

**MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Little Mountain, SC  
The Rev. Chris Wendel, Interim

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOMECOMING AND GOLDEN AGE 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: #838

The Greeting

The Kyrie

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

The Prayer of the Day:

**Beautiful Savior**

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P: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

**1Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!**  
**2I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**3Put not your trust in rulers,**  
in mortals in whom there is no help.

**4When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**  
**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

**5Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,**  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
**6who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is**  
**in them; who keeps promises forever;**

**7who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to**  
those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

**8The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;**  
**the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**  
**the Lord loves the righteous.**

**9The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the**  
orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**10The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion,**  
**throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-19

The Gospel Acclamation (*Alleluia...*)

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The Holy Gospel (with responses)

Luke 16:19-31

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

The Offertory: #884

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

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: #774

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

The Dismissal

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**SERVING OUR LORD TODAY**

Organist – Karen Davis

Choir Director – Kayleigh Eargle

Lector – Kim Mack

Acolyte – Brendan Wicker

Ushers – Brad Shealy, Meredith Achelpohl, Robert Long

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bruce for his 6th birthday (September 23) by Brandon and Marie Shealy, Addie, and Brantley, Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Kevin and Miranda Shealy.

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.

**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, and Derek Bowers.

**Family and Friends:** Celeste Bowers, Will Nobles, Dean Stribble, Beckham Waters, Alston Slater, Larry Danford, Andy Wessinger, Susan Wicker, John Carroll Swygart, Marion Eubanks, and Cindy Mace.

Our **attendance last Sunday** was 94 (94 inside and 0 outside). Offering was \$1,215. Sunday School attendance was 40.

The **loose offering** today will go to help the Carter Dominick (son of Cody and Kimberly Dominick) family with expenses. The loose offering for next Sunday will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

**Today we honor** forty-nine of our members who are 75 plus. Biographies are on the narthex table or you may ask an usher for one.

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a **barbeque meal** after Worship.

**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.

Beginning next Sunday, October 5, 2025, **Sunday School** will begin at 9:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Children will begin in the chapel for a short devotion and singing as a group before moving to their Sunday School Class.

The **deadline for submitting announcements** for the Sunday bulletin is Thursdays by 10:00 a.m. This includes if you want your altar vases designated in memory or honor of someone or for a special occasion. Announcements can be emailed to [mttaborlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:mttaborlutheran@gmail.com) or called in to the church office (803-945-2333).

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

We are excited to announce that our **church website** has a new look and improved features. Visit <https://mttaborlutheran.com> to:

- watch and listen live on Sunday mornings at 10am
- watch and listen to past services
- stay up to date with upcoming events with both a calendar and announcements page
- submit prayer requests

We hope the new site will make it easier to stay connected and informed.

Join the **Screaming Eagles** on Monday, September 29, for Community Team Day! The Screaming Eagles will play with our community members! Gates open at 5 p.m. and game time is 6 p.m.! Becky Boland will be there with JBloom including personalized Screaming Eagles jewelry! We will also have Pelicans Snowcones! Hotdogs, chili, French fries, and cookies provided by Chapin Community Service Group and Chapin Women in Service! Grab a chair and come join us! You don't want to miss this fun event! This will be at The Nest, behind the Cotton Press.

The **LCW (Lutheran Church Women) Convention** will be held Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul, Pomaria. The St. Paul's Lutheran Women were asked to select a project. They have selected the Providence Home for men. Providence Home provides Christ-focused ministry for men, providing housing and promoting recovery from drugs, alcohol, and incarceration.

Items needed (variety of sizes): Toiletries for Men:

Boxers/Briefs Underwear	Deodorant
Sweatshirts	Toothpaste
T-shirts	Toothbrushes
Socks (Tube socks)	Soap
Work Gloves	Shampoo

If you would like to help, bring them to the church by Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Put them in the box at the Office.

Our **Eighth Annual Bazaar/Yard Sale** has been set for November 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If any Mt. Tabor member would like to sell some of their craft items, please contact Lynn Shealy by October 5th. We will begin taking donations of furniture, books, toys, baby items and other household items on October 27th. Watch the bulletin for more information.

The **October Newsletter** is available today. There are still a few copies left of the **Council Minutes** and the **Treasurer's Report** that were available last week.