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**August 27, 2023**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



## *Raphael*

*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.*

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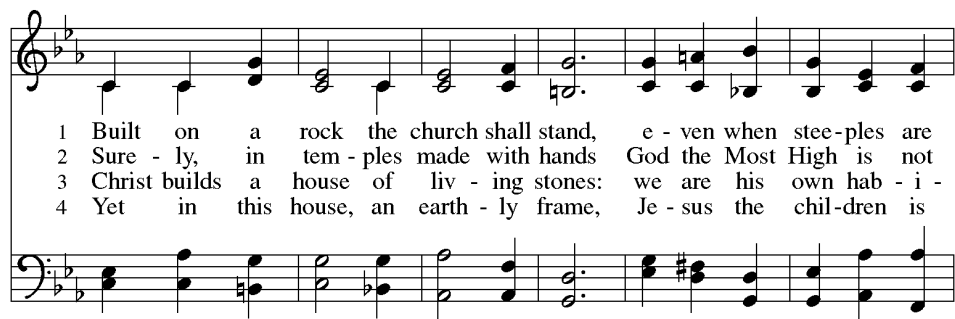
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## Prelude: In Christ Alone – Arr. Carol Tornquist

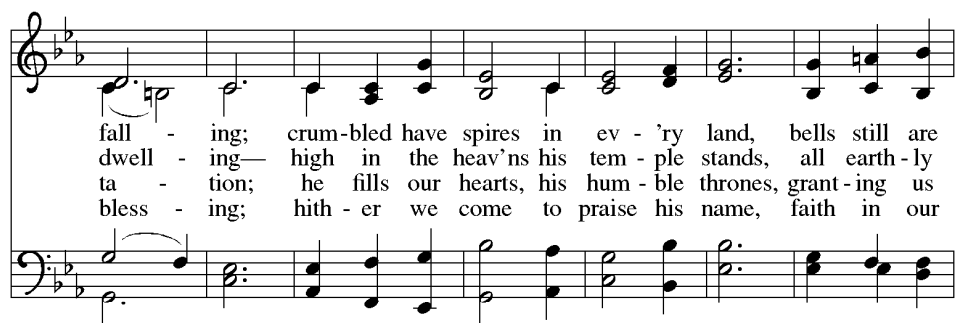
### Welcome

### Gathering Hymn: ELW 652 - Built on a Rock, v. 1 & 3

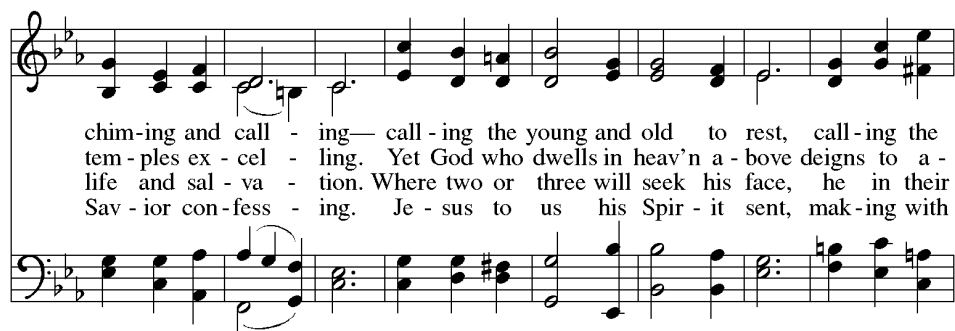
#### Built on a Rock



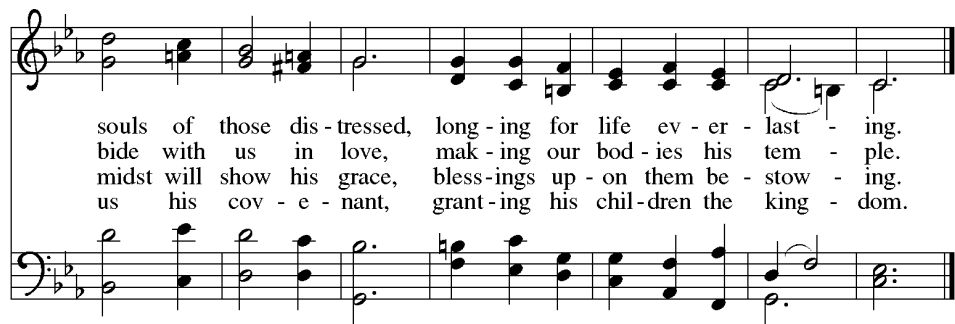
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



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.”

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937; adapt.  
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887  
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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

P: 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.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

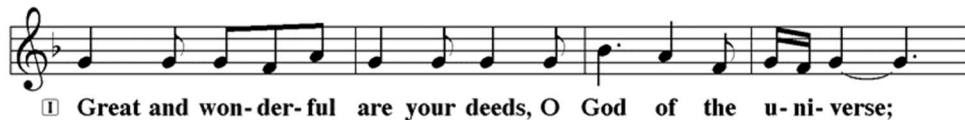
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

*Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.*

L: A reading from Isaiah, the Fifty-first chapter.

<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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 138

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

**C: <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.**

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

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

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

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

L: <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.

**C: <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.**

## Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Twelfth chapter.

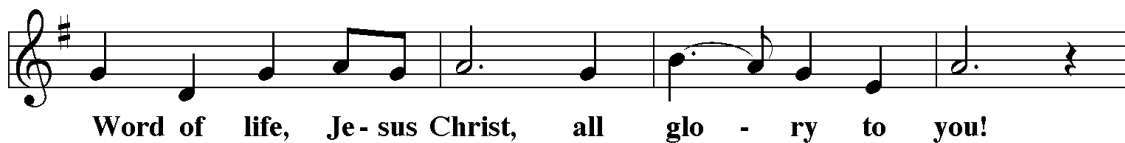
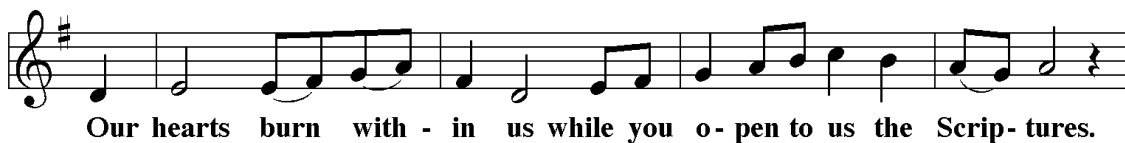
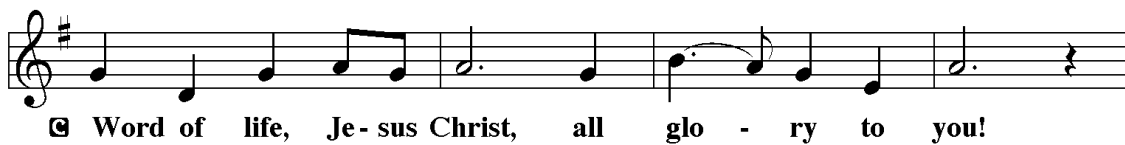
<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

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

<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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

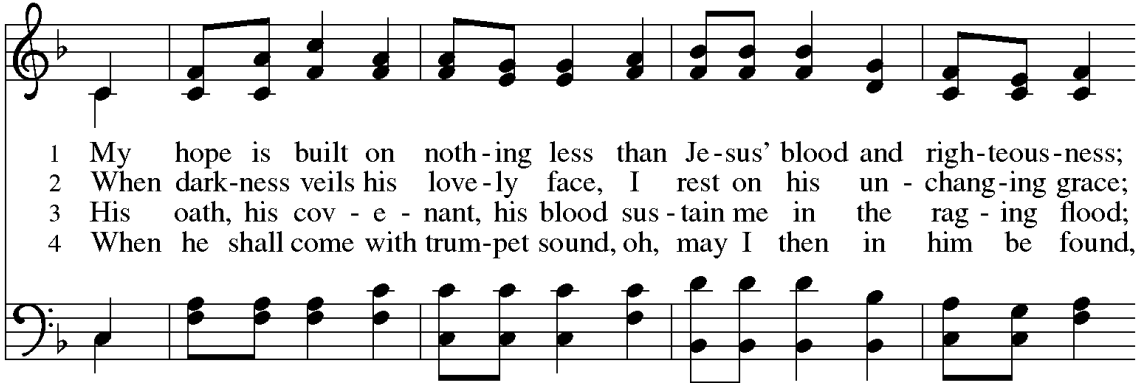
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**SERMON**

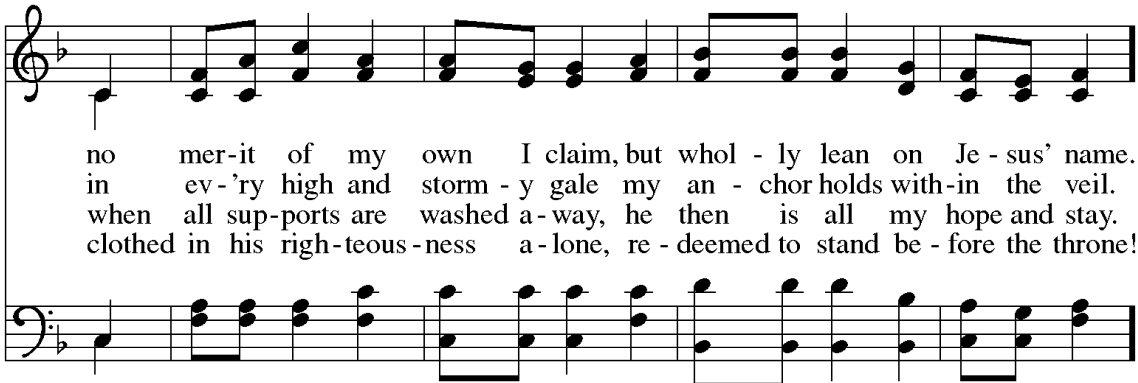


*Paul Rubens*

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

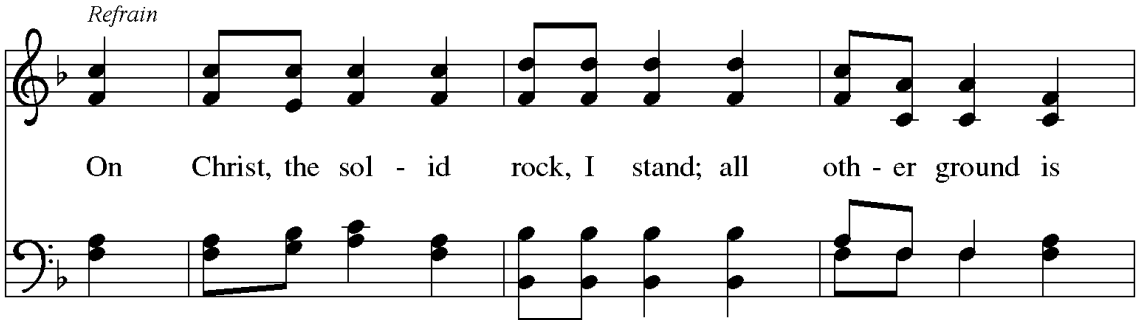


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

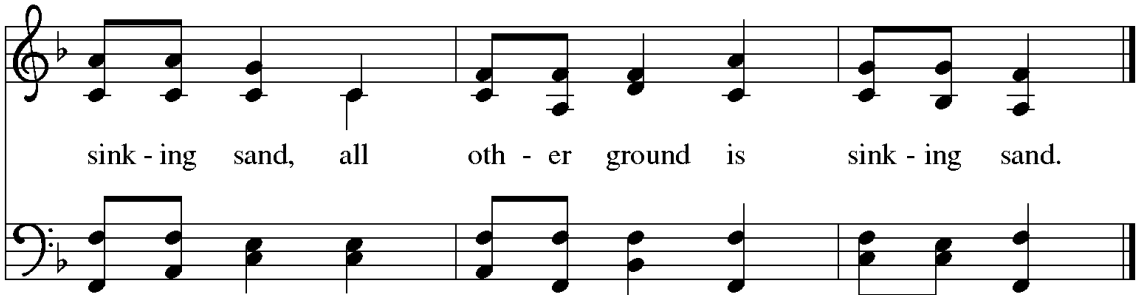


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



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



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: 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.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Jesus is a Rock* (RW 130)



## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth. Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame; ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name. Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done; yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.'

### Offering Prayer

P: 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.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

P: God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed (especially). Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

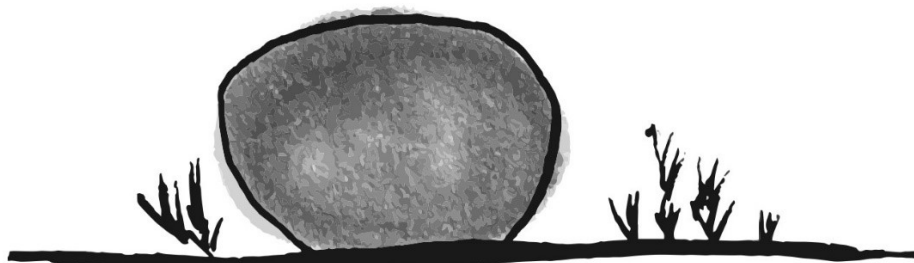
P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.



**SENDING SONG: ELW 576 - We All Are One in Missions**

**We All Are One in Mission**

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.

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version  
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**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

August	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
28			Adam Phillipps
29	David Sauter, Landon Frey		Mary Erceg
30	Helen Dungan, Lynn Leichliter		
31		Kathy and Ed Haney	

<u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u>		
<b>Sunday, August 27</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Lemonade on the Lawn. Music & Worship Meeting
Wednesday, August 30	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Office hours <b>Care-a-Lot Preschool Meet &amp; Greet</b>
Thursday, August 31	12:00 PM-3:00 PM	Office hours
<u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u>		
<b>Sunday, September 3</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, September 6	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Durham
Thursday, September 7	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Saturday, September 9	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Betty Krietz memorial Family Visitation Memorial Service
Sunday, September 10	<b>9:30 AM</b> 10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> God's Work Our Hands Project PALM Picnic @ Durham



**Winter Coat Project** We are participating in the Winter Coat Project sponsored by [Christian Aid Ministries](#) (CAM) this year. They are collecting new or slightly used winter coats to ship to Syria, Yemen, or Ukraine. If you would like to donate coat(s) please get them to the church by August 27. It costs about \$2.50 to ship each coat. If you would rather donate money for coats or shipping, please mark your donation envelope with your name, envelope number, amount, and "Winter Coats." For more information see Helen Dungan.



**July Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for August have been designated for local Food banks. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate a food basket. You can either buy the supplies or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



**Care-A-Lot** has a wish list available on the wall in the Narthex, If you would like to donate an item for the upcoming school year, please select one or more item(s) from this list.



**Flowers** are given by Helen Dungan today in thanksgiving for the prayers and support received from the congregation while recuperating from her broken wrist.

### For Healing of those in our Congregation:



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

Barbara Altemus; Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Frank Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Ben Naska Sr.; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

### For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

### For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Betty Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

### For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

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### Helping in Worship

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Maggie Fischer
Head / Communion Usher	Mark Harwick
Lemonade on the Lawn	Dot Peterman & Mark Harwick
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

