

**MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 11, 2019**

## **Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church**

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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.*

**Altar Flowers.** *The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Betty Wise in loving memory of Bob Wise for their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**Bulletin Covers.** *The bulletin covers are given to the glory of God in honor of Betty Wise and in loving memory of Bob Wise for their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 14<sup>th</sup>, given by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

### **Worship Leaders**

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

*Rev. Emily Willhide, Pastor of Faith Formation*

## **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** **ELW Setting Ten — Non-Communion**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

*“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”*

David Cherwien

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

**God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. **Amen.**

#### **GATHERING SONG**

*“Beautiful Savior”*

**Hymn 838**

### **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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**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts!**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalms 33:12-22

*Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)*

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks | down from heaven,  
and sees all | humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly en- | throned and watches  
all who dwell | on the earth.

- <sup>15</sup>**God fashions | all their hearts  
and observes | all their deeds.**
- <sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size | of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- <sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain | hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**
- <sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup>**to deliver their | lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**
- <sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,  
our helper | and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,  
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
- <sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,  
even as we place our | hope in you.

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**GOSPEL****Luke 12:32-40**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Wade Roof

**HYMN OF THE DAY***“Have No Fear, Little Flock”***Hymn 764****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.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING****VOLUNTARY***“Have No Fear, Little Flock”*

Anne Krentz Organ

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

**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.**

**BLESSING**

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

**Hymn 855**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"*

Jacob W. Weber

**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: Grace Fuson, Laurel Gamble, Stephanie Gamble, Christian Hall, Emily Hutto, Collins Lewis, Christian Vallejo.*

**This Week's Prayer Concerns:**

John Conrad, DeeDee Fogle, Edith Shealy, Boyd Steele, Dustin Baxter, Scott Busbee.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

David Senn, Jane Eubanks, Brooklyn Glass, Elise Helms, Lynn Hostetter, Fred Carter, 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:**

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

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

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

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

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:**

Bob Wise, Kenny King, Retha Busbee, David Amick Sr., Mary Bright, Carolyn Bickley, Ted Guba, David Rickards.

*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.*



<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<i><b>Worship Assistants</b></i>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>
Leah Conrad	<i>Acolytes</i>	<b><i>Assistant Needed</i></b>
	<i>Crucifers</i>	<b><i>Assistant Needed</i></b>
Bobby McLeod	<i>Lectors</i>	Linda Price
Sheri Self	<i>Greeters</i>	Sarah Whitehead
Paul Hinson	<i>Ushers</i>	Manfred Stoll
Todd Sease		Curren Taylor
Jordan Sease		Jimmy Williams
Larry Sease		
Paul Jacobs		
Julianne Jones	<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	Irina Roof
Sandra Lindler, organ	<i>Musician</i>	Sandra Lindler, organ

<i><b>Budget Information</b></i>	
<b>OFFERINGS: Budgeted for 2019</b>	777,014.00
I. Weekly Offering needed weekly to meet Budget	14,942.58
Offering Received for August 4	16,475.14
II. 2019 Budget Giving (through August 4 - week 31 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	463,762.56
Offering Received	400,402.20
YTD Expense	417,900.00
<b>Capital Campaign Total</b>	393,674.57
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	717.68
Capital Campaign Balance as of August 4	394,392.25
<b>First Citizens Loan Balance</b> as of August 4, 2019 @ 4%	11,469.12

## **Sunday School 2018 - 2019**

Superintendent - Linda Spainhour  
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  
Lavaughn Keisler  
Allen Wise  
Jean Latimer, Sub  
**Curriculum - Augsburg Adult Bible Studies**

### **4 & 5 Year Olds - Room 307**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Room 307**  
Pam Berrian  
Irina Roof  
Barbara Stilwell  
Betsy Sippel  
**Curriculum - Deep Blue**

### **9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Room 301**

Russell Pauly  
Jennifer Pauly  
Tommy Smith  
Whitney & Ricky Glass

### **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Room 304**

Anna Scyphers  
Jimmy Williams  
Betsy Sippel  
**Curriculum - Deep Blue**

### **New Seekers - Room 121**

Don Simmons  
Pastor Emily  
Pastor Wade  
Pam Burnett, Sub

### **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Room 302**

Linda Spainhour  
Whitney Glass, Sub

### **Friends & Followers - Room 303**

Harry Prim



