

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23 & 26, 2026

As We Gather

The world measures success by size, influence, and strength. Jesus measures it differently. Today we hear Peter confess Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God," and we discover Jesus continues to build His Church through His Word and Sacraments. Though His gifts often appear ordinary, they are always more than enough because His promise stands behind them.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn The Church's One Foundation (LSB 644)
sts. 1, 4–5

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 29:1–2, 11; 96:3–4a*

P Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
C **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

P Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!
C **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.**

P May the LORD give strength to His people!
C **May the LORD bless His people with peace!**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C **Gracious God, with contrition and repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

P But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

C **As for Me, I have set My King**
on Zion, My holy hill.

P I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."

C **Praise the LORD, all nations!**
Extol Him, all peoples!

P For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 51:1–6*

"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.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes 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.
"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 11:33—12:8*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"
"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them,
"But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter,

and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn O Christ, Our True and Only Light (LSB) 839

sts. 1, 4–5

Series: Bread for the Journey

Sermon: More Than Enough *Matthew 16:13–20*

Prayer of the Church

Petition

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Prayer of the Church (Hear our prayer)

P ... Lord in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Offering/Offertory *LSB 192*

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.



✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 194-202 in the hymnal.

Preface *LSB 194*

Proper Preface

Sanctus *LSB 195*

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

Distribution Hymns

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord (LSB 637)
Built on the Rock (LSB 645)
Thy Strong Word (LSB 578)
Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread (LSB 625)

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are T forgiven you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus

Benediction

Closing Hymn In Thee Is Gladness (LSB 818)

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