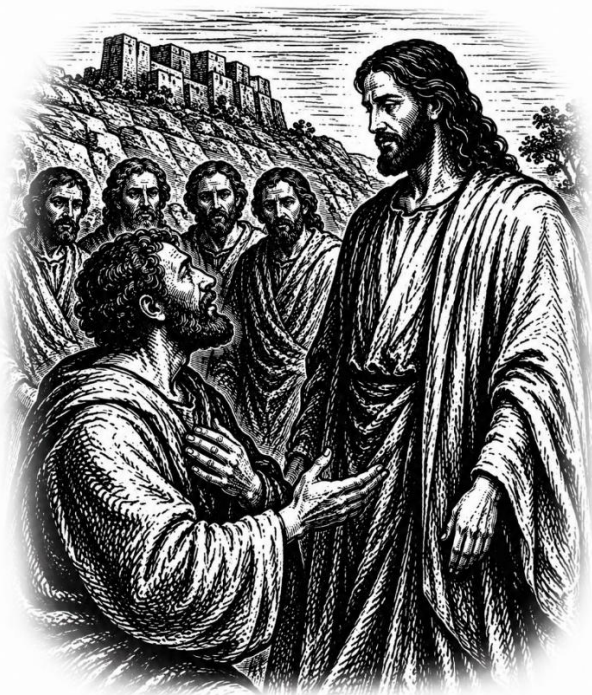


**"You are the
Christ,
the Son of the
living God."**

Matthew 16:16



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This congregation practices 'open communion.' We invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ's words, 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood,' mean exactly that: that in this sacrament we truly receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins. According to the teaching of Scripture and the Lutheran tradition, Christians receive this gift worthily when the words, 'given and shed for you,' are received by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

The Order of Word and Sacrament
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 2026

Prelude

*(please stand when indicated by *)*

We Gather

Invocation

- *Opening Hymn *“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”* LBW #29
*Brief Order for Confession and ForgivenessLBW p. 77
*Kyrie & Hymn of Praise.....p. 78-80
*Salutation & Prayer of the Day..... p. 82

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Church Gathers and Exits

- First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138.....p. 283
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-12:8
Alleluia Verse.....p. 83
*Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
Proclamation of the Word Pastor Blayne

We Respond to God’s Word

Children’s Church kids return

- *Hymn of the Day *“The Church’s One Foundation ”* LBW #369
*Creed.....p. 84/85
*Prayers of the Church
*Sharing of the Peace
Offering, Children’s Offering.....pp. 86, 87

We Receive Holy Communion

- *Great Thanksgiving.....p. 88
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We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields

- *Benediction & Dismissalp. 94
*Closing Hymn *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* LBW #456
*Apostolic Sending
Postlude

We are an inviting community of faith, aiming to bring everyone closer to Christ through His Word in fellowship, education and service. <i>Come and See!</i>
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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. ⁴Give 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.”

Psalm 138*

- ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
- ³For you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.
- ⁴When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁶They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- ⁸Though 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.**
- ⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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

¹I 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 another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given 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.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When 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. 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 disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Announcements

- Welcome to those listening to our radio broadcast, sponsored anonymously.
- Delivering Meals on Wheels in August were Mike & Sabrina Milmine, Blayne, Becky & Braxtyn Watts, Carolyn Kimball, Brian & Melinda Lynnes, Wayne, Melissa, Quade & Rachel Rolf, Jan Pratt, Denise Bosckis, Tana Phalen, Janet & Joseph Erickson. Thanks!
- Men’s Fellowship Wednesday at 6:30.

Attendance last Sunday: 37, Wednesday: 19. Giving: \$1099