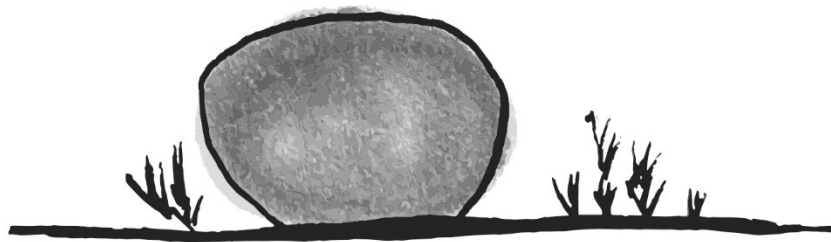


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*Asterisk indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.
Items in **bold** are responses spoken by the congregation.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"The Gift to Be Simple"

Dale Wood

* WELCOME

Whoever you are. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey,

You are welcome here!

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

(Please kneel as you are able)

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

*** GATHERING SONG**

"Built on a Rock"

ELW 652

vs. 1-4

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.**
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.**
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.**

4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.

*** GREETING**

ELW p. 138

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.

*** CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

ELW p. 139

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look 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.

³ For 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.

⁴ Listen 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.

⁵ I 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.

⁶ Lift 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *(Read Responsively)*

Psalm 138

¹ I 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.**

³ When 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.**

⁵ They 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.**

⁷ Though 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

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For 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.

⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*** GOSPEL:**

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ And 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. ¹⁹ I 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." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Liz Radtke

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Give Me Jesus"

ELW 770

- 1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

- 2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

- 3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

- 4 Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

- 5 And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

**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.**

(Kneel as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*** PEACE**

ELW p. 143

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

arr. Lloyd Larson

Flutist, Julia Dry Jacobson

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 144

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

*** SANCTUS**

ELW p. 144

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW p. 145

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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 146

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

setting, Marianne Kim

Flutist, Julia Dry Jacobson

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

ELW p. 146

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace.

Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are
filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this
holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask
this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today
and always.

Amen.

*** SENDING SONG**

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW 583

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

4 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

*** DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Jeffrey Blersch

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Tom and Jane Dry in honor of their 40th Anniversary.

Prayer List Relationships

CLC Members – Bob Bocclair, Jim Pickels, Linda Pickels, Frannie Kirkpatrick, Brooke Meisel, George & Jeannine Springer, Vincent Baltor, Ann Marie Farnsworth, Cheryl Glaubinger, Willy Carey and Donna Ruggles, Susan Merkle, Charlie Peterson.

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This Sunday is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Bible Quest Note: This week's reading from Matthew recounts one of the most dramatic moments in Christ's earthly ministry, when Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah. The location of the event is no coincidence either as it occurs in Casarea Philippi outside a shrine to Pan, the god of the underworld.

Jesus' response to Peter's declaration, "on this rock I will build my church", is used as the Biblical basis for the establishment of the Papacy. It is also the first time, of only two times, the term "church" appears in the Bible.

Luther's interpretation of the phrase, however, is somewhat different, saying Jesus was referring to Peter's faith, not the man himself, as the Rock. He refers us to Matthew

7:24 where Jesus teaches, “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock”.

The event also marks the conclusion of Jesus’ thirty-month ministry in Galilee. His focus now turns to moving His ministry south towards Jerusalem and certain death.

Music Note: Julia Dry Jacobson is back with us this day, and will be playing *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* during the offering, and *How Can I Keep from Singing* during communion. Welcome back, Julia!

This Week’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:	Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalms	Psalms 138
Second Reading	Romans 12:1-8
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20

Next Week: from Matthew 16:21-28, Jesus challenges His disciples to “take up their cross and follow me”.

Calendar

August 23:	Worship Ministry Meeting, following the 9:30 a.m service
August 25:	Quilting, 10:00 a.m.
September 1:	Sit & Stitch, 10:00 a.m.
September 13:	God's Work. Our Hands., following the service

SERVING THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

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