



# 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 2023

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*Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

## GATHERING

Gathering Music:

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude:

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **C: Amen.**

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

**C: Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us new hearts and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

L: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**C: Blessed be God forever.**

Gathering Song: O Savior, Precious Savior

ELW #820

1. O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor, all other names above:  
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.
2. O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought:  
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.

3. In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, our glorious Lord and King.
4. O grant the consummation of this our song above,  
In endless adoration and everlasting love;  
Then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring,  
And evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: O Spirit All-Embracing

ACS #944

1. O Spirit all-embracing and counselor all-wise,  
unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:  
Unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward;  
surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford.  
Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death;  
Come, wind of springtime blowing, and warm us by your breath.
2. O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,  
You show yourself amazing in unexpected place.  
We see you and remember what once our dreams had been;  
You fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.  
Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you;  
Undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.
3. Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,  
And give your servants lowly an understanding heart  
To know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried,  
To seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died:  
For vision we implore you, for wisdom's pure delight;  
In prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

L: Let us all pray... **C: 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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 12:1-8

L: Word of God, word of life.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

L: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

**C: before the gods I will sing your praise.**

L: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

**C: for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

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

**C: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

**C: The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

**C: you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

L: You will make good your purpose for me;

**C: O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Pastor Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Built on a Rock

ELW #652

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.
5. Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing.  
Many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing:  
"I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world my face shall see;  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the  
Apostles' Creed. ACS p. 17

**C: 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 People (petitions end... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**Offering:** (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship.  
Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his  
name. One of the ways we do this is providing support for special needs at Giant Springs and Sunnyside  
Elementary Schools. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your

time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be.)

### Offertory Music:

Offering Response: As Saints of Old (v. 3 only)

ELW #695

3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today  
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
Teach us to give ourselves away until life's work is done.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:  
**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.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Be Known to Us

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Hymn during Communion: By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW # 469

1. By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.

For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:

REFRAIN: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life out-poured,  
Given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

2. In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.

Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. (refrain)

3. Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.

In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us,  
and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SENDING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Build Us Up, Lord

ELW #670

1. Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation.

Lead us to do your holy will; form and shape your new creation.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we guide and teach each other,

Help us to share your love with the world: ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

REFRAIN: Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom; we follow in faith  
what's begun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word to spread the  
news of your Son!

2. Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our lives reflect your glory.

Cast away all our doubts and fears; help us tell the world your story.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us bear good fruit for you,

Lord, give us vision and keep us sure. Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.

(refrain)

L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

**Accompanist:** James Rickley      **Cantor:** Jodie Tooley

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS for week of August 27**

- Installation of Pr. Eric Finsand at Our Savior's Lutheran – TODAY at 4 pm.
- Christian Education team meets Tuesday, 8/29 at 5:30 pm in the Library.
- Pr. Walt Kirkegaard's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday is Thursday, 8/31. You are encouraged to send cards of birthday greetings c/o Sandy Kirkegaard at her 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. address.

### **COMING SOON...**

- *Church and Civic Life* adult study begins Wed., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Library.
- Hand bell choir rehearsals resume Thu., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:40 pm; choir at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.
- NRIT Worship & Art workshop 10 am – 3:30 pm on Sat., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at New Hope.
- Rally Sunday is Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- WOW! children's Bible time begins on Wed., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm in the Social Hall.

**Keeping in Prayer...** Angie, Ray Dawes, Ron Coons, Dorothy Sowa, Noah, Dorothy Roseth, Elaine Rice, Jerry Harrison, Toni Sperle, Steven, Megan, Walt & Sandy, Scott, Haley Tempel.

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