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11:00 AM—August 7, 2022—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Traditional Worship Service

Setting Ten—Holy 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 in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE

Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele

Johann Sebastian Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

HYMN 771

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

GREETING

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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 pow’r; create in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be exalted thus!” “Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, “for he was slain for us!” Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow’r divine; and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine. Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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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

A reading from Genesis.

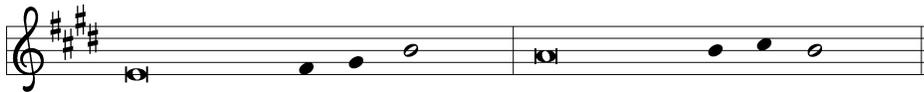
God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After 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." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22



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- ¹²Happy is the nation whose God¹ is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to¹ be God's heritage!
- ¹³**The LORD looks¹ down from heaven,
and sees all¹ humankind.**
- ¹⁴God sits firmly en-¹throned and watches
all who dwell¹ on the earth.
- ¹⁵**God fashions¹ all their hearts
and observes¹ all their deeds. R**
- ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size¹ of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by¹ their great strength.
- ¹⁷**The horse gives vain¹ hope for victory;
despite its great strength it¹ cannot save.**
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear¹ you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your¹ steadfast love,
- ¹⁹**to deliver their¹ lives from death,
and to keep them alive in¹ time of famine. R**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for ¹you, O LORD,
our helper ¹and our shield.
²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we ¹put our trust.**
²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ¹be upon us,
even as we place our ¹hope in you. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

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.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By 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.

⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By 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. ¹²Therefore 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.” ¹³All 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, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell 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. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“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. ⁴⁰You 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

HYMN 837

Many and Great, O God

WAKANTANKA TAKU NITAWA

CREED

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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

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

Come, my way, my truth, my life
Sandra Lindler, soloist

Ralph Vaughan Williams

HYMN 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Richard Hillert

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

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Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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

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Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN 488

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 831

The God of Abraham Praise

YIGDAL

DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele

Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance 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!

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mt. Tabor Ladies Aid.

Bulletin Covers. Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God by Kim, Frazier, Cooper & Jensen Redmond and Eric & Natalie Smith in honor of Tommy & Janet Smith's 56th wedding anniversary on August 28th.

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: Lauren Addy, Grace Fuson, Laurel Gamble, Emily Hutto, Pam Hoskins, Collins Lewis, Brandon Mathews.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Melvin Manus, Paul Jacobs, Ronnie Hutto, DeeDee Fogle, David Derrick, Linda Price.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Barbara Bradshaw, Sharon Mattern, Jackie Macaulay, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Jeanie Jacobs, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Barbara Stilwell, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Charles Hite, Tyler Carter, Kristy Ann Taylor, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, Eddie DeLoache, Kim Hammons, Zander Yarnall, Steve Collum, Allisa Smith, John Bundrick, Lori Gladiness.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, 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, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Sylvia Marchant, Nancy Butler, Carroll Hutchinson, Mary Sox, Boyd Steele.

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.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte	Abby Grace Roof
Crucifer	Jack Fisher
Lector	Pam Burnett
Greeter	Pam Burnett
Ushers	Ricky Glass, Fred Vallejo, Adam Davis
Communion Assistant	Pam Burnett

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation
Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music