



**August 27, 2023**  
***13th Sunday after Pentecost***



*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.*

## ***Good Morning and Welcome!***

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

**[Online Guest Form](#)**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE: "Consider and Hear Me" (Carl Pflueger)

Steven Schneider, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR 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.**

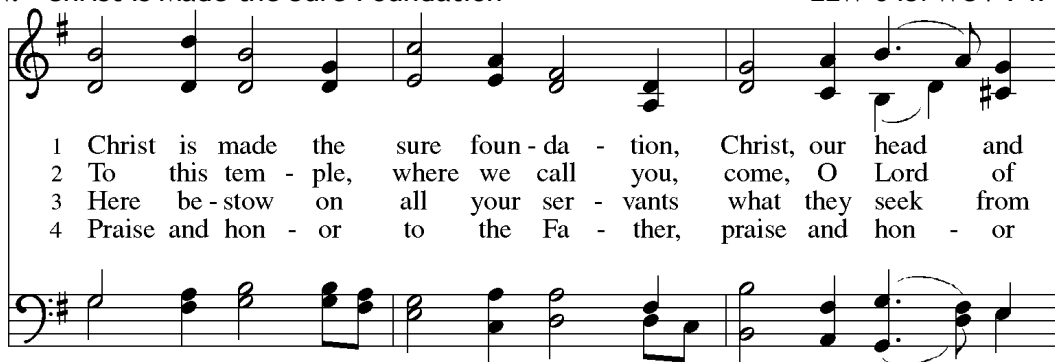
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

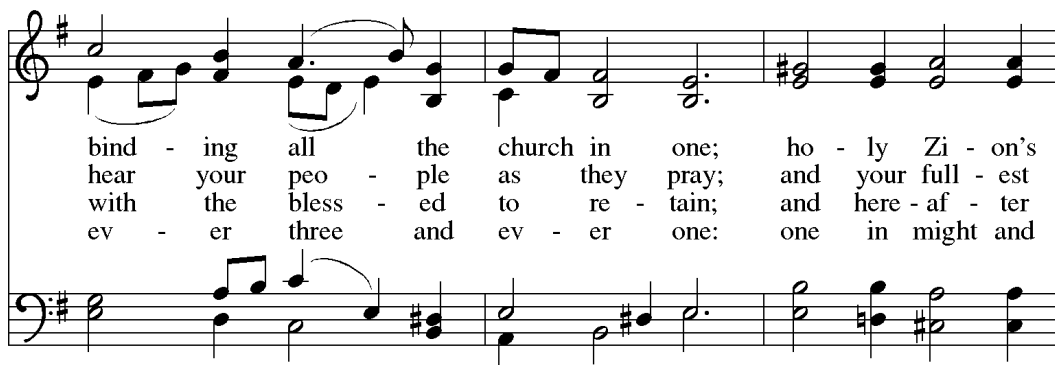
ELW 645/WOV 747




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!

**\*THE GREETING**

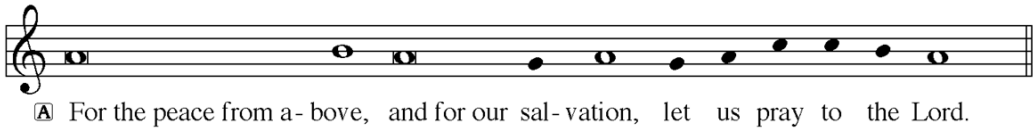
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*THE KYRIE**



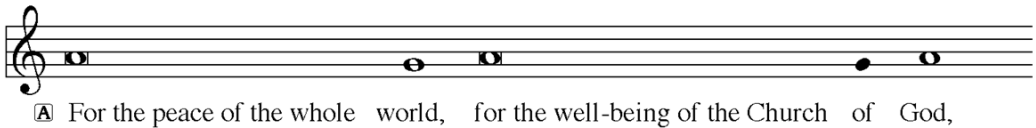
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



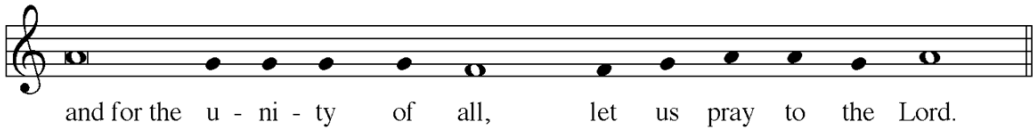
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



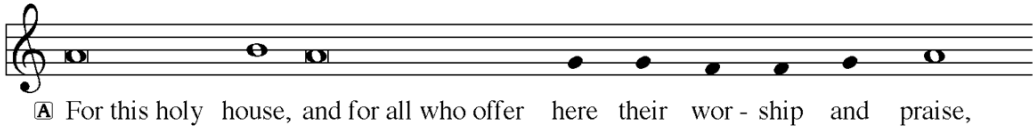
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



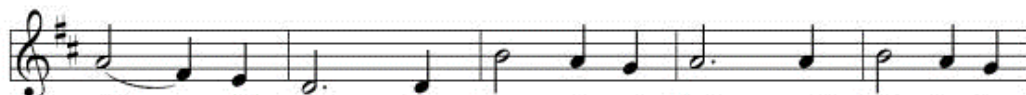
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

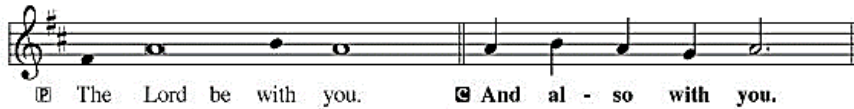


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## \*THE SALUTATION



## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

VOCAL SOLO (11:00): “Tantum Ergo” (Gabriel Fauré) Holly Martin, Soprano  
*Paraphrase from Latin: Let us raise our voice to proclaim our faith. Christ died for us. in dying, he destroyed our death. in rising, he restored our life. We await his glorious return. When we eat the bread and drink the cup, we meet our risen savior.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Listen 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

## THE PSALM: *Psalm 138*

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
**before the gods I will sing your praise.**

<sup>2</sup>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.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
**you increased my strength within me.**

<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
**when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
**that great is the glory of the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
**perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>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.**

<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me;  
**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I 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. <sup>2</sup>Do 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.

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bonnie Flowers

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>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.**

THE SERMON

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 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."



## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

## \*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

## \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

## THE OFFERING

Vocal Solo (8:30): "Tantum Ergo" (Gabriel Fauré)

Holly Martin, Soprano

*Paraphrase from Latin: Let us raise our voice to proclaim our faith. Christ died for us. In dying, he destroyed our death. In rising, he restored our life. We await his glorious return. When we eat the bread and drink the cup, we meet our risen savior.*

Choir Anthem (11:00): "Joy in the Morning" (Natalie Sleeth)

## \*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

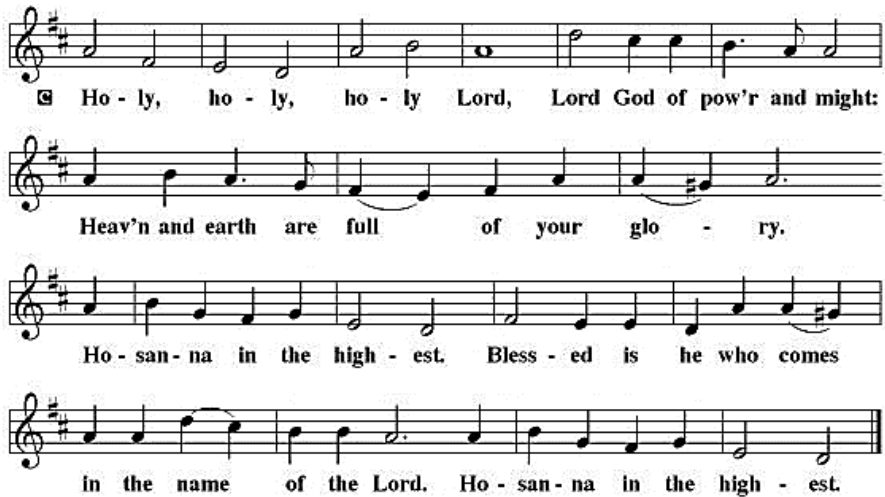
**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

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 him thanks and praise.**

**\*THE SANCTUS**



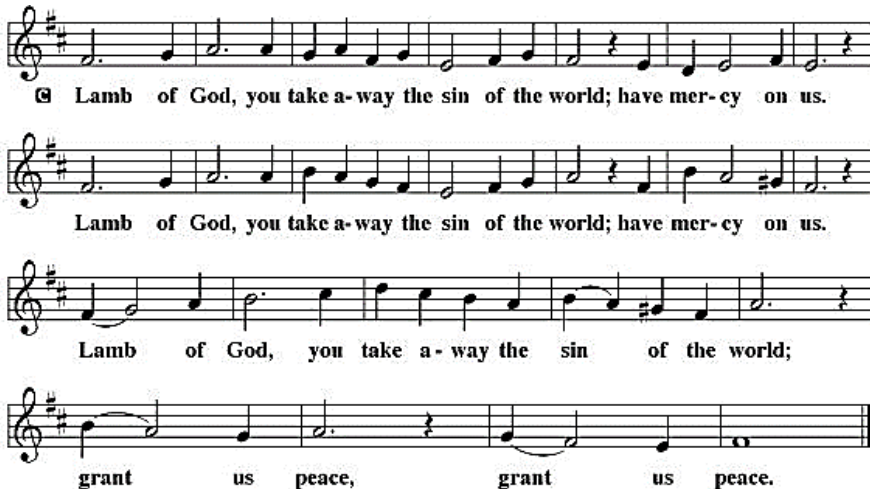
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

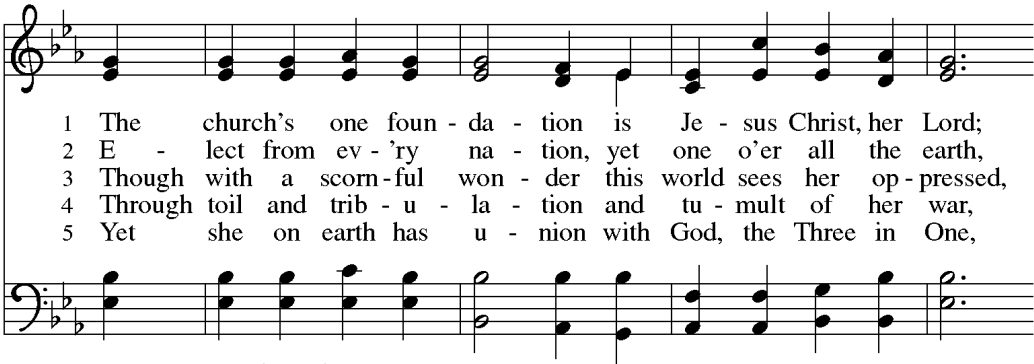
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

**THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"**

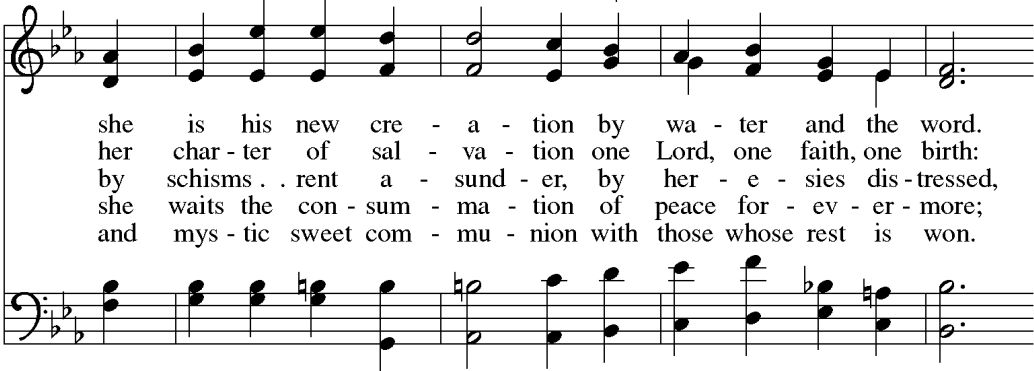


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

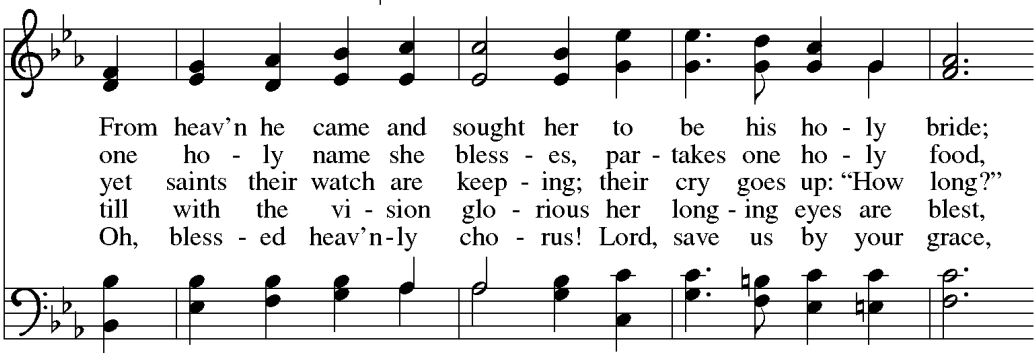
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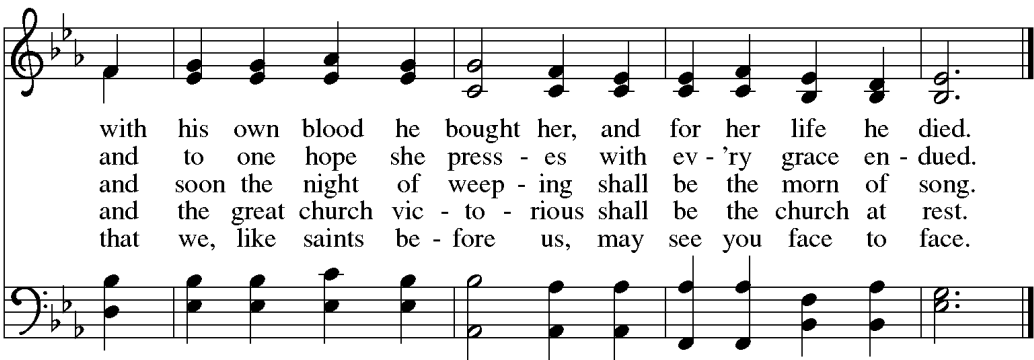
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what  
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -  
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*THE BLESSING

\*THE SENDING HYMN "We All Are One in Mission" ELW 576 / WOV 755

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955  
 Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version  
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\*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "The Glory of the Spirit" (Lani Smith)

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Eugene and Anita Stohs

Alex DeLong

Theresa Meyer

Julie Maxon

Charlie

Amber Alt

Charles Alexander

Jeff Klick

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God from the people of Messiah Lutheran Church.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to have coffee in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship.

NURSERY HELP WANTED! If you would be interested in job-sharing a nursery position, please contact Laurie Campbell at [personnel.committee@mlutheran.org](mailto:personnel.committee@mlutheran.org) for details.

PEST REMEDIATION continues this week. We recommend calling the church office before stopping by so we can best accommodate your needs.

LWR TRUCK LOADING is today immediately after the 8:30 a.m. service. If you can stay and pack the truck, it would be appreciated. Many hands will make quick work of the task.

MLC'S DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TEAM will share their experiences from their June trip to Kentucky today at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall once the truck is loaded.

THE WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM continues to support 40 students at risk for food insecurities. Please come to the Fellowship Hall today at Noon to pack bags. All are invited to help pack food bags for the 3 schools MLC serves.

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR ALS PATIENT CARE is tentatively set for **Wednesday, September 6**, at 5:30 p.m. Your free-will donations help support ALS patients and those who care for them. For more information visit <https://www.als.org/alabama>

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION CLASS is Wednesday, August 30, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. starting in MLC's Sanctuary. Any youth grade 2 or older who has yet to receive this instruction is encouraged to sign up via the link in MLC-E News or by calling the office. Questions? Please speak to Pastor Kris.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Blue/Black Pens (No Gel Pens) FOOD PANTRY Vienna Sausages

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
<u>Music &amp; Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Ryan Fedrick (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	The Baggetts (8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Tim Pitchko (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Andrew King (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Ushers</u>	Virgil & Susan Burrer (8:30)
			Tom & Poullette McNamara (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Holly Martin
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janet Smith (8:30)
			Debbie Neely (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Claire Davis, Lee Seitz (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Linda Heideman

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, August 27 - TRUCK LOADING**

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (all Ages)
- 9:45 a.m. - LWR Truck Loading, Disaster Relief Recap
- 10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. - Weekend Food Program Packing
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth Fourth Sunday Dinner

### **Monday, August 28**

- 6:30 p.m. - Women's Book & Social Club

### **Tuesday, August 29**

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Wednesday, August 30**

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. - First Communion Class - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal - Bob Jones Choir Room

### **Sunday, September 3**

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - No Sunday School classes; Craft outreach project for all ages - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper  
No Youth (Labor Day Holiday)

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**September 6** - Wednesday night dinner with ALS Spaghetti Fundraiser

**September 6** - Wednesday night activities resume.

**September 10** - First Communion Sunday

**September 30** - MLC Dinner Theater Fundraiser for Lunches for Learning

### **Attendance:**

August 13 Online: - 128      August 20 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 86, 11:00 a.m. - 53

### **Offerings Counted August 13, 2023**

Church Ministries  
Current Mortgages  
Flowers  
Senior Youth National Gathering

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