

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

MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

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: #655

Son of God, Eternal Savior

The Greeting

The Kyrie

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

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The Prayer of the Day:

P: Almighty God, your Son our Savior called a despised collector of taxes to become one of his apostles. Help us, like Matthew, to respond to the transforming call of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 119:33-40 (read responsively by whole verse)

³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

**³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your
teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

**³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

**³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

The Second Lesson

The Gospel Acclamation (*Alleluia...*)

The Holy Gospel (with responses)

The Children's Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #686

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

Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

Ephesians 4:7-16

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Matthew 9:9-13

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Now We Offer

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: #669

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

The Dismissal

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Supply Pastor – The Rev. Dawn Rister

Organist – Gloria Danielowski

Choir Director – Kayleigh Eargle

Lector – Julianne Wicker

Acolyte – Brendan Wicker

Ushers – Daniel Wicker, Meredith Achelpohl, Robert Long

The **Altar Flowers** today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Daddy, Mama, Jesse, and Loved Ones and in honor of Loved Ones by Linda and John Daniel Frick. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Brandon and Marie 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.

We **welcome** today as our guest pastor the Rev. Dawn Rister. She is Dean, South Carolina Missions District, and also Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pomaria.

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 Ebanks, and Cindy Mace.

The Doxology

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We offer our **sincere condolences** to the family of Robert Morris. His funeral service will be here at Mt. Tabor on Tuesday at 12:00 noon. A visitation will be held at McSwain Evans Funeral Home on Monday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Troy Shealy is now at home.

Our **attendance last Sunday** was 100 (99 inside and 1 outside). Offering was \$3,095. Sunday School attendance was 52.

The **loose offering** for the rest of September will go to help the Carter Dominick (son of Cody and Kimberly Dominick) family with expenses.

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 on 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 Class.

Deadline for submitting announcements for Sunday bulletins 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.

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

A BBQ lunch will be served after the service next Sunday on **Golden Age/Homecoming Sunday**. Carryout and delivery will be available to our Golden Agers and Shut-Ins upon request. Members are asked to please bring desserts.

We are excited to announce that our **church website** has a fresh 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 request

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

*Join us 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.*