbors about our **Lent and Easter Services** and events.

The **Young at Heart** group will meet in the fellowship hall at 11am on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> for a devotion, meal, and Bingo. We have invited Pastor Cathy to attend so that we can get to know each other better. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we will know how many to plan for. Those attending are asked to bring a \$5 prize for Bingo.

The congregation is invited to the **Shrove Tuesday** pancake and sausage supper on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Our **Ash Wednesday** Service of Confession, Imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion will be Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Evening **Lenten Services** will begin Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and continue until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The evening meal will start at 6:00 pm with worship to follow at 6:45 pm. Each service will focus on a character from the Crucifixion and Easter story.

The **CIA** would like to thank everyone who attended our "Souper" Bowl lunch and for the generous donations for the Mount Tabor Backpack Ministry. For anyone still wanting to donate we will take up donations today after church. Thank you for your support.

The **CIA** will meet in the youth room on Feb 22 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. for a devotion and fun!

We love seeing the **life of our church** in action! As groups meet and events take place, please share your photos with Amy or Daniel by texting them to 803-924-3366 (Amy) or 803-924-3828 (Daniel). Please include the group name and event. Be sure to check out photos from 2025 in the Photo Gallery under *News & Events* on our church website. Thank you for helping us share these special moments with our church family!