

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (from Matthew 14)

Leader: Come, all who are hungry—for Christ welcomes you.

People: We come seeking the Bread of Life, trusting that Jesus will satisfy our deepest needs.

L: Bring your hopes, your burdens, your joys, and your fears.

P: We place all that we have into the hands of our Savior.

L: The disciples saw only five loaves and two fish, but Jesus saw an opportunity for God's abundance.

P: We believe that God can do more than we could ever ask or imagine.

L: Christ invites all to come, to be fed, and to be filled with His grace.

P: We come with open hearts, ready to receive His love and to share it with others.

L: Let us worship the One who takes what we offer, blesses it, multiplies it, and uses it for His glory.

ALL: With grateful hearts, let us worship the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Here I Am. Lord”

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Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession (Matthew 14, Isaiah 55)

Leader: Gracious and generous God, You invite all who are thirsty to come to You. You offer living water without price and the bread that truly satisfies.

People: Yet we confess that we often seek fulfillment in things that cannot nourish our souls.

Forgive us for the times we have trusted in our own resources rather than in Your abundant provision.

L: Like the disciples, we look at what we lack instead of trusting what You can do with what we place in Your hands.

P: We focus on scarcity instead of Your abundance, fear instead of faith, and limitations instead of Your limitless grace.

L: Lord, we confess that we have sometimes been slow to notice

the hungry around us—the hungry for food, for friendship, for hope, for justice, and for Your love. We have held tightly to what we have rather than sharing generously with others.

P: Forgive us when our lives fail to reflect Your compassion and mercy. Create in us clean hearts, O God. Renew our trust in Your promises and teach us to come to You with open hands and grateful hearts.

L: Take the gifts we offer, however small they may seem, bless them, multiply them, and use them to bring hope and healing to Your world.

ALL: By Your Holy Spirit, help us to hunger for Your righteousness, to delight in Your Word, and to become faithful servants of Your generous kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news! Our God is a God of abundant grace. Just as Jesus welcomed the hungry, blessed the bread, and fed the multitude until all were satisfied, so He welcomes us with mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. Through the prophet Isaiah, God declares: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters... Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare."

P: In Jesus Christ, God has provided the Bread of Life for the world.

Through His death and resurrection, our sins are forgiven, our hearts are renewed, and we are invited to live in the abundance of His grace.

L: Therefore, hear this promise from Scripture: "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1) Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, you are loved, and you are set free to live as people of hope, generosity, and joy.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Honoring and Thanking Jane Gray (10am service)

Offering

“You’ve Got a Friend”

Doxology

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*Hymn

“As the Deer”

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Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: *Feeding Hungry People*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

“We Are Called”

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Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: John Schoenherr

10:00 am: Vonnie Jacquard

Coffee Hour

Linda McKeown

Lynn Marble

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

Wes Shrum passed away peacefully on July 6, 2026. His Celebration of Life will be on August 7 from 11am till 1 pm. at 821 Lake Square Blvd. Tavares, FL. (JoAnn Shrum, 300 Lake Port Blvd H304, Leesburg, FL 34748 508-776-7614.)

The Craft Group is now meeting every Tuesday at the Annex from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm. If you would like to join, we would so welcome you!

This Summer we are hosting the acapella group "Hyannis Sound." They will be doing concerts here every Friday at 7:00 pm through August 14th

The Outreach Committee is collecting small toiletry-size sunscreen to give out at the Youth Street Reach picnic at Sea Street Beach on Sunday, July 26. This is a vibrant outreach mission run by our good friend Marilyn Lariviere and is part of the Cape Cod Council of Churches Homeless Ministries.

Beach Services are on Thursdays at 5:15 pm at Dowses Beach.

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

The Annex will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 am till 12:00 to accept donations for the next yard sale on July 25.

Be sure to sign up for our "Tables of Eight"

VBC begins on August 17th. Please pray for the 50 kids and all the volunteers.

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*Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."
"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.-
Matthew 14:16-20*

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