

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 Intercession

Offering

Special Offering Hymn: *Every Time I Feel The Spirit*
Sung By: Frederick Matthews
Accompanied By: Gingi Hanson

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.
C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

The Lord’s Prayer:

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.

Blessing:

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *We All Are One in Mission* ELW #576

Dismissal: P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.



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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026; 9:30 am Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin to God.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Compassionate God,
C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.
P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* ELW #786

Apostolic Greeting:

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

Call to Worship Psalm 138

P: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
C: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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: You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us 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.

Sharing of the Peace

Special Music: *Come Ye Blessed* **Frederick Matthews**
Accompanied By: **Gingi Hanson**

First Reading: **Isaiah 51:1-6** **Harley Drew**
(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.)

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

Second Reading: **Romans 12:1-8**
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Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go* **Setting 3 p. 142**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 16:13-20**
(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)

(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.)
¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children’s Message **Pastor Josh Schunk**
Sermon **Pastor Josh Schunk**

Hymn of the Day: *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* **ELW #802**

Apostles’ Creed:
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