

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalm 27:1-9 [10-18]

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**2When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

³Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

**4And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.**

⁵One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

**6To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.**

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

8Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**[¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.**

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

**¹²Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me.]**

¹⁵Show me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

**¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.**

¹⁷What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living!

**[¹⁸O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong,
and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.]**

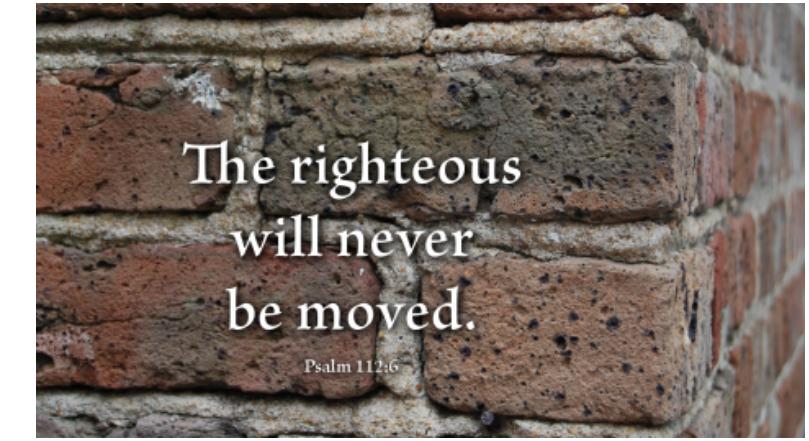
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

¹²When {Jesus} heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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: #825

You Servants of God

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: Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus

Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	
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Psalm 27:1-9, 10-18	
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The Children's Time	
The Sermon	
Hymn of the Day: #817 <i>You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore</i>	
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
<i>(Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy, We respond "Hear our prayer.")</i>

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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: #773	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>
The Dismissal	

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Supply Pastor – The Rev. Cathy Fanslau

Organist – Gloria Danielowski

Choir Director – Kayleigh Eargle

Lector – Gwen Davenport

Acolyte – Brendan Wicker

Ushers – Daniel Wicker, Amy Wicker, Emma Wicker

Communion Assistants – Meredith Achelpohl, Wayne Abbott, Kim Mack

Communion Usher – Warren Davis

Altar Care – Mary Jane Lindler, Nicole Frick, Emma Wicker

Offering Tabulators – Douglas Bowers, Lindsey Stribble, Bradley Shealy, Daniel Wicker

Candle Care – Amanda Long, Jennifer Lindler

We **welcome** the Reverend Cathy Fanslau 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 Loving Memory of J. L. and Marie Bowers and Heyward and Dorothy Barnes by Douglas & Ann Bowers. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Chandlor & Laken Williams.

Today's loose offering will go to the Love Fund. Next week's loose offering will go to the Backpack Ministry.

The last two Sunday services were canceled due to inclement weather. Our **Attendance on January 18th** was 92 (92 inside and 0 outside). Offering was \$1,919.00. Sunday School attendance was 54. January's Sunday School offering was \$322.00.

2025 Financial Statements and the **2026 Yearbook** are available today on the table in the cry room. Please stop by and pick yours up.

The **February Tabor Times Newsletter** is available today.

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, and Wayne Koon.

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

Gloria Danielowski is home from the hospital.

Inclement weather updates: Please remember to check the church website (www.mttaborlutheran.com) and/or our Facebook page (Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Little Mountain SC) for updates on church closing or adjustments in the event of severe weather.

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!

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



Everyone is invited to stay after today's service for our **Souper Bowl Luncheon** of soup and sandwiches, hosted by the Christians in Action Youth Group. Youth will be collecting monetary donations today, February 8th, and next Sunday, February 15th. All proceeds will support our Backpack Ministry.

We extend our **Sincere Condolences** to the family of Hilda Frick who passed on January 23rd. Her service was held Friday, January 30th here at Mt. Tabor.

The family wishes to thank the congregation for all of their thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown during Todd's extended illness and passing.

Todd Frick's Family

The family of Hilda Frick wishes to thank the congregation for all their thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them during their mother's passing.

A special thank you to Group Four for the delicious meal. Also to Ms. Wanda Son for serving refreshments after services.

The Family of Hilda Frick

The **LCW** will meet Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room. Beverly Dominick will have the program.