

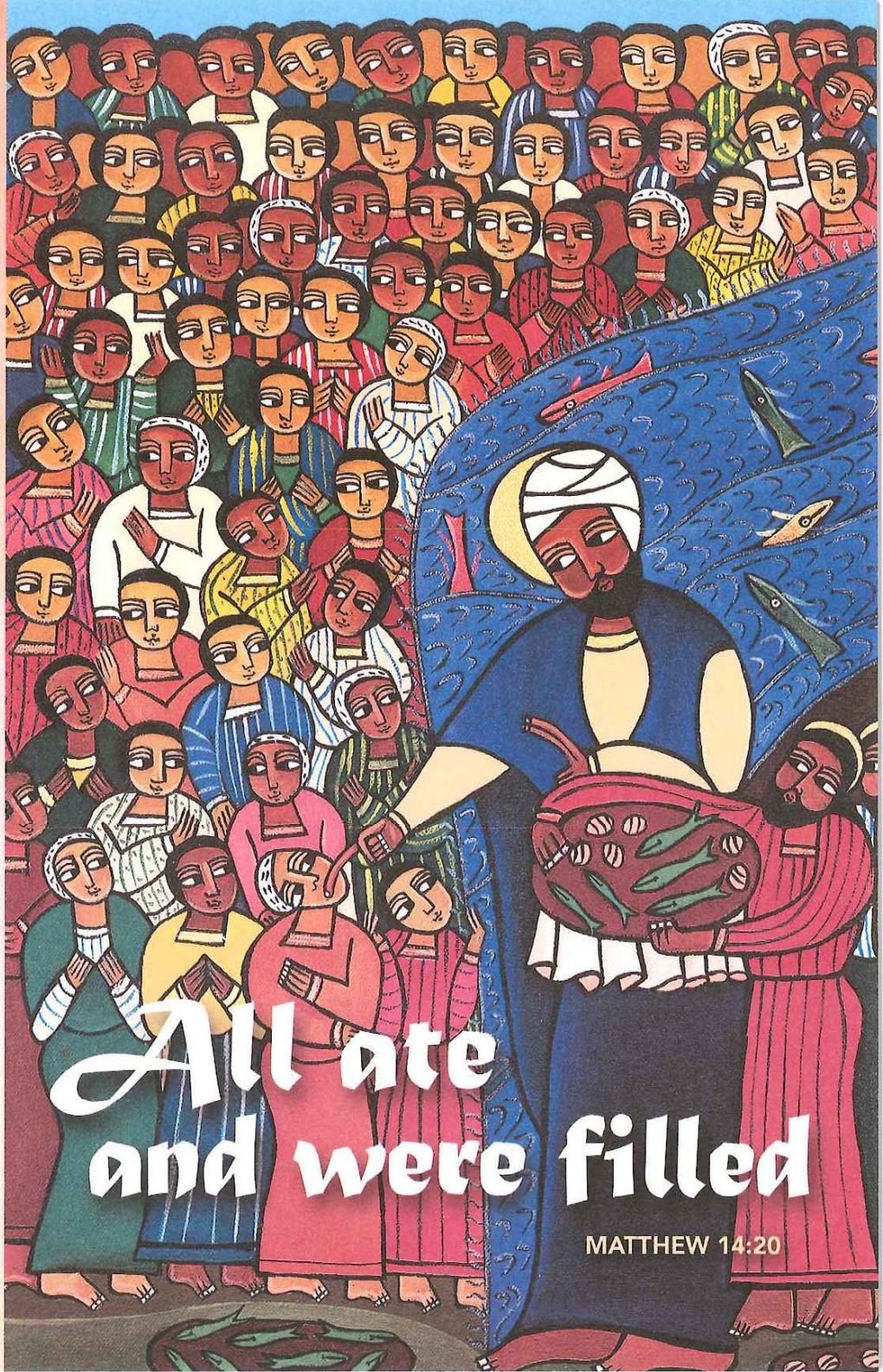
**MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**1000 B Avenue • West Columbia • South Carolina • 29169 • 803.796.5948**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**ONLINE SERVICE**

**August 2, 2020**



**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Setting Eight—Holy Communion**

**INTRODUCTION**

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**     *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*

**Hymn 712**

**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**

**p. 184**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**p. 187**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. 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 vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

##### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

##### **PSALM**

**Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

*You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are | good to all,**

**and your compassion is over | all your works.**  
<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
 and lifts up those who | are bowed down.  
<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,**  
**and you give them their food | in due season.**  
<sup>16</sup>You open | wide your hand  
 and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.  
<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in | all your ways**  
**and loving in | all your works. R**  
<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who | call upon you,  
 to all who call up- | on you faithfully.  
<sup>19</sup>**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;**  
**you hear their | cry and save them.**  
<sup>20</sup>You watch over all | those who love you,  
 but all the wicked you | shall destroy.  
<sup>21</sup>**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;**  
**let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 9:1-5**

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**p. 188**

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

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 14:13-21**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villag-

es and buy food for themselves.”<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”<sup>17</sup> They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”<sup>18</sup> And he said, “Bring them here to me.”<sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.<sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.<sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Wade Roof

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Break Now the Bread of Life”*

**Hymn 515**

## **CREED**

**p. 105**

**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.**

## **ANTHEM**

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

Kaan

## **OFFERING**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Hymn 885**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

### **COMMUNION**

p. 191

**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, grant us peace,  
Lamb of God.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

*"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

**Hymn 843**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

---

*Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Ladies Aid in honor of Vicar Justin Marx.*

*Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God by Penny Timmerman in honor of Vicar Justin Marx for his birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup>.*

**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: Jack Fisher, Pam Hoskins, Brandon Mathews, Selena Metts, Ann Shealy, Natalie Shealy, Travis Spainhour, Stacey Wilson, Allen Wise.*

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Herb Brazell.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Freddie Fulmer, Elise Harmon, Penny Timmerman, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Hazel Rauch, Matthew Hook, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Shelton Hall, Rev. Michael Henderson, June Roof, Sydney Richardson, Betsy Adams, Chris Riggins, Nancy Reed, Tommy Roof, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunnicutt.

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

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

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

Tom Bryant, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, 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:**

Dean Strickland, Basil Mack, Wilbur Smith, Ronnie Culpepper, Betty Hoffman.

*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.*

Sunday, August 2, 2020 📅 9th Sunday after Pentecost

## Unreasonable Love

**I**magine throwing an impromptu dinner party for thousands of people. Looking out at the huge crowd, would you think, “Yeah, we can do this. It’ll be fun!”? Or would you look in your fridge, cupboards, and freezer and become absolutely certain there was not enough to go around?

It is normal and human to look at the supplies available and make a judgment about whether or not something can be accomplished. It’s reasonable, even! But God’s kingdom is not reasonable. God’s kingdom defies all of our human expectations.

It is not reasonable that the last shall be first. It is not reasonable that God would pour forgiveness on us when we hardly know how to confess. It is not reasonable that the disciples could feed thousands of people with just a few loaves and fishes.

Thanks be to God for the unreasonable, unexpected grace we find in the kingdom! May we brim with gratitude that where we see limits, God knows what is possible. When we stare in shock at the Son of God nailed to the cross, we are sure it’s the end of the story, but God knows differently: love and life are unreasonably more abundant than hatred and death.

When we bring whatever “loaves and fishes” we have in our cupboards to God, God blesses them and makes of them enough. At the Lord’s table, we find the mystery of Christ’s abundant presence in the bread and the wine. At the font, we are joined to the immeasurable, eternal covenant of being God’s beloved through the profuse waters of baptism. It’s preposterous, really, how lavishly, how unreasonably God loves the world! Let us rejoice in God’s unreasonable love and mercy, and join the feast.

Cover: *Jesus Feeds the 5000* by Laura James. Copyright © Laura James. All rights reserved. Used by permission of the artist.

Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible with Apocrypha, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Revised Common Lectionary copyright © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Please visit our Web site at [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org).

Copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced. Printed in U.S.A.

20200802-LEC18 ELCA-L

### ***Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Vicar Justin Marx, Intern*

*Mrs. Elise Helms, Interim Choir Director*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mrs. Sandra Lindler, Interim Organist*

*Mrs. Karen Shevenell, Minister of Music, Faith*