

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 13
AUGUST 2, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**All those able, please stand*

Preparing for Worship: We come before God with our questions, our weariness, and our deepest hopes, trusting that God meets us with grace, strength, kindness, and compassion. May we be transformed by God's presence and, like the disciples, discover that what we place in Christ's hands becomes more than enough to bless the world.

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

***Opening Hymn #** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

***Call to Worship:**

Call upon the LORD, O people.

Let your voice be heard in heaven!

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD.

For we seek refuge in you.

Call upon the LORD. Place your trust in God.

Ask the LORD for an eternal blessing.

Show us your face, O wondrous God.

Let your will for us become our greatest joy.

Call upon the LORD, O people.

Trust in God who anticipates all your needs.

Grant us true bread for our journey.

Fill us with your Word, that our hunger may be satisfied.

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***Opening Prayer (Stand)**

Song of Faith #498 "I Will Call Upon the Lord" O'SHIELDS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading Genesis 32:22-31

The Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Reader: Deacon Janelle Hood

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** Matthew 14:13-21

***Responsorial # 6** "How Great Thou Art" O STORE GUD (Swedish)

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (No Children's Church – Summer Recess)

Announcements and the Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings – The Apostle Paul wrote, "You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Let us offer our riches to God with generosity and love.

Offertory

A Prayer of Illumination & Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Table of the Lord[†] (Servers Prepare)

All are welcome! We practice *open communion*, which means all followers of Jesus are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. You do not need to be a member of this church or denomination. Please hold each element until everyone is served. Then, we will feast together.

***Communion Song # 405** "In Remembrance" RED

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*
Passing of the Cup *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Hymn (Stand) # "The Blessing" Worship Team

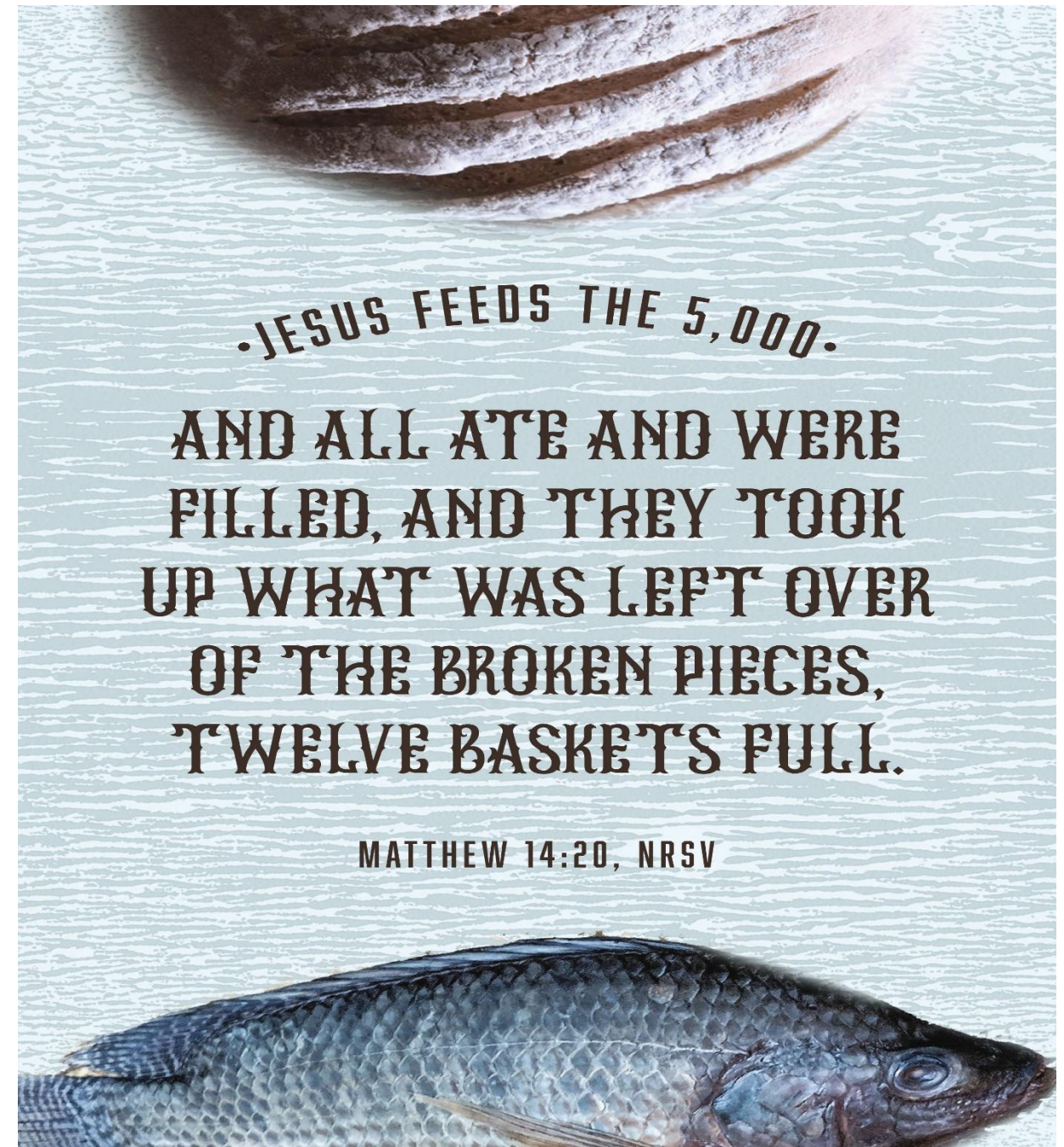
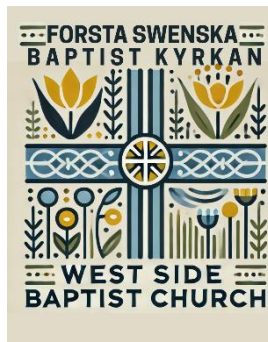
*Spoken Benediction

Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist
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THE MINISTRY OF DEACONS: Deacons are called and commissioned to a ministry of compassion, service, and witness. They serve at the Lord's Table, lead the congregation in caring for those in need, connect the church with the community, encourage ministries of justice and mercy, and remind us that our worship leads us into loving service in the world. If the Lord is calling you to serve others, please speak with Deacon Sonia or Pastor Ivan.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God, and we love People, by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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