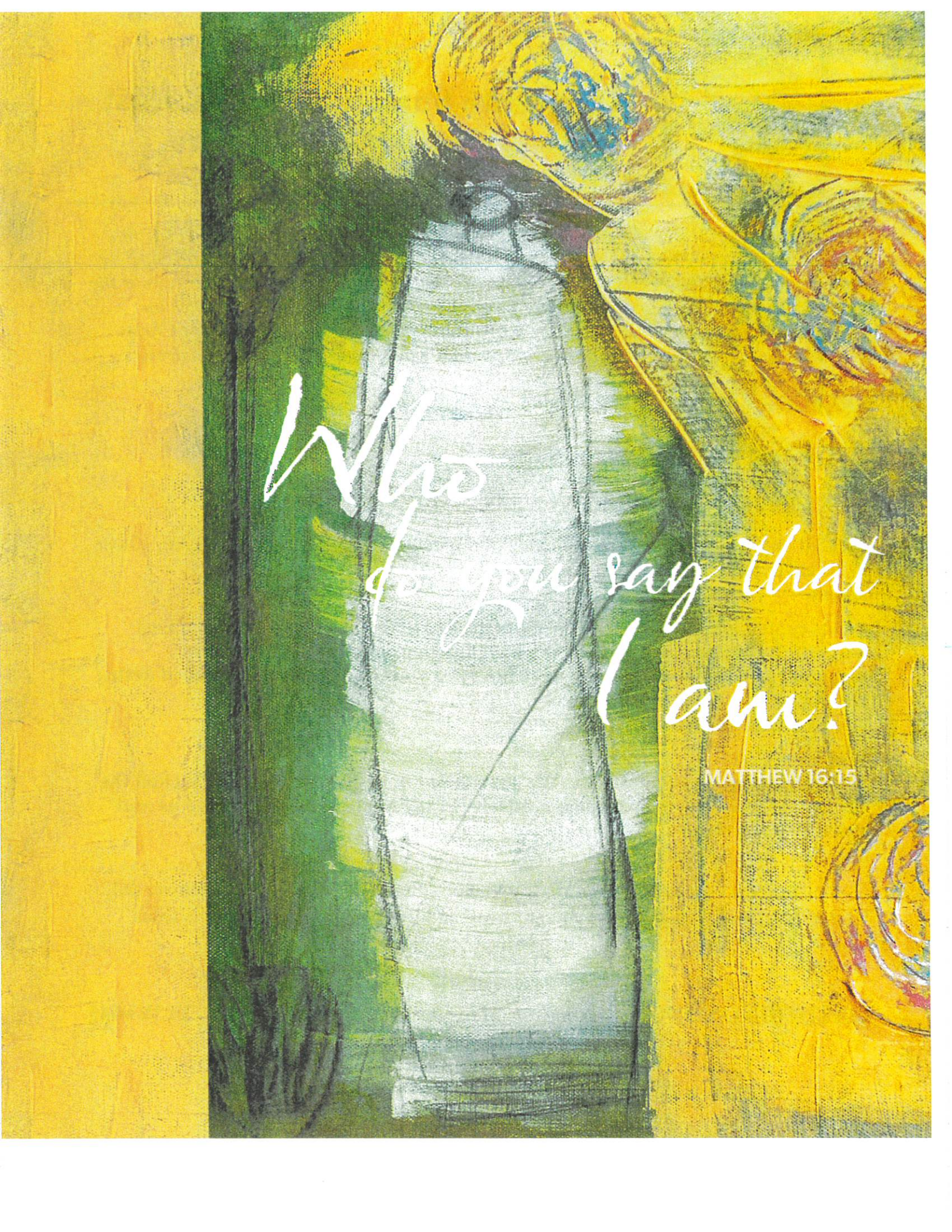
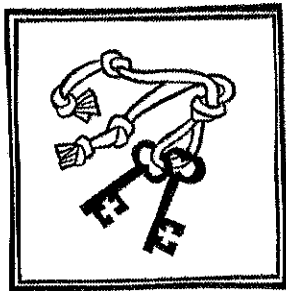




Who
do you say that
I am?

MATTHEW 16:15



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, August 26, 2023 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 27, 2023 ~ 9:00 am

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

GATHERING SONG

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

ELW #645

GREETING

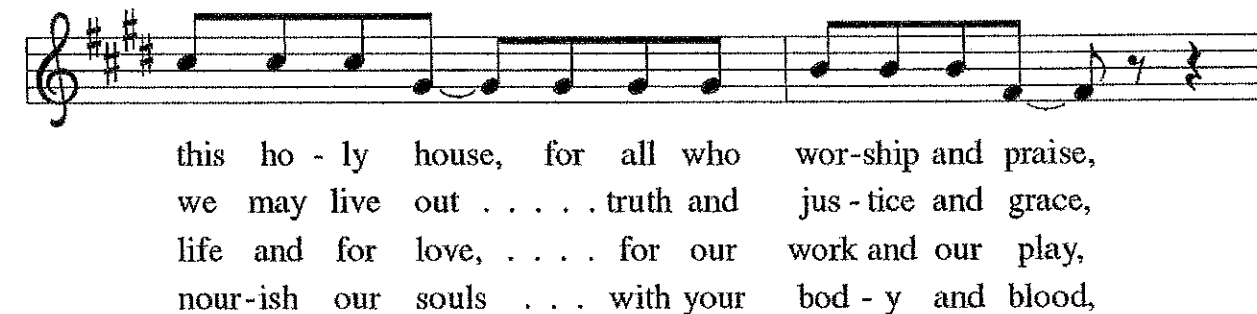
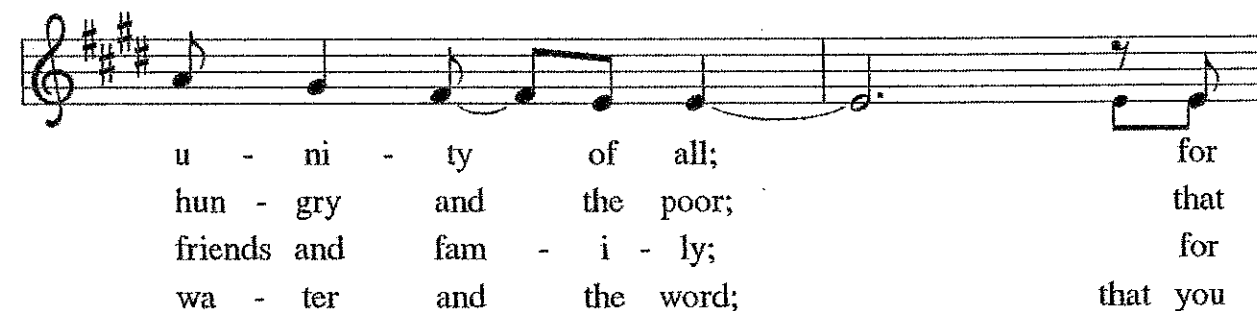
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



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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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

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: 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

A reading from Romans.

- 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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

ELW # 597

CREED (5:00 pm)

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.

HOLY BAPTISM (9:00 am)

Ruby Louise Cronkleton

ELW pg. 227

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me

with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

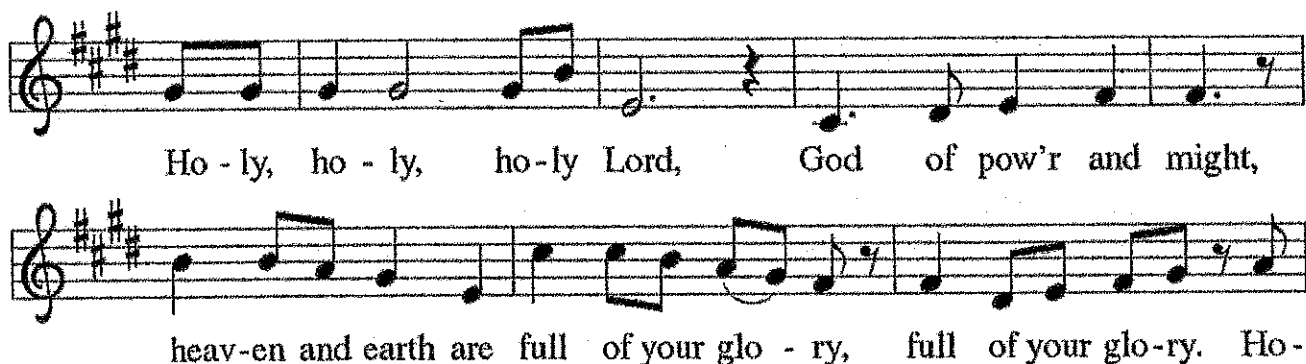
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

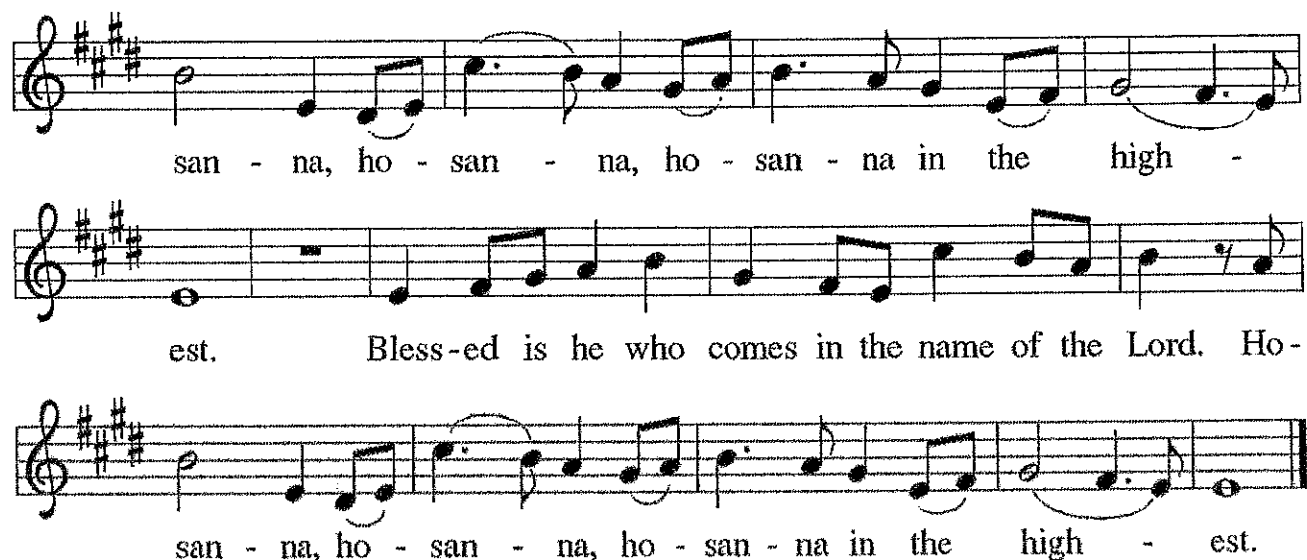
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



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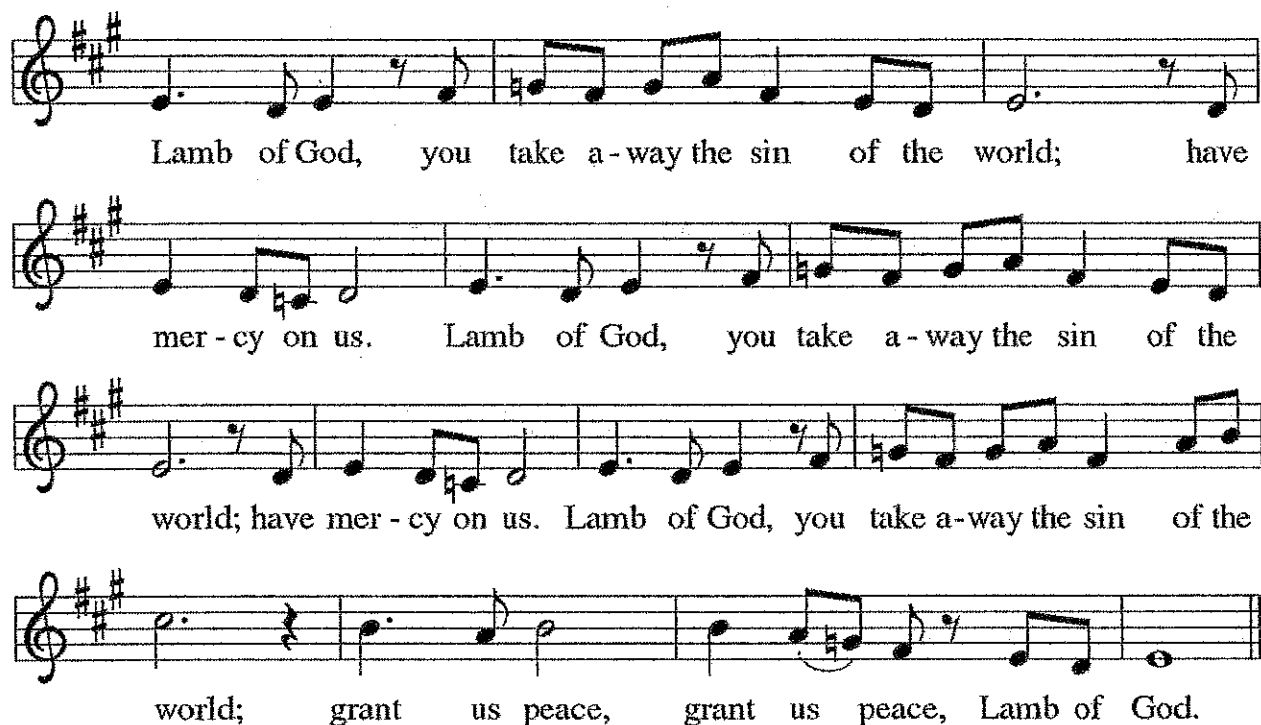
LORD'S PRAYER

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. 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Indoors, the ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastors. Outdoors, you may come to receive communion whenever you are ready. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward to receive a blessing. There are baskets at the end of the front pews when indoors or near the communion assistant when outdoors where you can deposit your cups as your return to your seat. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

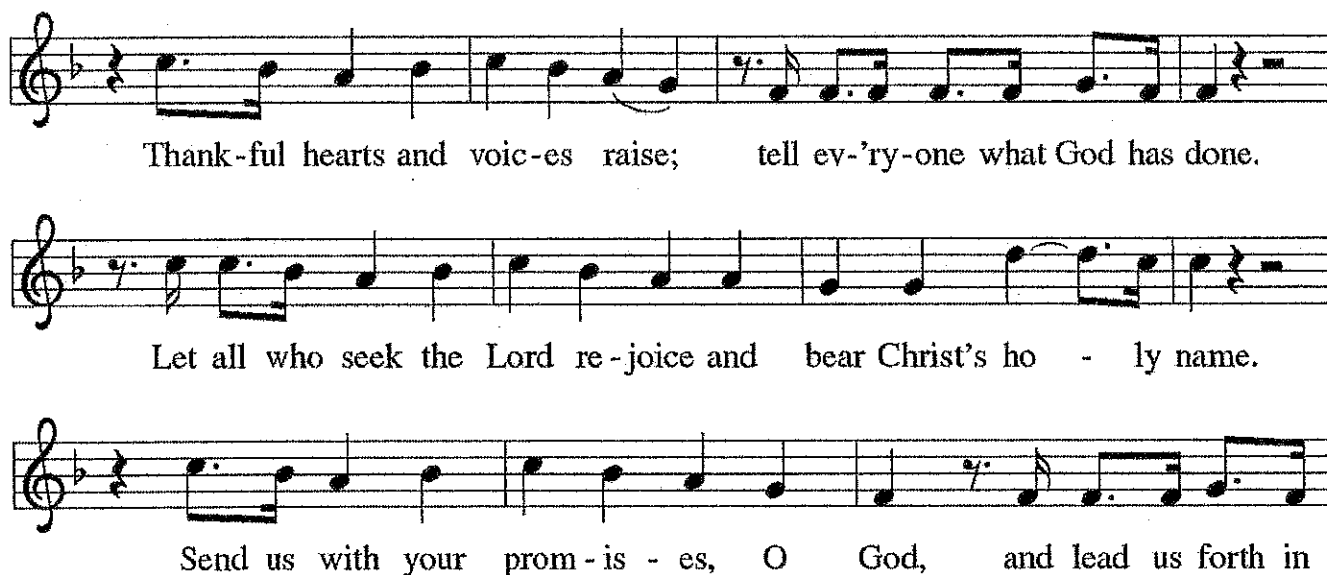
"I Come with Joy"

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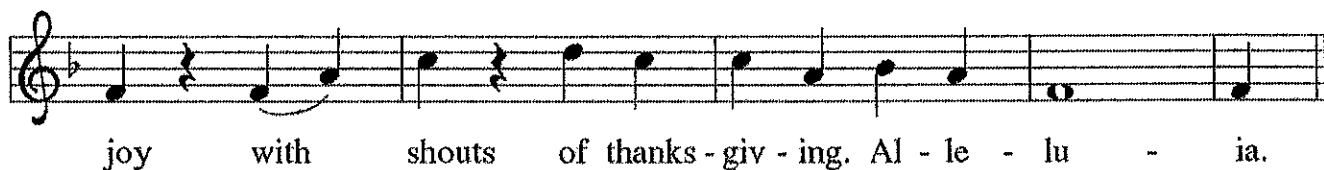
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW # 583

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	John & Amy Powell
Reader	<i>No volunteers at the time of printing.</i>
Communion Assistants	Amy Powell
Counters	Mike & Rita Smith
SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Jared & Kelly Penning
Reader	Mary Moore
Communion Assistants	Kelly Penning
Counters	Mary Moore & Kristy Looney
Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowski & Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker

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Dare We?

There are lots of possible truthful answers to Jesus' question "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (Matthew 16:13): prophet, teacher, storyteller, healer, wonder-worker, rabble-rouser, friend, exorcist, Nazarene, Jew, son of Joseph. We come to know one another from many angles: in experiences and relationships, by what others say; on Facebook, Twitter, the six o'clock news; at Monday coffee group, happy hour; through factory newsletters, class yearbooks. One might be, all at once, author, gardener, mother, felon, philanthropist, swimmer.

Jesus begins by asking what people say about him—what's the word on the street? As expected, responses are a mixture of religious, political, and personal perspectives. Then Jesus cuts closer, exacting from his disciples their answer. "Who do *you* say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). It might seem that he's quizzing the group with a trick question to see who answers rightly and thus gets rewarded with keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Peter's answer gains him the glory. If that episode was all Matthew's gospel recorded, we might conclude that Peter did, in fact, recognize Jesus more clearly than the others. But every one of the disciples had made that very same confession, "You are the Son of God," in the safety of a seaworthy boat with Jesus on a calmed sea (Matthew 14:33). In this sense, Peter's response was predictable.

However, Matthew bothers to write that this happened in Caesarea Philippi, also known as Paneas, site of a famous shrine to Pan, god of shepherds. Named for Caesar, the emperor, and Philip, ruler of the region, it is identified with imperial power. In the context of tremendous political and religious forces, Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

In this sense, it is a brave confession when Peter names Jesus—not Caesar—as Chosen, Lord, and presence of God. Jesus' way of blessing the world contradicts all that empire is about. On that confession the church is called to stand—today. Dare we?

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

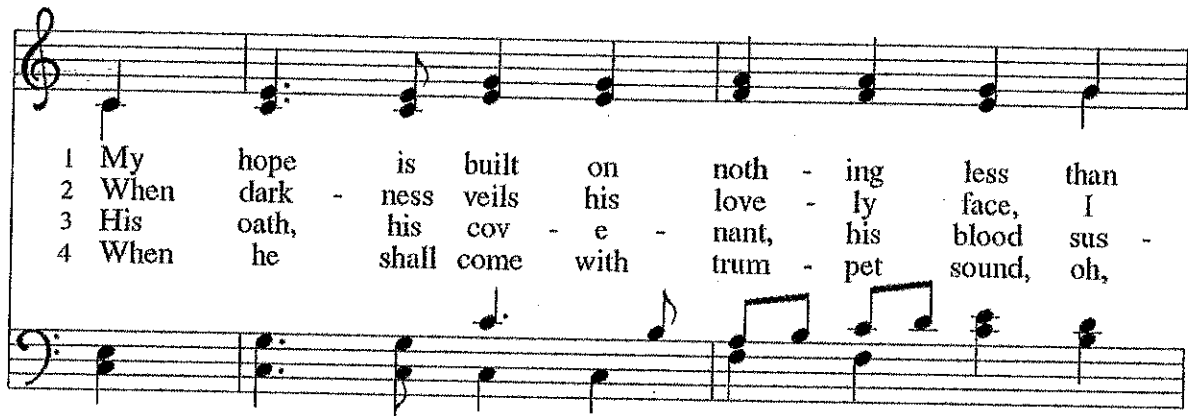
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

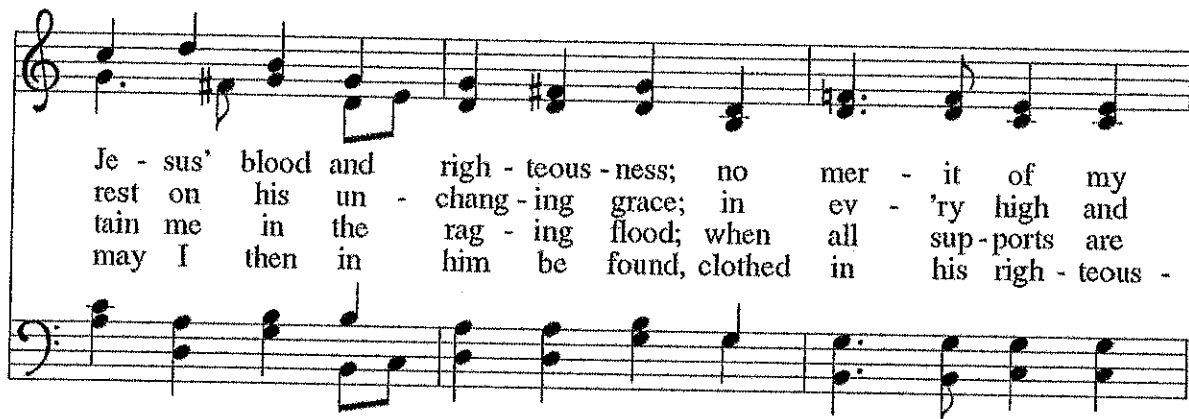
bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

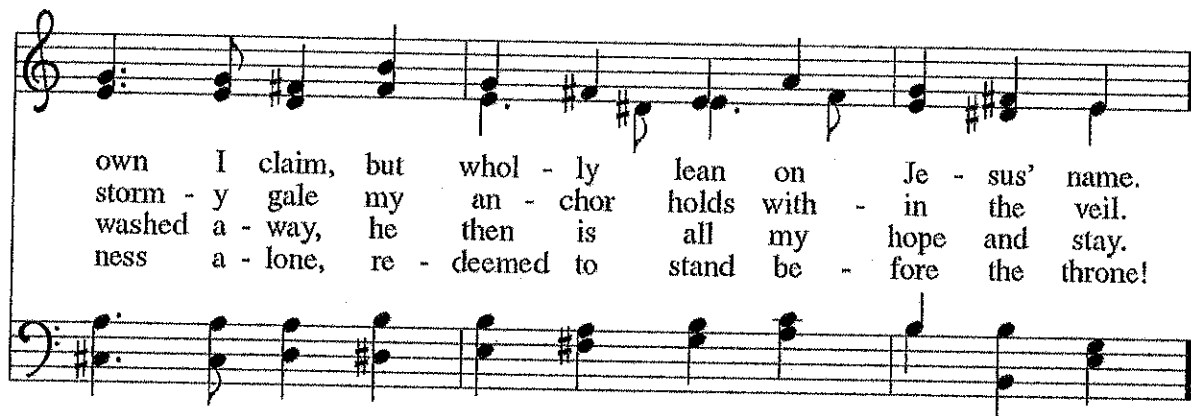
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

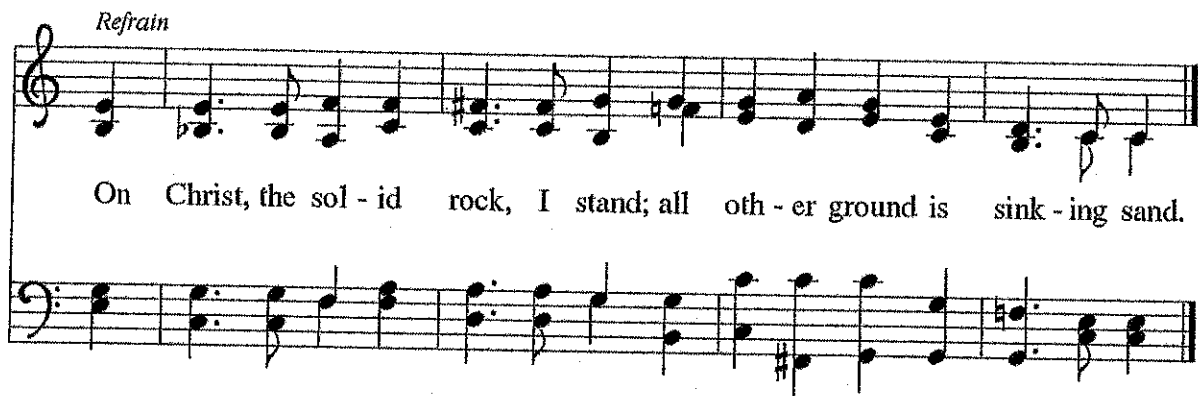


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



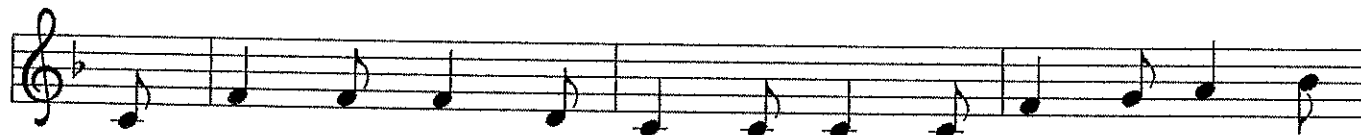
own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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Take My Life, That I May Be Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estribillo



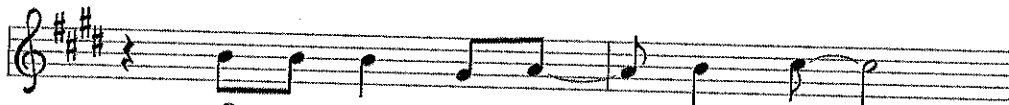
To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



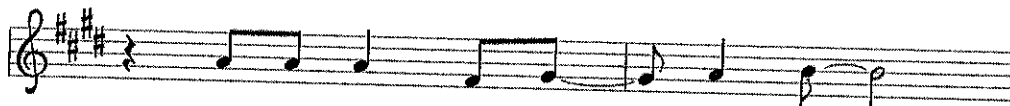
da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



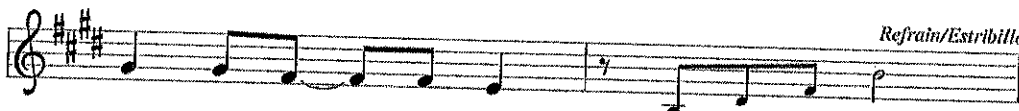
1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da gular el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estribillo

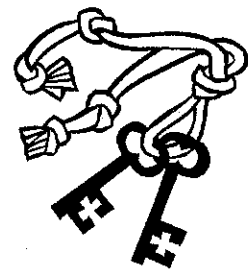
pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

2 Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo

3 Que mis labios al hablar
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 Que mi tiempo todo esté
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

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GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 August 26 & 27, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



The Flowers on the altar are given by Ida and Jim Weibel in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Flowers on the baptismal font are given by the children of Carol and Harold Judge, in loving memory of their parents on their wedding anniversary.



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Duane Miller	Andrew Arp	Barb Conklen
Sally Puls	Henry Storjohann	Kim Pierce	Glen
Jensen Spencer	Dan Anderson	Jeanette Myers	Kelly
Ann Kuehl	Ed Stoltz	Bill Lind	Vaughn
Madison Russo	Jerry Schwien	Ed Precht	Mary Lou
Janet Bowman	Judy Knoer	Becky Rehn	Bob
Kathy Stoltz	Melissa Alden	James Deeds	
Steve Mixdorf	Sue Vogel	Pam Lueder	



During the Sunday, August 27th worship service, we welcome to our Faith family through the waters of holy baptism, Ruby Louise Cronkleton, the daughter of Matt and Ali Cronkleton. Ruby's sponsors are Ethan and Mary Kate Tuftee.



The rose on the altar is given in celebration of Ruby's baptism in loving memory of Mary House, Maddie Mess, and Jackie Snyder.



Confirmation Kick Off - A New Year for Confirmation

It is time to begin our Confirmation Conversations again, so it is time to have a **mandatory student/parent meeting and pizza party**. All 7th and 8th Graders and their parents and siblings are invited to a pizza party and Confirmation kick-off meeting on **Wednesday, August 30, at 5:45 pm**. At this meeting we will go over expectations and opportunities for the year as well as the calendar of events.

There will be a formal letter coming in the mail with more information, so for now, please just save the date and time for the meeting.

Please let us know how many from your family will be coming so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone using the link on our website (www.faithlutheraneldridge.org), or call the office at 285-4501 **by Friday, August 25**.

*P.S. Our first week of the regular class schedule will be the following **Wednesday, September 6**, beginning with a meal at 5:00 pm and our Confirmation Conversations from 5:30-6:45 pm.*

The Tuesday afternoon bible study is taking a break for the summer. We look forward to studying the scriptures together again beginning August 29th.





High School Youth Group Kick-Off

It is hard to believe that we are heading back into the school year, but as we do, we also head into a new year of Youth Group. In order to get the year kicked off, we invite all high school youth and their parents to join us for a conversation about plans for the year, including how often we would like to meet, the kinds of activities we would like to do, the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, and possible local mission activities. We will meet on **Wednesday, August 30, at 7pm. An ice cream sundae bar will be provided!!**

Please sign up online using the link on our website (www.faithlutheraneldridge.org), or call the office at 285-4501 **by Friday, August 25**. We encourage you to invite friends. More information will be coming in a letter soon. See you there!



WORSHIP!

We need communion assistants, readers and ushers weekly. Please sign up to assist in worship any way that you are

able. ***Please consider volunteering and sign up on the bulletin***

board to help our Faith Family heads complete the worship schedule. Thanks so much.
Nina Looney, Worship & Music Team Leader

CHURCHES UNITED MEAL—Is food your love language? Help serve those in need. Faith is partnering with Churches United to serve a meal on **Tuesday, September 19th** at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. The Fellowship Committee has already selected the menu. Now we need your help! Check the bulletin board to see what ingredients to donate or sign up to help prepare and serve the food. We hope to see you at this meaningful food ministry.



5pm: 42, 9am: 96, Online: 50, Total: 188

THIS WEEK'S GLANCE

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Saturday, August 26	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, August 27	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday, August 28	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, August 29	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, August 30	5:45 pm	Confirmation Kick Off with Pizza!
	7:00 pm	Youth Group Kick Off with Ice Cream!
Thursday, August 31	9:00 am	Ambassador Folding
Friday, September 1	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, September 2	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, September 3	9:00 am	Outdoor Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hour

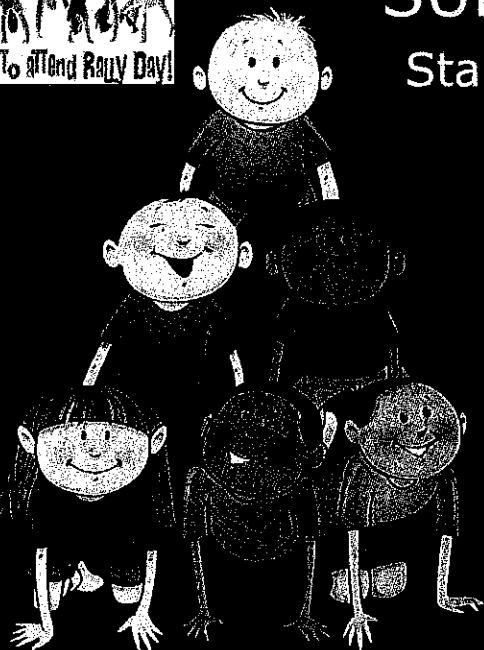


SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting September 10

Join Us!

Come join us at 10:15 am Sunday morning, September 10, for free breakfast and Rally Day celebration! Regular Sunday School classes for all kids ages 3 preschool—6th grade will begin on Sunday, September 17, at 10:15 am. We look forward to seeing you!



If interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact Theresa White 563-370-3767