

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

BENEDICTION

(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*
LSB 702

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

* * * **To GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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THE CONNECTION

August 27, 2023
10:30am

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

WORSHIP SONG *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*
LSB 809

(Please stand)

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.
C. **Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.

(Please sit)

FIRST READING *Isaiah 51:1-6*

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.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes 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“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

L. Here ends the first reading.

SECOND READING *Romans 11:33-12:8*

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and
knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable his ways!
³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who
has been his counselor?”
³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be
repaid?”

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³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

^{12:1}I appeal to you therefore, brothers, 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
renewal of your mind, that by testing 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 himself more highly than he 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 the members do
not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are
one body in Christ, and individually members one of an-
other. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace giv-
en to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our
faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in
his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the
one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads,
with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 16:13-20*

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, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say
that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him,
“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood
has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in
heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I
will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not
prevail against it.

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¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the dis-
ciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only
Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pon-
tius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He
descended into hell. The third day He rose again
from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From
thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen**

(Please sit)

TITHES & OFFERING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG “Built on the Rock” LSB 645

MESSAGE OF THE DAY “Rock Solid”

(Text: Matthew 16:18)

The Rev. John Stern

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH