

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Little Mountain, SC

The Rev. Chris Wendel, Interim

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: #669

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

The Greeting

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The Kyrie

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

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The Prayer of the Day:

P: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia...)

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The Holy Gospel (with responses)

Luke 18:1-8

The Children's Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #790

Day by Day

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

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

The Offertory: #884

The Doxology

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

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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: #624

Jesus, Still Lead On

The Dismissal

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Organist – Gloria Danielowski

Choir Director – Kayleigh Eargle

Lector – Gwen Davenport

Acolyte – Gracen Shealy

Ushers – Kim Mack, David Simmons, Melvin Metts

The Altar Flowers are given in memory and in honor of loved ones and to the Glory of God by Kenny and Betty Stockman. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Voight & Peggy Counts.

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, and Henry Childs.

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

Our attendance last Sunday was 81 (80 inside and 1 outside). Offering was \$3,780. Sunday School attendance was 55.

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.

Today's loose offering will go to the Backpack Ministry. The loose offering for next Sunday will go to World Hunger Relief.

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

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.

The **deadline for submitting announcements** for the Sunday bulletin is Thursdays by 10:00am. 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 or called in to the church office (803-945-2333).

The **Golden Age photo** and signup sheet is posted in the Narthex of the church. All Golden Agers get one free 8x10. If you want one, all you have to do is sign up on the sheet and place a checkmark in the box marked free 8x10. If you want additional copies, there are 2 more rows for ordering 5x7s and 8x10s along with their cost. If you have any questions, please see Paul or Wanda Rumfelt or email Paul at prumfelt@gmail.com.

Copies of the **Council Minutes** and **Treasurer's Report** for September are available this morning.

C.I.A. Youth Corn Maze trip - Sunday October 19th

The CIA will leave the church at 1:30pm today to travel to Clinton Sease Farms for the Corn Maze. Please be at the church by 1:20pm. We will be carpooling. If you were unable to sign up on GroupMe, you are still welcome to attend.

The **Young at Heart** group is planning a trip to get apples on Thursday, October 23rd. We plan to visit Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery in York, SC. We will meet at the church at 10am. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

The **LCW** would like to thank all who contributed to the drive to provide toiletries and items for the men of the Providence Home. Mount Tabor was able to provide several boxes of items at the LCW Convocation last weekend.

WeCare is collecting \$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.

Get ready to spread joy and sweet treats! Mt. Tabor, Holy Trinity, and the Little Mountain Fire Department are teaming up for a **Community Trunk or Treat** on Saturday, October 25th, from 5:00–7:00 PM at North Mill Street (Little Mountain Fire Department). We need you — our wonderful congregation — to help make this event a success! Decorate your trunk in a fun, family-friendly theme. Bring lots of candy to share with our community's children. Come ready to smile, laugh, and spread joy!

C.I.A. Youth Group at Trunk or Treat - Saturday October 25th

The youth will host a trunk at this year's Trunk or Treat at the Little Mountain Fire Department. Our trunk theme is Noah's Ark, and we'd love for everyone to dress as animals - you can even pair up with a friend to come as matching animals!

Our **Eighth Annual Bazaar/Yard Sale** will be held on November 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will begin taking donations of furniture, books, toys, baby items and other household items starting on Sunday afternoon, October 26th. We will accept children's clothing up to size 16. No adult clothing will be accepted. All items need to be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30th. This year we will once again have Chick-Fil-A biscuits for sale and a bake sale sponsored by the CIA. Proceeds generated from this event will benefit the Sunday School Fund.

C.I.A. Youth Bake Sale - Saturday November 1st

The CIA will host a bake sale at the Mt. Tabor Fall Yard Sale and Bazaar! We are asking for bake sale donations from the youth members and congregation to the church by Friday, October 31st or by 7:30am on Saturday morning. Youth volunteers are also needed to help with the table during the event.

Congratulations to Austin and Megan Fulmer on the birth of their new baby girl! Whitley Rose Fulmer was born October 11th weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce and measuring 20 inches long. Congratulations also to proud big brother Stetson!

Congratulations to Nick and Amanda Childs on the birth of their new baby boy! Henry Aiden Childs was born October 11th weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces and measuring 19.25 inches long. Congratulations also to proud big brother Logan and big sister Emma!