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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
August 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us today,
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

**“My Lord, What a Morning”
“If I Believe in Jesus”**

**ELW #438
Dakota Road Music**

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Welcome Song:

“Spirit Song”

W&P #130

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love,
let him fill your heart
and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have those things
that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life
and make you whole.**

Refrain: **Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.**

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love,
let him fill your heart
and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have those things
that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life
and make you whole.**

*Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.*

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have
squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Righteous God,
**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the
courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and
grant us your mercy.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ.
Amen.

**I will enter His gates
With thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made
I will rejoice
For He has made me glad**

Refrain: **He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad**

***Greeting**

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

O God,

with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

‡GOD’S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures
forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your
minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable
and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more
highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the
measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body
in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ
according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in
ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in
generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

“Open our eyes, Lord”

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

PMA Maurine Roller

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

Song of the Day:

"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me"

**OSB #181
vv. 1,2&4**

**1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**2. Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.**

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eye shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles 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.

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Hear us, O God,... **your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

...in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

1. What have we to offer?

**What have we to share?
Coins from the coffer,
hearts filled with care.
God will not falter;
so let us dare
lay it at the altar there.**

2. What have we to offer?

**What have we to bring?
Love, ripe with laughter;
hope that we can sing;
dreams of what we're after;
promises of when.
Lay it at the altar then.**

3. What have we to offer?

**What have we to give?
Eyes that are wide open;
lies that we won't live;
truth that must be spoken;
justice somehow.
Lay it at the altar now.**

4. What have we to offer?

**What have we to give?
Lives we will live.**

***Offertory Prayer**

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
**you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

ELW pg 220

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

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 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.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ‡ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

**1. Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King!**

**2. No more crying there,
We are going to see the King
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King!**

**3. No more dying there,
We are going to see the King
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King!**

**4. Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King!**

***Dismissal**

**Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.**

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Brenda & kids, Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Aimee Roos** (colon cancer & critical kidney disease—Penny Stevens’ nephew’s wife), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **Marsha Bueide** (recovering), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Linda Spomer** (healing/pain from broken back), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs’ mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Cindy Cole** (Carolyn Jensen’s sister).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



Kacey Fleenor, 8/29; Rick Keller, 8/30; Jackson Hinze, 9/1;
Brian Johnston, 9/1; Trea Hess, 9/2; Myron Loseke, 9/2

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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SCAN ME

SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Soups

BACKPACKS: Small cereal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW JULY MISSION PROJECT: D.O.V.E.S.

Domestic violence is a constant concern in our local communities. Scottsbluff/Gering provides access to a 24 hour crisis hotline and a shelter, where those trying to escape abuse may find refuge. The shelter is always grateful for cash donations to help people set up new households. Some needed supplies: Non-perishable foods, brooms, mops, buckets, paper towels, and sponges. Other items needed: dishes, pots/pans, silverware, small knives, can openers, potato peelers, stirring spoons, etc., toys, books, puzzles for the kids, sanitary products, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, combs, shaving cream, nail clippers, nail files, and bodywash. **No clothing, please.** Donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

Sing Praise to the Lord!

Calvary's **Choir practice** will be starting on Wednesday, August 30th at 7pm in the **Choir Loft**. If you love to **sing God's Praise**, you are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!
Questions? Call Becky Martin at 436-3993.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

OWLS will be meeting **September 6th**.
Come enjoy a BBQ. Then stay for fellowship & some fun games in the Fellowship Hall!
Come join us for a fun afternoon!





Our JAM kickoff will be Wednesday, September 6th!

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. We begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.



Our first EPIC meeting will be Sunday, September 10!

Our middle school/high school youth group is for kids in 6th-12th grade. We will begin our year with an outdoor picnic/lake party at Wally and Kathy Randall's home. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and drive out to the Randall home. We will have hot dogs/chips and dessert and then have some fun swimming in their private lake. Bring a friend and don't miss out on this fun time! Bring your swimsuit, your towel and plan for a fun time!



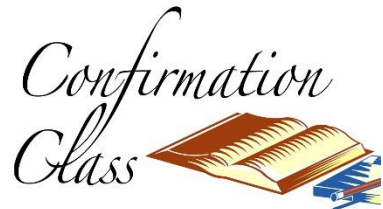
3rd & 6th Grade BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

SUNDAY, September 10th

Celebrate with us as our third and sixth graders receive their Bibles during worship.

Confirmation Classes

Parent meeting will be September 6th @ 6 p.m. Classes will convene each Wednesday evening from 6–7 p.m. beginning September 13th. Please refer to the letter you received in August from PMA Bill Huelle for details. Parents are asked to be involved in the confirmation program. Dinner will be provided. For any questions or concerns, please see PMA Bill Huelle.



WORSHIP LEADERS

This Sunday – August 27

PMA: Maurine Roller
USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell
LAY READER: Shari Copsey
HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Jack Martin
COMMUNION ASSTS: Becky Martin & Abby Newsom
POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne
ACOLYTES: DaKota Newsom & Brynlee Payne
MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten
AUDIO: Jeff Van Patten
ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler
PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – September 3

USHERS: Jack & Becky Martin
LAY READER: Marti Wegelin
POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn
ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & Rhyan Buckley
MEDIA: Chris Jensen
AUDIO: Jim Dorn
ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Barb Jensen, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Nannie Walsh
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 27

10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 28

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

Tuesday, August 29

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, August 30

7 p.m. – Choir Begins

Saturday, September 2

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, September 3

10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

AUGUST 27, 2023
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ
Monday	Isaiah 51:1-6	Blessings for God's people
Tuesday	Romans 12:1-8	Christ brings new life
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:13-25	A call to holy living
Thursday	Exodus 20:1-6	You shall have no other gods
Friday	Genesis 35:1-15	Jacob returns to Bethel
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise God with all your heart
Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven." Matthew 16:16-17 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for being our sure foundation, our rock on which we stand secure through Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Almighty and living God, we thank you for this food that gives us strength to shout out our praise to you for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you joy and gladness now and always.



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AUGUST 27, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Built on a Rock



WEEKLY MILESTONES
Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- A false god is anything that we put our trust in instead of putting our trust in Jesus Christ. What are some false gods that people turn to today?
- How is putting our trust in Jesus Christ different from following false gods?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 16:13-20.

Caesarea Philippi was a place for the ancient people to gather and worship many gods. Those gods were understood to have powers that controlled people's lives, often arbitrarily. Instead of such instability, the disciples were there to witness to Jesus' life that heals, forgives, and teaches us of the God of steadfast love and faithfulness (Psalm 138:2). Peter confesses what only God can reveal: Jesus is the Messiah (another word for Christ) and the Son of a living—therefore real—God! In Romans 12:2 the Apostle Paul tells us not to be conformed to the world that is filled with false gods (powers), destructive passions, and self-love instead of love for others. This non-conformity that Jesus brings is a challenge to our everyday thinking. No wonder Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone about him. It will take time for them—and us—to wrap heads and hearts around worshipping Jesus as Lord instead of worshipping a nation, ethnicity, bank account or any other false god. Discuss: What is it in your life that gets in the way of confessing Jesus as the Messiah? *Pray:* Almighty God, your ways are not our ways; give us hearts and minds to grasp that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God for the sake of the world you love. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others instead of serving your own interests this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Peter confessed his faith by stating that Jesus is the Son of the living God. Because of this confession, Jesus called him the "rock" upon which he would build his church (Matthew 16:18). Place a rock in your living space or in a garden to remember the confession of Peter and the church throughout the centuries. Write or paint the words "Jesus is the Son of God" on the rock.



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