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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost † August 27, 2023

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship-Green ♦ **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on Aurelia* by Albert D. Schmutz

WELCOME AND GRATITUDE STORIES

SPECIAL MUSIC *Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Robert Groth -Bell Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

C 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.

P Righteous God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW # 654 - Red *The Church's One Foundation*

GREETING

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.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, 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 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Perfect Love and Amazing Grace* arr. James D. Kimball -Bell Choir

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen 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. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for Abraham was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the Lord will comfort Zion; comfort all its waste places and will make its wilderness like Eden, its desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in Zion, 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

¹I appeal to you therefore, my dear family, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, 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 parts and not all the parts have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are parts 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 encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  *(please stand as you are able)*

I love to tell the story: ‘twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

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.” ¹⁵Jesus 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 Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 652 - Red *Built on a Rock*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Robert Groth -Bell Choir

* **APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

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.

PRAYERS *(you may be seated)*

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed. 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.

* **LORD'S PRAYER**  *(please stand as you are able)*

**Our Father, which 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 debts as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the
Glory, forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN ELW # 597 - Red *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

POSTLUDE *Prelude to the Te Deum* by Marc Charpentier

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the family of Carey Plummer II in honor of his birthday.

Rosebud

The rosebud this morning announces the birth of Adalee Marie Biederstedt on Sunday, August 13th to proud parents Blake & Julie Biederstedt and Grandparents Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt.

This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul Long, Ed & Betty Panning, Garrick Walker, Ronald Hoops brother of Mary Lou Streicher, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Nancy & Ken Lange, Terry Lacy, Matt Von Seggern, Dezarea Harshman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

A Space to Grieve

Carol Castello and Pastor Janine invite those of you who are grieving to a time to check in, hear scripture, and share stories on August 29th at 10am in the Bible Study room (with lunch included) and at 7pm in the Bible Study room (with dinner provided beforehand at 6:30). You do not need to RSVP but please let us know if you plan to attend and have any dietary restrictions. As the Honduran proverb goes, "Grief shared is half grief. Joy shared is double joy." Let us hold some of your grief for you.

Thursday Bible Study: Please join us weekly on Thursday at 9:30am in the adult Sunday school room.

Summer Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, Brass Ensemble. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Next week's hosts: Soul Food.

Year of Gratitude: This week we give thanks for adult leaders on youth trips. It takes the right person to be willing to give up a week to hang out with a bunch of kids. We had a great trip a few weeks ago and couldn't have done it without the adult leaders who joined us to learn, serve, and have fun! Thank you leaders!

Caring Corner for August - we would like to highlight the LWR kits we annually put together. Lutheran World Relief collects these kits and sends them to communities/countries that need them. Fabric kits supply fabric and supplies needed for individuals to sew clothing for themselves and others. Personal care kits provide items needed for personal hygiene. School kits provide needed school supplies.

Flower Chart

The new flower chart for 2024 is hanging in the narthex. Pick your special day and sign up early!

Chairs Available

Some of our old metal folding chairs are available for you to take for a free will donation to Emanuel.

Pictorial Pictures Update

Anyone who still wants their picture taken before September 1, 2023 please contact Ann directly at 419-966-2210. If you have had your picture taken and have not picked one out or if you are submitting your own please contact the church office before September 1. Thanks!

This Week

Monday, August 28	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	7pm	Finding Our Way OD Support Group
Tuesday, August 29	10am	A Space to Grieve
	7pm	A Space to Grieve
Wednesday, August 30	1:30-3pm	Open Office Hours at Pocket Park or Coffee Shop
	4-5pm	Puzzles & People
	5pm	Soul Food Café
	6pm	Brass Ensemble
	7pm	Choir
Thursday, August 31	9:30am	Bible Study
	7pm	Worship
Sunday, September 3	9am	Worship with Communion in person or online