

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

HOLY CROSS DAY

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: #660

Life High the Cross

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: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, 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

Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalm 98:1-4 (read responsively by whole verse)

'Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

'O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

'You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

'Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

The Gospel Acclamation (*Alleluia...*)

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The Holy Gospel (with responses)

John 3:13-17

The Children's Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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 Way of the Cross Leads Home

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: #807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The Dismissal

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Organist – Karen Davis

Choir Director – Kayleigh Eargle

Lector – Rhonda Lindler

Acolyte – Brendan Wicker

Ushers – Brad Shealy, Chris Davenport, Nick Childs

The **Altar Flowers** today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 40th wedding anniversary (September 21) by Bruce and Debbie Rister. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by John Daniel and Linda Frick.

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 would like to **welcome Marsha Meetze** as our church office administrator. You may see her around during the next few weeks as she starts training with Ms. Carolyn.

Remember in your prayers:

Mt. Tabor Members: Scott Frick, Melvin Bowers, Ann Bowers, Troy Shealy, Jane Speight, Dick Shealy, Johnny Fulmer, Shane Stroud, Micheal Torrence, Linda Dowd, Robert Morris, Todd Frick, Carter Dominick, Carolyn Shealy, 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.

Home from the Hospital: Voight Counts.

Melvin Bowers is now at Generations of Chapin in Room 118.

Our **attendance last Sunday** was 112 (110 inside and 2 outside). Offering was \$4,420. Sunday School attendance was 50.

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

Devotionals for October – December are available today.

The Call Committee invites you to our **Call Workshop** happening next Sunday, September 21st, after church service. While attendance isn't mandatory, we'd love for as many of you as possible to join us. Your participation is a valuable part of the Call Process for the NALC, and it helps us move forward together. Lunch will be provided. Those planning to attend, please sign the sheet posted in the narthex so we can plan for food.

Choir practice will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. **Please** consider joining the choir.

A BBQ lunch will be served after the service on **Golden Age/Homecoming Sunday**, September 28th. Carryout and delivery will be available to our Golden Agers and Shut-Ins upon request. Members are asked to please bring desserts.

The **Young at Heart** will not be meeting during the month of September.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you sincerely for your prayers, cards, and all "get well wishes" I received during my recent illness. It means so much knowing you are being remembered. God Bless all of you.

Debbie Rister