



1 PETER 2:5-9

YOU YOURSELVES LIKE
LIVING STONES ARE
BEING BUILT UP AS
A SPIRITUAL HOUSE

Welcome

to Living Stone! Jesus Christ is the
living stone through whom we receive
forgiveness, life, and salvation.
We are glad you are here, as we
gather for worship centered in
Word and Sacrament.



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CORE VALUES

Faithful in Christ • Jesus is the center of
our biblical foundation, Gospel message,
and the Lutheran Confessions

Confident in Christ • Jesus generously
provides all that we need for daily and
eternal life

Joyful in Christ • Jesus is our source of joy
that transcends our daily circumstances

Connected in Christ • Jesus' love moves us
to serve the community and one another

Vision Statement • To be devoted
followers of Jesus Christ, passionate about
sharing the Gospel in word and deed

Mission Statement • Strengthen the
saved; save the lost

WORSHIP

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. • Sunday 10:45 a.m. Living Stone

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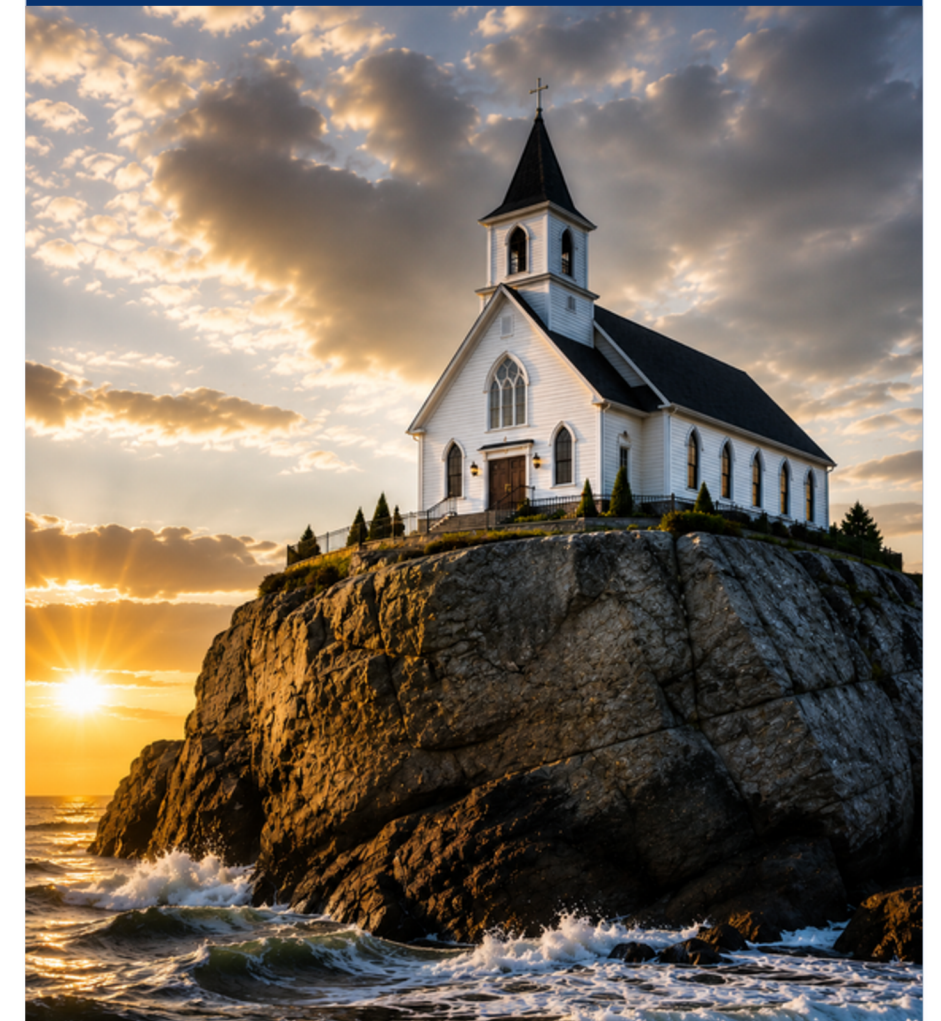
Prayer Request



Giving

LIVING STONE

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



"Built on the Word"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Greeting
Opening Song · “*House of the Lord*”
Invocation & Prayer of the Day
First Reading
Second Reading
Holy Gospel
Responsive Psalm
Song of the Day · “*Christ Be Magnified*”
Sermon · “*Built on the Word*”
Apostles’ Creed
Children’s Message
Offering & Offertory Song · “*Raise a Hallelujah*”
Announcements & Ministry Minute
Prayer of the Church
Confession of Sins and Absolution
The Lord’s Prayer
Words of Our Lord & “Peace”
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
Distribution Songs · “*Trust in God*” and
“*Firm Foundation (He Won’t)*”
Dismissal
Benediction
Closing Song · “*Build My Life*”

Audio · *Eli Hackman*
ProPresenter: *Kiera Presti* · Video: *Anthony DeVasto*
Instrumentalists · *Acoustic guitar: Whitney Wade; electric guitar: Valerie Winkler; percussion: Steve Brosch; piano: Bobby Schroeder*
Vocals · *Amy Maender, Leslie Rudzinski, Valerie Winkler, Whitney Wade*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1–6

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. 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. 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. “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. 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. 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.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33—12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! “For who has known the mind of the LORD, or who has been His counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?” For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

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. 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.

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. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–20

[Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 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. 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. 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.” Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 138

P I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
C before the gods I sing Your praise;
P I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,
C for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.
P On the day I called, You answered me;
C my strength of soul You increased.
P All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O Lord,
C for they have heard the words of Your mouth,
P and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
C for great is the glory of the Lord.
P For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly,
C but the haughty He knows from afar.
P Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;
C You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.
P The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me;
C Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Thanksgiving for the 25th wedding anniversary of Joel and Kerrie Karsten (Aug. 25).
- Thanksgiving for the birth of Mason Henry Mueller, son and Christopher and Alicia Mueller, grandson of Gary and Susan Mueller (July 30).