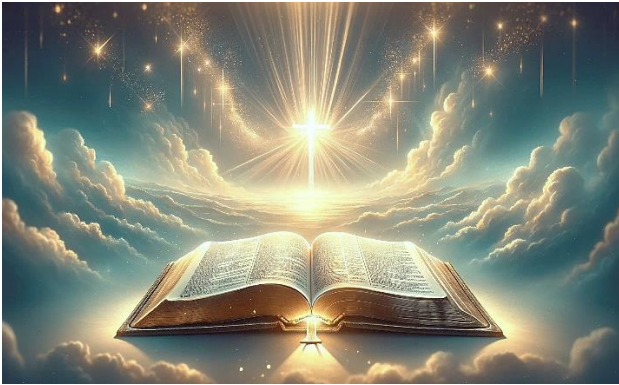


Sunday, August 16, 2026

Summer Series #10

Hard Rock — Some Challenging Stories



Ring of Bell

PRELUDE

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 510

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

1 Word of God come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending; touch our hearts and bring too birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2 Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation, saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.

3 Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling, Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Eternal Light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Compassion, have mercy on us.

C: Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 8:11-20

Remember God

¹¹ "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. ¹⁹ If you do forget the LORD your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰ Like the nations that the LORD is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

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

PSALM 12 We read responsively

A plea for help in evil times

L: Help, O LORD, for there is no longer anyone who is godly; the faithful have disappeared from humankind.

C: They utter lies to each other; with flattering lips and a deceitful heart they speak.

L: May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts,

C: those who say, "With our tongues we will prevail; our lips are our own—who is our master?"

L: "Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan, I will now rise up," says the LORD; "I will place them in the safety for which they long."

C: The promises of the LORD are promises that are pure, silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

L: You, O LORD, will protect us;
you will guard us from this generation forever.

**C: On every side the wicked prowl,
as vileness is exalted among humankind.**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 13:1-10

The Beast & Dragon

¹And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. ²And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. ³One of its heads seemed to have received a death blow, but its fatal wound had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. ⁴They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

⁵The beast was given a mouth speaking arrogant and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. ⁶It opened its mouth to speak blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷Also, it was allowed to wage war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.

⁹Let anyone who has an ear listen: ¹⁰If you are to be taken captive, into captivity you go; if you kill with the sword, with the sword you must be killed.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

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

◆ GOSPEL: MATTHEW 23:1-15 *Woe to you!*

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

¹³"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when others are going in you stop them. ¹⁵Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves."

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

ELW 497

Strengthen for Service, Lord

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Strengthen for Service Lord ELW 497



- 1 Streng - then for ser-vice Lord the hands that ho - ly
- 2 The tongues that sang your ho-ly name now purge of
- 3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith-ful nour - ished



word to false-hood nev - er wak - en.
love and sharp-en their per-cep - tion.
here to jour-ney on in splen - dor.

TEXT: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. composite
Music: BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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♦ 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

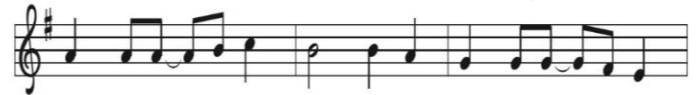
♦ OFFERING SONG vs.3 ACS 1024

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand
SING REFRAIN BEFORE & AFTER VERSE

REFRAIN



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



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

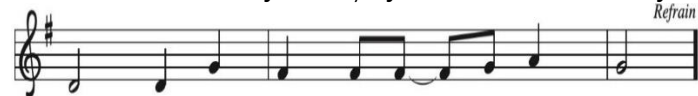
VERSE 3



3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



stand at God's ho-ly throne, my heart will not have an-y



fear; in Christ's righ - teous-ness I am here.

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 612

Healer of Our Every Ill

(COMMUNION SONG)

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope
beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us
with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all
comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace
is still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of
love. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry
sister, ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our
guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach
us all your way of healing; Spirit of compassion
fill each heart. *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 618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim
through this barren land. I am weak, but you are
mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of
heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and
evermore, feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain where the
healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer,
strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my
anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's
destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise
forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near.

Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

SUN AUG 16

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

MON AUG 17

6 pm COUNCIL

WED AUG 19

6:30 pm Prkg Lot—'CRUISE' *Vehicle Line-Up*
8 pm ROSE FEST MOVIE

THU AUG 20

4-7 pm FARMERS MARKET

FRI AUG 21

6:30 pm AA

SUN AUG 23

9 am WORSHIP
10 am Coffee



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.**

Check Payable to: "First Ev. Lutheran"

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Thank you for your donation!!



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

ROSE FEST All Hands on Deck - Volunteer Opportunities



Outdoor Movie - Wednesday the 19th: Watch for a sign up from Bryana.

She will need set up, popcorn and cotton candy makers, money takers, and clean-up crews. We ALSO plan to sell to the golf cart city cruise as they stage in the parking lot Wed 6-6:30. If you can't volunteer at the event, but want to support it, consider donating bottled water or pop (**Pepsi products**) **mini cans or 16 oz bottles.**

Caramel Roll Sale - Saturday the 22nd. This is an all-church event for the general fund.

See the church sign-up sheet. We will need early tent set up helpers, sellers, and kitchen runners. Angie's will loan food tray warming carts if they are available that day.