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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

Welcome to Worship :: August 23, 2026— Season After Pentecost

Today's Worship Ministers

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Check Out Our Welcome Center

Coffee Station: We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

Giving Station: Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

Vision and Purpose: In August, we will support the Monmouth Kiwanis Club. They are a social service club meeting the needs of our community through the generous donations of folks like you. Thank you for all the ways you support our Vision and Purpose.

Weekly Newsletters: Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a

In Our Prayers

Janet Lowe, Pat Clark, Jennie Best, Dee
Dee Yez, Richard Schlicher, Cecil Lovdahl,
Donna Winbigler, the friends and family of
Donna Hauge, the friends and family of Ila
Roseberry

Prime Beef Festival Drive Thru

Thursday, September 3rd

11 am to 1 pm

4 pm to 6 pm

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements,
Mission Statement/Prelude
Confession and Forgiveness
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 634 Alleluia Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

The Word/Prayer

Greeting

Hymn of Praise: ELW 880, O God Beyond All Praising

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen

Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 10, page 205

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 608 Softly and Tenderly

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 883 All People Who on Earth Do Dwell

Communion

Dialogue: ELW Setting 10, page 206

Preface

“Holy, Holy, Holy”: ELW Setting 10, page 207 Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer

“Lamb of God”, ELW Setting 10, page 208

Distribution

Hymn After Distribution: ELW 553 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Benediction Refrain ELW 767, Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me, verse 1

Dismissal

Isaiah 51:1-6

51 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. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. 3 For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make 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 Listen 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. 5 I 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. 6 Lift 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.

Romans 12:1-8

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, 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. 2 Do 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.

3 For 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. 4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And 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. 18 And 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. 19 I 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." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.