



**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 27, 2023**

**Opening Hymn #758**  
***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation***

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And our confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call you,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come with all your lovingkindness,  
Hear Your people as they pray.  
And Your fullest benediction  
Speak within these walls today.

3. Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful  
All the gifts they ask to gain,  
What they gain from You forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in Your glory  
Evermore with You to reign.

4. Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,

One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!

### **Invocation**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen**

### **Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis – sing**

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

1. Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.

O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within

3. Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray...

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **The First Lesson – Isaiah 51:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>Look 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. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>“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. <sup>5</sup>My 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. <sup>6</sup>Lift 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 of the Day- Psalm 138**  
**WS p.40 - antiphon**

***Antiphon –***

*Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear Him.*

I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;\*

**before the gods I | sing your praise;**

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name  
for your steadfast love and your | faithfulness,\*

**for you have exalted above all things your name | and your  
word.**

On the day I called, you | answered me;\*

**my strength of soul | you increased.**

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,\*

**for they have heard the words | of your mouth,**

and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,\*

**for great is the glory | of the LORD.**

For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,\*

**but the haughty he knows | from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life;\*

**you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand de- | livers me.**

The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;\*

**your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not  
forsake the work | of your hands.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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## **The Second Lesson – Romans 11:33-12:8**

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” <sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” <sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Do 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. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the 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.

## **The Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And 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. <sup>18</sup>And 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. <sup>19</sup>I 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.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**P:** Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

### **The Alleluia – sing**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Confession of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

**Hymn of the Day #467 (v.1-3, 7)**

***Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand***

1. Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in every land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distrest,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

2. Surely in temples made with hands,  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He whom heavens cannot contain  
Chose to abide on earth with men,  
Built in our bodies His temple.

3. We are God's house of living stones,  
Builded for His habitation;  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,  
With all His grace and His favor.

7. Grant then, O God, where'er men roam,  
That, when the church-bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;  
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you." Amen.

## Sermon Text – Isaiah 51:1-6

### Sermon

### *The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God*

### Offertory – sing

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

### Offering of Thankful Hearts

#### Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;**

P: O Lord, grant that the Office of the Keys may be honored among us, in order that we may confess our sin and be absolved in the name of Christ. As You have so graciously forgiven us, grant that we may extend this grace by forgiving others.

**She is His new creation By water and the Word.**

P: Lord God Almighty, You transform Your Church by the Holy Spirit so that she does not conform to the world. Draw forth from Your people their proclamation of thanksgiving, that they may tell of all Your wondrous deeds.

**From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;**



P: Heavenly Father, care for all families, children, single adults and youth, that they might steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life. Grant an increase in wisdom and grace to all who teach and learn.

**With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**

P: Lord God, grant that all nations and leaders might act for peace; promote godliness; and protect all who live under violence, oppression, injustice and fear, that all people might extol You.

**Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;**

P: Heavenly Father, care for all victims of disaster, for those stricken by illness or infirmity, for the aged and infirm, for the grieving and for those near death. [*Especially show Your steadfast love to \_\_\_\_\_.*]

**Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.**

P: O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God.

**One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,**

P: From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever.

**And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**

### **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.**

**Sermon Hymn #381**  
*I Know My Faith is Founded*

1. I know my faith is founded  
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing  
Unmoved I stand upon His Word.  
Man's reason cannot fathom  
The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts her subtle wisdom  
Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient,  
It makes divinely sure,  
And trusting in its wisdom,  
My faith shall rest secure.

2. Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure  
And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with Thee beside me,  
I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Thy good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance  
To every evil foe.

3. In faith, Lord, let me serve Thee;  
Though persecution, grief and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me,  
Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure  
Take Thou me home to Thee  
And let me there inherit  
All thou hast promised me.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me  
Until Thy heaven I gain,  
Where I by Thy great mercy  
The end of faith attain.

### **Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray...

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **The Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

### **Closing Hymn #743**

#### ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise!

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting nor wasting, You rule in Your might,  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. All life You engender in great and in small,  
Of all life Befriender, the true Life of all.  
We blossom and flourish in richness and range;  
We wither and perish, but You never change.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.  
Our praises we render; oh, lead us to see  
The light of Your splendor, Your love's majesty!

### **Silent Prayer**

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