

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

**THIRTEENTH 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: #685

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,

we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

'Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

**3They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.**

**4It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

**5Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

**6For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

The Second Lesson

Philemon 1-21

The Gospel Acclamation (*Alleluia...*)

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The Holy Gospel (with responses)

Luke 14:25-33

The Children's Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #818

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

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

*(Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy,  
We respond "Hear our prayer.")*

The Peace

The Anthem

The Offertory: #884

The Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The Proper Preface

The Sanctus

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Agnus Dei

Holy Communion

The Post-Communion Blessing

The Post-Communion 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: #779

*Amazing Grace*

The Dismissal

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**SERVING OUR LORD TODAY**

Organist – Gloria Danielowski

Choir Director – Kayleigh Eargle

Lector – Janice Shealy

Acolyte – Brendan Wicker

Ushers – Brad Shealy, Chris Davenport, Nick Childs

Communion Assistants – Steve Willis,

Murray Shealy, Leonard Shealy

Communion Usher – Warren Davis

Altar Care – Teresa Player, Kerry Stribble, Jennifer Lindler

Offering Tabulators – Douglas Bowers, Lindsey Stribble,

Bradley Shealy, Daniel Wicker

Candle Care – Amanda Long, Jennifer Lindler

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory and in memory of Loved Ones by Heyward and Barbara Shealy. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Bruce and Debbie Rister.

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*Will You Come and Follow Me*

*The Doxology*

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*Amazing Grace*

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.

**Happy Birthday to Mt. Tabor!** Our congregation was 145 years old on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Swygert, Marion Eubanks, and Cindy Mace (Cathy Lindler's sister).

Our **attendance last Sunday** was 93 (92 inside and 1 outside). Offering was \$1,805. Sunday School attendance was 53. Sunday School Offering for August was \$391.

The **loose offering** last Sunday and during the month of September will go to help the Carter Dominick (son of Cody and Kimberly Dominick) family with expenses.

**ATTENTION GOLDEN AGERS:** If there are changes which need to be made to your biography from last year, please let us know in the Office by tomorrow.

A BBQ lunch will be served after the service on **Golden Age/Homecoming Sunday**, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Carryout and delivery will be available to our Golden Agers and Shut-Ins upon request.

The **C.I.A.** will meet today from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. We **welcome** all students in grades 5 and up to join us.

The **LCW (Lutheran Church Women)** will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30. We will have a short program and begin planning for our meeting in October with other Lutheran Church Women .

**We NEED more choir members!!** Choir practice will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining the choir.

The Call Committee invites you to our **Call Workshop** happening Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**Confirmation Class Invitation:**

Students currently in **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade** are invited to join Pastor Randy Drafts and the youth of Holy Trinity for Confirmation Class.

- Start Date: Sunday, September 14
- Time: 4:15 p.m.
- Location: Conference Room at Holy Trinity

Parents are asked to attend the first 15 minutes of the class to receive important information about the course and schedule.

The second class will be held on September 28 at 4:15 p.m. After that, classes will continue on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 4:15, unless otherwise stated. Classes will finish each day at 5:30. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Randy at 803-345-2841.

**First Communion Class Invitation:**

Students in **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** and above are invited to attend First Communion Class with Pastor Randy Drafts at Holy Trinity.

- Start Date: Sunday, September 21
- Time: 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Additional classes will be held at the same time on Sunday, September 28, and October 5. First Communion is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 5.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Randy at 803-345-2841.