

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

REFORMATION 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: #504 *A Mighty Fortress*
The Greeting Page 138
The Kyrie Page 138
The Hymn of Praise *(This is the feast...)* Page 140
The Prayer of the Day:
P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy

Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**
The First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
The Second Lesson Romans 3:19-28
The Gospel Acclamation *(Alleluia...)* Page 142
The Holy Gospel (with responses) John 8:31-36
The Children’s Time
The Sermon
Hymn of the Day: #517 **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**
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 Page 143
(Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy, We respond “Hear our prayer.”)
The Peace Page 143
The Anthem *Thy Word*
The Offertory: #884 **The Doxology**
The Offertory Prayer
The Great Thanksgiving Page 144
The Proper Preface Page 144
The Sanctus Page 144
The Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer Page 145
The Agnus Dei Page 146
Holy Communion
Communion Hymn *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*
The Post-Communion Blessing
The Post-Communion Prayer Page 146
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: #654 **The Church’s One Foundation**
The Dismissal
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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones by Voight and Peggy Counts. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Edgar and Cathy Lindler.

## **SERVING OUR LORD TODAY**

**Organist** – Karen Davis

**Choir Director** – Kayleigh Eargle

**Lector** – Janice Long

**Acolyte** – Gracen Shealy

**Ushers** – Kim Mack, Melvin Metts, David Simmons

**Communion Assistants** – Leonard Shealy,

Meredith Achelpohl, Bruce Rister

**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.

### **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, Cindy Mace, and Charles Shealy.

Our **attendance last Sunday** was 97 (95 inside and 2 outside). Offering was \$2,975. Sunday School attendance was 58.

Today's **loose offering** will go to World Hunger Relief. The loose offering for next Sunday will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

We offer our **sincere condolences** to the family of Freida Shealy Koon, sister of Linda (Jake) Frick. Her service was yesterday at Macedonia Lutheran Church.

**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.

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

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](mailto:mttaborlutheran@gmail.com) or called in to the church office (803-945-2333).

**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.

The **Screaming Eagles** are having a Turkey Stew Fundraiser and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Quarts of stew are \$10 and must be preordered by Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up is at The Perch at 97 West Church Street, Little Mountain from 5:30-7:30pm. If you have questions, call Jill Carnahan at 813-573-2382.

*The **Stribble family** would like to say thank you for the kind words, text messages, and prayers after the loss of Franklin. The kind words and support mean a great deal to our family. Lindsey, Kerry, Colin, and Maddy Stribble*

A **Day of Prayer at Mt. Tabor** has been scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6am until 6pm. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for members to spend 30 minutes in prayer on this date. Please sign up.

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

Any **Sunday School** teacher who would like a short tutorial on the Sola Seed website can meet in the chapel after worship today.

Are you or someone you know taking care of loved ones diagnosed with Alzheimer's/Dementia and could use support? All are welcome at a: **Monthly Caregiver Support Group**, 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of each month at 2:30 at the Heritage at Lowman Wellness Center, 2101 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin, SC. Open to the public. For information, contact the facilitator Marsha Garrett at 803-917-5502.

**Annual Congregational Meeting November 9th**

Our **annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on the second Sunday of November, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We need as many members here as possible. Items on the agenda include the election of new Council persons as well as approval of next year’s budget, NALC amendments, and our new church constitution.

**If you would be willing to provide your email address, we will send you digital copies of the handouts in advance to save on paper and postage costs.**

The following members are not eligible for election due to already serving on Council or not having been off Council for the required two years:

Term expired 2024

Wayne Abbott  
Amy Wicker  
Laken Williams  
Steve Willis

Term expires 2025

Thurston Frick  
Edgar Lindler, Sr.  
Kim Mack  
Melvin Metts

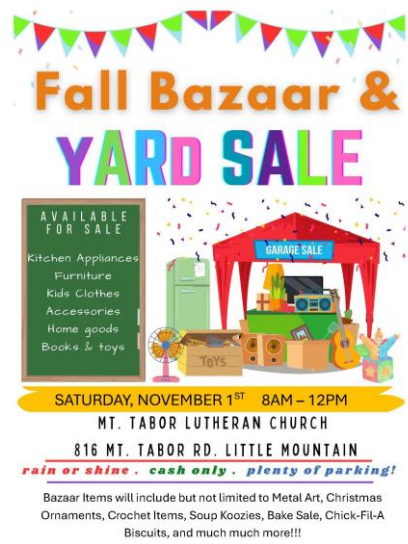
Term expires 2026

Amanda Long  
Richard Player  
Johnny Riddle  
James Torrence

Term expires 2027

Douglas Bowers  
Bradley Shealy  
Lindsey Stribble  
Daniel Wicker

**Question & Answer** - Brad Shealy will be available after the service on Sunday, November 2, to meet in the fellowship hall and answer any questions regarding the **Proposed Constitution** and the **2025 Ratification from the NALC**.



We hope to see everyone at the **Yard Sale/Bazaar** on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. In addition to the Yard Sale, we will have some handmade items from several members of the congregation and some local vendors. If you have items to donate for the Yard Sale, you may begin bringing them this afternoon. You may leave them under the covered shelter and contact Lynn Shealy at 803-924-4291 if the Fellowship Hall is locked. Please bring all items to the church no later than Thursday evening by 5:00 p.m. As a reminder we are only accepting children’s clothing up to size 16. No other clothing will be accepted. We will have Chick-Fil-A biscuits for breakfast and a bake sale sponsored by the CIA group. If you have any questions about this event contact Teresa Player or Lynn Shealy. Proceeds generated from this event will benefit the Sunday School Fund. We hope to see you Saturday and thank you in advance for your support.

**C.I.A. Youth Bake Sale** - Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>  
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 31<sup>st</sup> or by 7:30am on Saturday morning. Youth volunteers are also needed to help with the table during the event.