

HOLY COMMUNION
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”	ELW, #473
“In Christ Alone”	<i>see insert</i>
“You Are Mine”	ELW, #581
“Change My Heart, O God”	ELW, #801

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “The Wise Man and The Foolish Man” *see insert*

CORPORATE PRAYER:

“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke

Pianist: Mila Khmeleva **Hymnists:** Ron & Doris Freund

Reader: Richard Richmond **Greeter:**

Usher: Marv & Ev Kelley **Communion Asst.:** &

Screen: Travis Kleven **Video FaceBook:** Tanya Lenahan **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

Sunday Worship Service



Image: A traditional wooden house in Tatra mountains. Photo by Wojciech Portnicki on Unsplash.com

Build on THE Rock ***Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

August 27, 2023

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Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Renate Davison on her 3rd
heavenly birthday from her daughters: Mary Sellinger, Rita Collins, JoAnn
Keaveny, Lorraine Chambers, and Heidi Davison and their families.



SUNDAY WORSHIP
August 27, 2023
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE:		Mila Khmeleva
GATHERING:	“Open The Eyes of My Heart” “Lord, Be Glorified”	<i>see insert</i> ELW, #744
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CORPORATE PRAYER:	“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”	
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS		ELW, pp. 94–96
OPENING HYMN:	“The Church’s One Foundation”	ELW, #654
GREETING		
KYRIE		ELW, p. 184
PRAYER OF THE DAY		
1 ST READING:	Deuteronomy 11:18–21, 26–28	
2 ND READING:	Romans 1:16–17; 3:22b–28	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:		ELW, p. 188
GOSPEL:	Matthew 7:21–29	
CHILDREN’S SERMON		Kathy Harrison
HYMN:	“Built on a Rock”	ELW, #652
SERMON	“Built on THE Rock”	Pastor Barb Lemke

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 into hell.*
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 THE CHURCH
Ukraine our prayers are with you
John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Pat Oakes – Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Linda Faciane (Joy’s aunt)
– Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Don Kirkegaard – Ashlyn (daughter of friend
Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Katherine (friend of Ron and Doris Freund) – Alicia Jerrup
(friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Brenda (Jeff Grawe’s sister)
Ray & Cathy Maver-Johnson
Danny Cowan
Armonni Gonzalez (friend of Patty Garcia’s daughter)
Bob Zenn
Eleanore Sims
Carol Kirkegaard
Ev Kelley
Al Ryberg, Sylvia Cowan’s brother
Susan Armor (rehab) – Johnnie Armor
Sheri Johnson (Lynn Hampton’s niece)
Chad Buttler, son of a friend of Debbie Diedrich (kidney health)
Twins Betty & Barb Geisler, relatives of the Cowans (car accident, severe injuries)
Trent Lieffring, Debbie (Anderson) Diedrich's friend's daughter’s boyfriend (hospice)
Linda Washington
Karen Orth, James Orth’s mom
Homebound members: Pat French – Wil Wertz – Jim and Linda Craig
Physical Rehab: Josh Carter
Thanksgiving for Families:
George & Carol Kalamarides, Isaac
Brad Byrnes, Grace and Katherine
Liz May

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW, #583, vs. 2 & 4

Open The Eyes of My Heart

CHORUS: *(sing 2 times)*
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

VERSE
To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow’r and love;
as we sing holy, holy, holy.

BRIDGE: *(sing 2 times)*
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

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In Christ Alone

VERSE 1
In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm,
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

VERSE 2
In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

The Wise Man and The Foolish Man

VERSE 1
The wise man built his house upon the rock, *(x3)*
And the rain came tumbling down.
The rain came down and the floods came up, *(x3)*
and the house on the rock stood firm.

VERSE 2
The foolish man built his house upon the sand, *(x3)*
And the rain came tumbling down.
The rain came down and the floods came up, *(x3)*
and the house on the sand went CRASH!

BRIDGE
So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, *(x3)*
For the word of God is sure.

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VERSE 3
There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

VERSE 4
No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!

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Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation’s rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ’s resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed *(especially)*. Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (commemoration of Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430; Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400) Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32. **Tuesday** Romans 11:33-36. **Wednesday** Isaiah 28:14-22. **Thursday** Psalm 26:1-8. **Friday** 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12. **Saturday** (commemoration of Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872) Jeremiah 15:10-14. **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

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