

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost WELCA Sunday September 15, 2019

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Welcome to Mt. Tabor. *We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please fill out and return the card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!*

Mt. Tabor's Nursery. *A nursery is provided during both worship services for children of suggested ages infant to four years old. However, we encourage all children to remain in worship as it is in worship that they learn the faith of the church. In an effort to ensure a safe haven for our children, parents are responsible for signing their child in and out of the nursery as stated in our Risk and Abuse Policy.*

New Mother's Suite. *Nursing mothers are invited to take advantage of the private space in our Mother's Suite in room 116 of the nursery wing.*

Child Protection Policy. *Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is committed to being a safe place for children and youth. Our congregation has enacted policies and procedures designed to minimize the risk of abuse. Copies of our Child Protection Policy are available in the narthex and in the Church Office.*

Children's Activity Bags. *Children's activity bags are available in the Narthex and can be found hanging under the picture board. These bags contain coloring sheets, activity sheets and crayons for the children to use during the service as well as an information sheet for reminders about the bag. At the end of the service, the child can take home the sheets used and return the bag to the narthex so it is available for the next service. Our hope is that this children's ministry will be another way for our children to enjoy worship with their families.*

Communion. *Normally, communion is celebrated with wine and bread; however, those with allergies may choose to receive communion in one kind—either bread or wine. Either is an acceptable practice. Grape juice is also available.*

Altar Flowers. *The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sharon & Sarah Matern in loving memory of David Epting.*

Bulletin Covers. *The bulletin covers are given to the glory of God in honor of Poppy's 90th birthday on September 18th and in memory of Mommy's birthday which would have been on September 5th. With love from Bob, Barbara, Acy, Blair, Margaret Raye, Bob, Katie, Ford, Baby Livingston, Betsy, Patrick, Jack, Emily, Rachel, Joe, Little Joe, Barbara, Georgia, Anna, Tom, Connor, Greyson, Rebekah, Alex, Court, Baby Morris, Roxanne, Auston, and Foster.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor
Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Rev. Emily Willhide, Pastor of Faith Formation
Vicar Justin Marx, Intern
Mrs. Elise Helms, Interim Choir Director

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—WELCA Sunday
ELW Setting Three — Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come. **Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

God our helper, **we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"Oh, Worship the King"

Hymn 842

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, **you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this

land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'”¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL**Luke 15:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON**

Chaplain Virginia Emery
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”***Hymn 779****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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

ANTHEM (8:30)	<i>“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”</i>	arr. Roberts
(11:00)	<i>“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”</i>	Thiman

OFFERTORY HYMN *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* **Hymn 885**

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, we **bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

HYMN *“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”* **Hymn 814**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN *“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”* **Hymn 814**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Hymn 608

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Hymn 484

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hymn 803

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God † bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn 807

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Trevor Anderson, Shannon Burton, Hannah Fogle, Linda Price, Allen Shealy, Quinton Smoak, Rachel Smoak, Rachel Sullivan.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:

Larry Taylor, Betty Wise, Marsha Reynolds, Fred Carter.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Adam Jones, John Conrad, DeeDee Fogle, Edith Shealy, Dustin Baxter, David Senn, Jane Eubanks, Lynn Hostetter, Penny Timmerman, Maurice Dunlap, Matthew Hook, Elise Harmon, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Lois Cromer, Mary Hamson, Terry Tucker, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Johnnie Blackburn, Byron Bullard, Nancy Lee, Melody Hughes, Falynn Rickards, Howard Lang, Carol Miller, Richard Merritt, Bobby Smith, Murray Hoskins, John Imbaratto, George Pheasant, Henry & Margot Gainey, Hardy Goff, Margret Hook, Vivian Gwin, Amelia Sightler, Tillman Chesney, Mike Eden, Scott Stein, Betty Driggers, Gregg Avedisian, Scott Willyerd, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunnicutt.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Mike Willhide, Scott Hash, John Post, Dallas Phillips.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews, Bernd Koehler, John Ward.

The Family Of:

Magnolia Markle, Wanda Hood, Chase Ada Tucker, Annie Sharpe, Kenny Ballington, Porter Hooks, Patricia Scyphers, Bob Wise, Kenny King, Shirley Miles.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.

8:30 A.M.	<i>Worship Assistants</i>	11:00 A.M.
Leah Conrad	<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Assistant Needed</i>
	<i>Crucifers</i>	Emily Hutto
Cathy Crawford	<i>Lectors</i>	Elise Helms
Linda Spainhour	<i>Greeters</i>	BJ Roof
Charlie Sharpe	<i>Ushers</i>	Travis Spainhour
Don Simmons		Russell Pauly
Paul Jacobs		
Dusty & Miley Rhodes	<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Kendrick Kerr
Judy Fisher	<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	Cindy Pettway
Irina Roof, organ	<i>Musicians</i>	Irina Roof, organ
Morning Hymn Choir		Adult Choir

<i>Budget Information</i>	
OFFERINGS: Budgeted for 2019	777,014.00
I. Weekly Offering needed weekly to meet Budget	14,942.58
Offering Received for September 8	14,171.88
II. 2019 Budget Giving (through September 8 - week 37 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	536,225.46
Offering Received	475,191.62
YTD Expense	494,530.22
Capital Campaign Total	401,347.88
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	410.00
Capital Campaign Balance as of September 8	401,757.88
First Citizens Loan Balance as of September 5, 2019 @ 4%	10,008.62

Sunday School 2019 - 2020

Superintendent - Linda Spainhour & Sarah Whitehead

Secretary/Treasurer - Jeanie & Paul Jacobs

Nursery Pianist - Janice West

Nursery - Room 107

Nancy Allen

Dottie Ford

Room 124 Disciples - Room 109

Joe Vasquez

1, 2 & 3 Year Olds - Room 117

Barbara Livingston

Tina Conrad

Rhonda White

Mindy Williams

Curriculum - Deep Blue

Augsburg - Room 101

Charles Easley

Freddie Fulmer

Allen Wise

Jean Latimer, Sub

Curriculum - Augsburg Adult Bible Studies

4 & 5 Year Olds - Room 307

1st Grade - Room 307

Pam Berrian

Irina Roof

Barbara Stilwell

Betsy Sippel

Curriculum - Deep Blue

Middle and High School - Room 301

Tommy Smith

Whitney Glass

Linda Spainhour

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade - Room 304

Anna Scyphers

Jimmy Williams

Betsy Sippel

Curriculum - Deep Blue

New Seekers - Room 121

Pam Burnett

Janet Wood, Sub

Carol Williams, Sub

Don Simmons, Sub

College and Careers - Room 302

Pastor Wade

Pastor Emily

Friends & Followers - Room 207

Harry Prim

