

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Summer Series #9
Water from a Rock (Miracles)



Ring of Bell

PRELUDE *Blessings*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 672
Signs and Wonders

1 **Signs and wonders lead the dancing from the heart God frees from fear: wings of angels greet the maiden, and God finds a dwelling here; boldly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice Amen;**

Thus does glory shine at midnight: open hearts invite the starlight.

2 **Hope and freedom join the circle: Mary to the garden came, saw the radiance of the marvel, heard the Risen call her name; boldly may we heed Christ's call, step beyond the garden wall: beautiful the feet proceeding with good news of death's defeating.**

3 **Cast aside all fear and hiding; hand in hand we dance the round. God is with us, Christ, abiding, and the Spirit's gifts abound. Called by God to holiness, let us boldly serve and bless; and to hearts that sigh and hunger may our lives dance signs and wonders.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty God, in signs and wonders your Son revealed the greatness of your saving love.

C: Renew us with your grace, and sustain us by your power, that we may stand in the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7
Water from a rock

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 105:26-42 We read responsively

Exodus story

- L: He sent his servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
- C: They performed his signs among them and miracles in the land of Ham.**
- L: He sent darkness and made the land dark; they rebelled against his words.
- C: He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die.**
- L: Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings.
- C: He spoke, and there came swarms of flies and gnats throughout their country.**
- L: He gave them hail for rain and lightning that flashed through their land.
- C: He struck their vines and fig trees and shattered the trees of their country.**
- L: He spoke, and the locusts came, and young locusts without number;
- C: they devoured all the vegetation in their land and ate up the fruit of their ground.**
- L: He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the first issue of all their strength.
- C: Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.**
- L: Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.
- C: He spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night.**
- L: They asked, and he brought quails and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
- C: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.**
- L: For he remembered his holy promise and Abraham, his servant.

SECOND READING: ACTS 19:11-20

Paul works miracles, false prophets fail to work them

¹¹God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹²so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." ¹⁴Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵But the evil spirit said to them in reply, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?" ¹⁶Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. ¹⁷When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck, and the

name of the Lord Jesus was praised. ¹⁸Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. ¹⁹A number of those who practiced magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. ²⁰So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: MARK 2:1-12

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Jesus heals a paralytic man

¹When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—¹¹"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." ¹²And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION:

"You are invited to bring your painted rock to add to the display in the front of the sanctuary."

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1084

God Be the Love to Search & Keep Me

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God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me ACS 1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

◆ 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 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

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING-OFFERTORY-GLOBE OFFERING
Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING SONG vs.2 ACS 1024

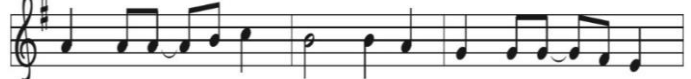
Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

SING REFRAIN BEFORE & AFTER VERSE >>

REFRAIN



Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand, He's the



sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

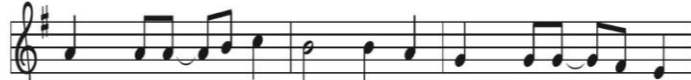


life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

VERSE 2



2 It is not the work of my hands that has



washed a-way all my sins. I'm re-deemed and all of my



days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

C: 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. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Spoken

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

ELW 777

Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty

1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give. If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."

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Refrain

Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us
water from your well. In the gracious gift
you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that
I may give you rest. Drink the cup of life I
offer; at this table be my guest." *Refrain*
- 3 "Come to me, believers burdened; find
refreshment in this place. Come, receive
the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my
face." *Refrain*
- 4 "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave
behind your guilt and shame. Come and
know divine compassion, turn to me, I
call your name." *Refrain*
- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I
would be your trusted friend. Come and
seek the gift I offer, come, your open
hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam. Come and
take the gift I offer, let me make in you
my home." *Refrain*

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of
bread and wine our hearts are filled with the
abundance
of your love.

**C: Strengthen us that we, through this holy
meal, may share your love freely, as you
have shared with us. We ask this in the name
of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG ELW 674

Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good
news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Praise to You O Great Creator*

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The **Puzzle Exchange Room** is ***almost*** ready. Donated puzzles can be put in the labeled totes at the church entries, or in the Blue Shelf inside the Puzzle Room (upstairs South classroom) Puzzles become church property. Puzzles for all ages welcome.

CALENDAR

SUN AUG 9

9 am WORSHIP
10 am Coffee
10:15 am Men's Ministry

MON AUG 10

5 pm Worship Committee

WED AUG 12

5:30 pm Outdoor Supper/Worship

THU AUG 13

1 pm LOVE DAY

FRI AUG 14

6:30 pm AA

SUN AUG 16

9 am WORSHIP
10 am Coffee
10:15 am Revelation Bible Study



Stewardship Committee encourages members to donate to **Lutheran Disaster**

Response which is the ELCA's ministry to accompany disaster survivors. They are already at work in affected communities. We will be accepting donations through August 16th.

Prayerfully consider GIVING TODAY.

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