

**WELCOME
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
SAT. AUGUST 26/SUN. AUGUST 27, 2023**



“BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”

AS WE GATHER

Son of a pub owner and a cabinet maker by trade, Edward Mote was a nineteenth century Englishman who came to faith in Christ as an adult and then served the last two decades of his life as a parish pastor. Although Mote is said to have never lost his touch for building furniture, he discovered a new passion in his later years: writing hymns for Christians to sing. “My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness,” he wrote. “No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand” (*LSB* 575). The story is told

that the first person with whom Mote shared these words was a friend who had fallen ill and was nearing the end of her life. Mote's beautiful hymn, which Christ-followers like us continue to enjoy today, reminded God's beloved that Christ Jesus alone is the solid foundation, the mighty fortress in whom she could trust. In life and in death, our hope is built on this rock, who offers for us nothing less than His own blood and righteousness.

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *LSB 575*

**1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**3. His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Public domain MAGDALEN L M and
refrain Acts 4:11–12; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 7:24; 16:24**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleans us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-
examination.*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto
You all my sins and iniquities with which
I have ever offended You and justly
deserved Your temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for
them and sincerely repent of them, and I
pray You of Your boundless mercy and
for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter
sufferings and death of Your beloved Son,**

**Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful
to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of
my office, as a
called and ordained servant of the Word,
announce the grace of God unto all of you,
and in the stead and by the command of
my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your
sins in the name of the Father and of the +
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

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HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB

790, St. 1 & 5)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant us to know
Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the rock upon
whom our lives are built. Help us rest
securely in Your promises and find strength
in Your mighty deliverance; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 51:1–6*
(“Look to the rock from which you were hewn.”)

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,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³ 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.
⁴“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.
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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 11:33–12:8* (*Do not be conformed; be transformed.*)

³³ Oh, 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?”

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

12 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. ² 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.

³ 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. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE
205)

(*LSB p.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13–20* (“*On this rock I will build My church.*”)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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.” ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Built on the Rock”

LSB 645

Sts. 1,2,3,5

**1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
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 who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.**

**3. We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own 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.**

**5. Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
“I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”**

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Matt. 16:13–18; Eph. 2:19–22; 1 Cor. 3:11–16; Acts 17:24

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE 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 sits
at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good and right that we look to You and listen to You, O giver of righteousness, for You have built our lives upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as our cornerstone. Looking to the rock from which we have been hewn, along with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
(Sts. 1 & 5: *LSB* 940)

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee,
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav’n above adore Thee,
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;**

**Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew*
26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1
Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

(LSB 550 St. 1 & 3)

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

***By communing, a person says publicly that
they -***

- *are baptized and confirmed*
- *believe Christ's words*
- *repent of their sins*
- *fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- *anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

**1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” (*LSB 806*)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ His Son,
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We look to You, most gracious Savior, as the rock from which we have been hewn. We thank You for Your saving blood and cleansing righteousness, which we have received in Your most sacred Meal. Reign in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that we may stand securely on the solid promises of Your mighty Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord alone is our rock and our refuge,
our fortress and our deliverer. His blessing
be upon us as we go forth in His name.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩
give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “The Church’s One
Foundation” *LSB 644*

**1. The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.**

**2. Elect from ev’ry nation,
Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev’ry grace endued.**

**3. Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.**

**4. Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.**

**5. Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 3.
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- **Today's Altar Flowers** are given for the glory of God by **Paul & Carol Trettin** and **George & Nadine Kelm** in celebration of their wedding anniversaries on August 29.
- **All are invited to a MEMORIAL SERVICE for RON GNAU** on Saturday, September 2, at 1:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mt. Prospect, Illinois.
- **CHURCH PICNIC:** Our Church Picnic will be on Sunday, October 8, at 11:30am. The RJ's BBQ Food Truck will be serving many delicious items, and we will play BINGO. See you there!
- **PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Hope is collecting clean plastic bags of all types by the mailboxes. When we reach our goal, we will receive a free park bench. Any questions, please see Mary Ann.
- **SHARING CENTER:** The Sharing Center is concentrating on a Back To School drive through the month of August, which includes distributing athletic shoes, backpacks, and

school supplies to kindergarten through high school kids. Backpacks and shoes can be used, but in very good condition, and all sizes are needed. School supplies include spiral notebooks, 3-ring binders, notebook paper, pencil boxes, sharpeners, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, erasers and glue sticks. Please drop off anything you would like to donate in the Narthex-all is appreciated! Please see Gail with questions.

- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests or any other concerns.**
- **Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gonski**
- **A/V Team: Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton
Brian & Amanda Larie**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Peter Voigt
Communion: Paul Trettin
Acolyte: Maddie Herrera
Ushers: Phyllis Klen & Kim Zembal
Fellowship: Peggy Tueting

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Nadine Kelm
Communion: Paul Schneider

Acolyte: Emma Pferdmenges
Ushers: Al & Melissa Ruck
Fellowship: Tami Voigt

BIRTHDAYS

8/29 Nathan Olsen
8/31 Al Ruck
9/1 James Urban

ANNIVERSARIES

8/27 Tara & Kevin Jones
8/29 George & Nadine Kelm
8/29 Paul & Carol Trettin
9/1 Brian & Amanda Larie
9/1 Josh & Melissa Walton

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week
8/28/23 – 9/3/23

Saturday: **9:30am** **Worship Service**
 1:00pm **Ron Gnau Memorial**
 St. Paul, Mt. Prospect, IL

Sunday: **9:00am** **Worship Service**
 10:20am **Bible Study “Book of Acts”**