

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Little Mountain, SC

The Rev. Chris Wendel, Interim

SEVENTEENTH 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: #733

Great is thy Faithfulness

The Greeting

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The Kyrie

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The Hymn of Praise (This is the feast...)

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The Prayer of the Day:

P: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither like the grass,

And like the green grass fade away.

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good;

dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Take delight in the LORD,

who shall give you your heart’s desire.

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,

and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light

and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,

The one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

Do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,

But those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 1:1-14

The Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia...)

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The Holy Gospel (with responses)

Luke 17:5-10

The Children’s Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #796

How Firm a Foundation

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

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(Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,

We respond “Hear our prayer”)

The Peace

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The Anthem

What is the World Like

The Offertory: #884

The Doxology

The Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Proper Preface

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The Sanctus

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Agnus Dei

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Holy Communion

The Post-Communion Blessing

The Post-Communion 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: #812

Faith of Our Fathers

The Dismissal

The Altar Flowers are given in honor of our son Grant on his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday today and to the Glory of God by Kevin and Miranda Shealy. Next Sunday’s flowers will be given by Wayne and Meredith Achelpohl.

## SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

**Organist** – Karen Davis

**Choir Director** – Kayleigh Eargle

**Lector** – Kenny Stockman

**Acolyte** – Avery Long

**Ushers** – Kim Mack, Chandlor Williams, Billy Lindler

**Communion Assistants** – Gwen Davenport, Wayne Abbott,  
Marlene McCormack

**Communion Usher** – Warren Davis

**Altar Care** – Renae Long, Cindy Gosnell, Janice Long

**Offering Tabulators** – Thurston Frick, Edgar Lindler, Sr.,  
Kim Mack, Melvin Metts

**Candle Care** – Amanda Long, Jennifer Lindler

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, and Derek Bowers.

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

Our **attendance last Sunday** was 178 (177 inside and 1 outside). Offering was \$3,000. Sunday School attendance was 73. Sunday School Offering for September was \$379.

The **loose offering** today will go to help the Ronald McDonald House. Next week's loose offering will go to The Love Fund.

Today we celebrate **First Communion** for the following young people: Adalynn Shealy, Brantley Shealy, and Skyler Stroud. We congratulate them and their families on this new milestone.

**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 today, 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.

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):

Boxers/Briefs Underwear

Sweatshirts

T-shirts

Socks (Tube socks)

Work Gloves

Toiletries for Men:

Deodorant

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Soap

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 **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](mailto:prumfelt@gmail.com). Thanks, Paul

The **C.I.A. (Christians in Action) youth group** will travel to Clinton Sease Farms in Lexington on Sunday, October 19th, for the corn maze. We hope everyone can join to share lots of laughs and fun. We will meet at the church at 1:30pm to carpool.

The **Young at Heart** group is planning a trip to get apples on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We plan to visit Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery in York, SC. A sign-up sheet will be available next Sunday.

*Dear Church Family,*

*I want to thank my great, great niece, Avery, for being brave enough to stand before all of us last Sunday. It's a good thing I didn't hear most of what she was saying, or you would have seen me Boo-Hooing. Words cannot express my appreciation. I want all of you to know:*

*First of all, I thank God that He has kept me healthy enough that I could do what I have enjoyed doing for the past 50 years. Next, I love God, this Church, and this Congregation so much that I would do it all over again. May God continue to Bless us as we travel this New Road.*

*In Christian Love,  
Carolyn Torrence*

