

Sunday Worship Service – August 23, 2026
13th Sunday After Pentecost
ELWB (red book) – Holy Communion – Setting 8 (p.184-192)

Welcome by the Pastor

Land Acknowledgment Statement & Welcome Statement

p.94 Prayer of Confession (*right hand column*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God, **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

p. 96 Words of Forgiveness

#645 Gathering Hymn ***“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*** (v.1-3)

1. **Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion’s help forever and our confidence alone.**
2. **To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come with all your loving-kindness, hear your people as they pray, and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

3. Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

p. 184 **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.**

p.185 **Canticle of Praise “Glory to God”**

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Final Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

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and peace to God’s people on earth.**

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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:5-6

I will quickly bring my victory. My salvation is on its way, and my arm will judge the peoples. The coastlands hope for me; they wait for my judgment. Look up to the heavens, and gaze at the earth beneath. The heavens will disappear like smoke, the earth will wear out like clothing, and its inhabitants will die like gnats. But my salvation will endure forever, and my righteousness will be unbroken.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138 ¹ *(read responsively)*

I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart;
not to idols, but to you I sing praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O God,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of God, for great is the glory of God.

For though God is high above, God regards the lowly;
but the haughty God perceives from far away.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**
you stretch out your hand, and your mighty hand delivers me.

**God will fulfill God's purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O God, endures forever.**

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

¹ from **The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version** © 1995 Oxford University Press, New York, NY. (with minor modifications)

New Testament Reading: Romans 12:1-8

So, brothers and sisters and siblings, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is – what is good and pleasing and mature.

Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

p. 188 Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Human One is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

Jesus said, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
 Then Jesus replied, "Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it. I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven." Then Jesus ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

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

Sermon

#597 Hymn of the Day *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
 In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
 when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
 clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

p.105 Apostles' Creed (*inside back cover*)

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

Sharing of the Peace

p.107 Offering Prayer

p.190 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 our thanks and praise.

It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give thanks to you, 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 your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

p.190 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer²

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

² *With One Voice: Leaders Edition*, p.72.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
 Amen.

Communion Distribution

p.191 *Lamb of God*

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.

#623 Communion Hymn *“Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me*

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.
3. Nothing in my hands I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids 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.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after communion

Announcements

Blessing

#543 Sending Hymn *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."
4. "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Sending

Go in peace, to love and serve God through word and deed.

Thanks be to God!

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