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WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- ❖ Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- ❖ There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

PENTECOST 13

AUGUST 23, 2026

UNEXPECTED TRUTHS—THE SON OF MAN IS GOD



SERIES THEME:

The opening lines of the United States Declaration of Independence boldly assert that certain truths are “self-evident”—truths accessible to human reason and widely recognized by observation of the world. Among these are that all people are created equal and possess unalienable rights such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The founders appealed to principles they believed reasonable people could recognize simply by reflecting on human nature and justice. These truths were meant to be obvious, clear to the mind, and persuasive in the public square.

Lutherans, however, note that the most important truths revealed in the Bible are not self-evident at all. In fact, they frequently appear surprising or even contrary to human expectations. Scripture teaches that humanity is not naturally good but deeply sinful. It declares that salvation cannot be achieved through human effort but comes entirely by God’s grace. Most unexpected of all is the message that God brings forgiveness and eternal life through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

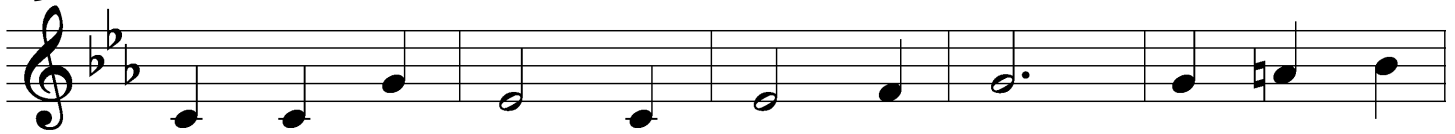
Biblical truth is revealed by God rather than discovered by reason alone. While some truths may seem obvious to human judgment, the truths of the Bible are often unexpected.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Jesus asked, “Who do you say I am?” It’s the most important question in the world, and it is a question every human being must answer. The expected answer may be dead wrong. Some in Jesus’ day thought he was John the Baptist. Some thought he was the prophet Elijah who had come back from the dead. Today plenty of people believe that Jesus existed. They think that Jesus was a wise teacher or a role model for love. Both answers are expected. Both miss the main point.

Jesus is a real human being, the Son of Man. He is also Lord and Savior, the Son of the living God. This unexpected truth is the core of saving faith.

856 BUILT ON THE ROCK



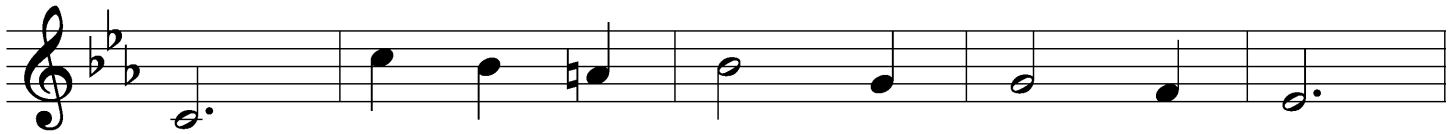
1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand e - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, tell - ing how
 5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, that, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; high a - bove earth his
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. Th'al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, man - y in sav - ing



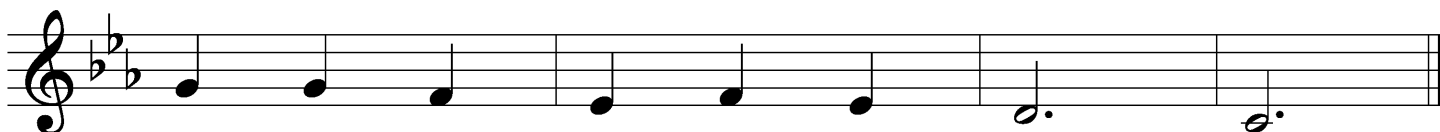
ev - 'ry land; bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice and what the sac - ra - ment gives
 faith may come where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



but a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
 choos - es to live with us in love,
 yet he would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, my face shall see.



long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 with all his grace and his fa - vor.
 and ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

INVOCATION ¹

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ²

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

¹ The Invocation, which uses the words spoken over us at our baptisms, remind us of who we are (children of God) and what we are members of—the church of God on earth.

² Publicly confessing sins might seem like a strange practice to those not familiar with it. But to confess our sins is to speak the truth about our lives. To confess our sin is to state our agreement with God’s just verdict that we have sinned against him and so deserve only death and hell (1 John 1:8-10). The truth of our sinfulness is answered by the truth of God’s forgiveness for the sake of the suffering and death of his Son. From the lips of a pastor “called and ordained” as a servant of the Word, we hear God himself speaking absolution – that is, the forgiveness of sins. To that forgiveness faith says, “Amen,” that is, “Truth.”

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father,**
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved others as you command.
For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.
I am sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy.

P: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins.**
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

P: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven."
Do you believe this?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

C: **Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

563 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me

blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
 his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly

oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY ³

P: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

³The Prayer of the Day is a short general prayer that makes a request of God based on the theme of the day. It is (normally) a five-part prayer: 1) Address; 2) Basis for the petition; 3) the Petition; 4) Reason for the petition; 5) Conclusion of praise to God.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 34:5-9 ⁴

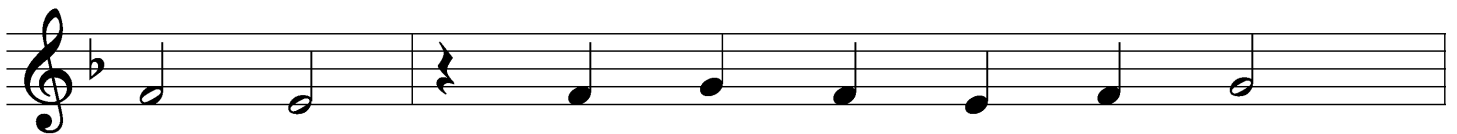
⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹"Lord," he said, "if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."

PSALM 138 YOUR PRAISES, GOD, I'M BRINGING ⁵



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the
4 All peo - ples shall ac - claim you, and wor - ship - ing shall



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.
low - ly and raise them from the dust.
name you the God of time and space.

⁴ God proclaimed to Moses what he is like. The Church's job is to proclaim to the world who Christ is and what he is like.

⁵ The Church sings Psalm 138 in services celebrating the public confession that God is a gracious Savior. It leads off the final section of psalms written by David.



Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er
Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you
And I will join my prais - es with hymns the whole world



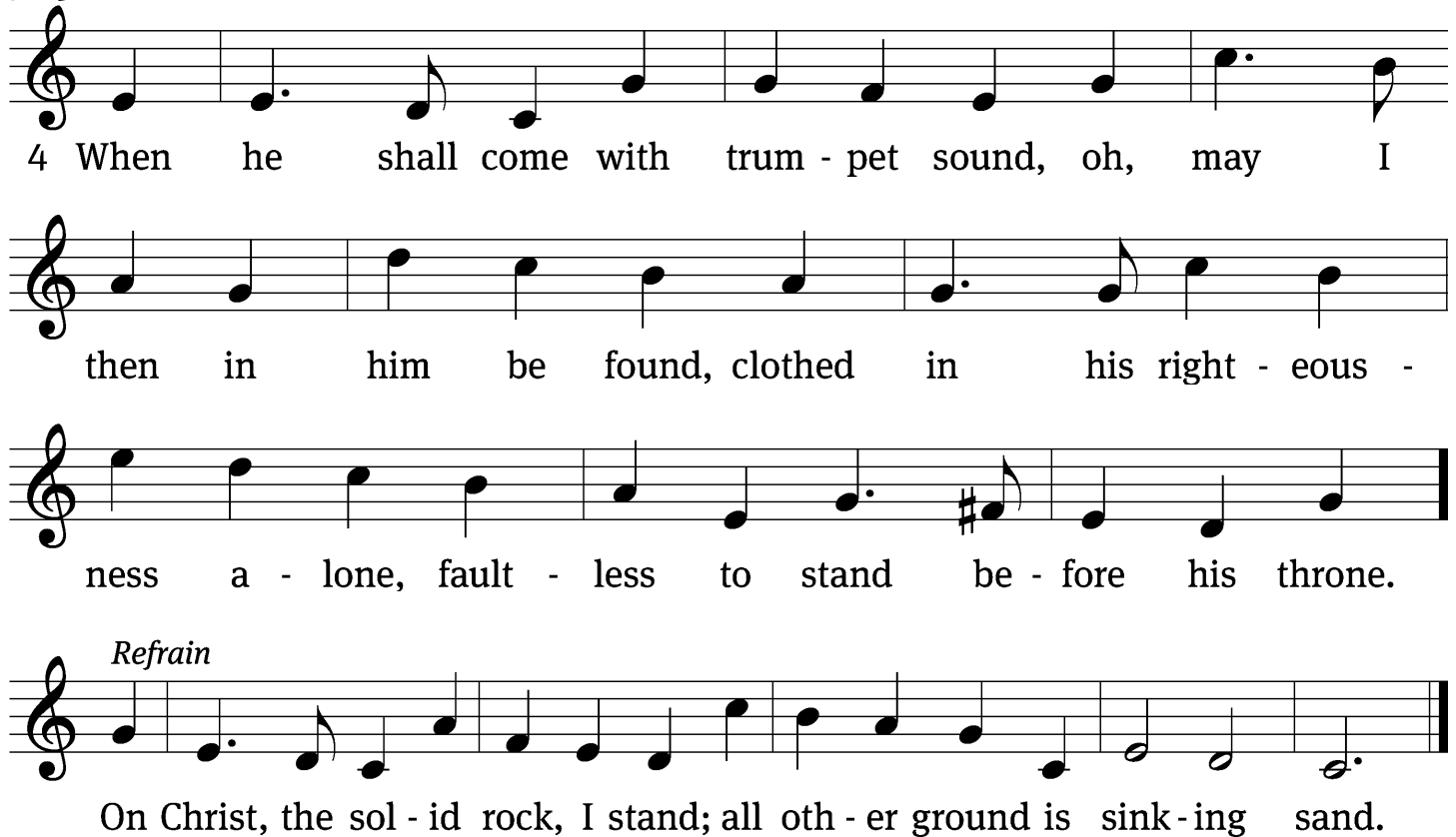
peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.
nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.
rais - es to you, the God of bound - less grace!

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 10:5-13

⁵Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

563 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS



4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I
 then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 16:13-20 ⁷

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

⁶ The Verse of the Day, traditionally called the Alleluia (a Latinized form of the Hebrew word meaning "praise the Lord") highlights a text of particular relevance to the theme of the day.

⁷ The truth upon which God builds his Church is Jesus, the Son of the living God.

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



510 IN CHRIST ALONE



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



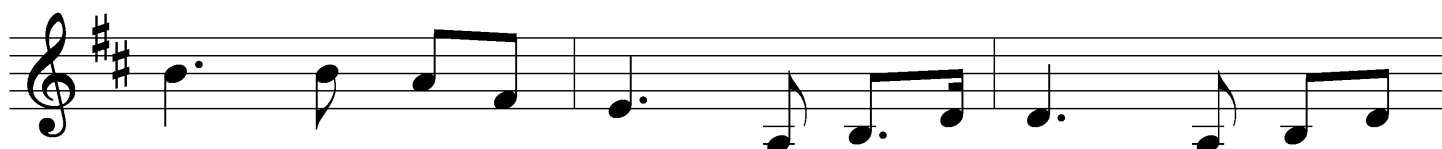
light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



SERMON ⁸

ROMANS 10:5-13

God Keeps Faith Simple

- I. Simply believed**
- II. Simply confessed**

⁸The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

APOSTLES' CREED ⁹

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	2 Cor. 6:18 Is. 51:13
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.	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18 Lk. 1:35 Lk. 1:34; 2:7 Lk. 23:16 Mt. 27:32-61 et al. 1 Pet. 3:19 1 Cor. 15:4b Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13 Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1
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.	Mt. 3:16-17 Eph. 5:23 Eph. 4:3-6 Rom. 4:6-8 Ecc. 12:7 1 Th. 4:17

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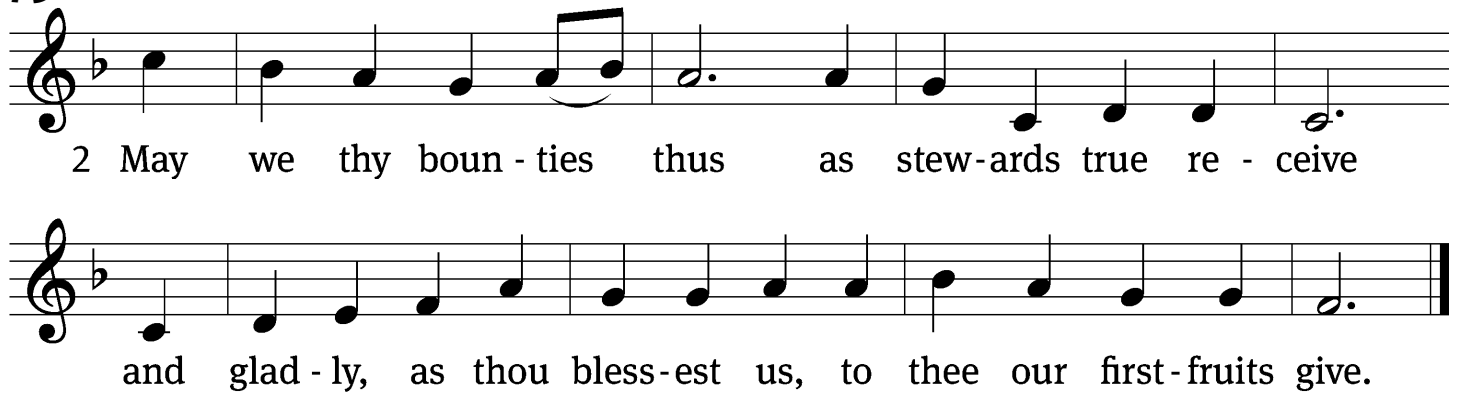
The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and



search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code: This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.

⁹ Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

750 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

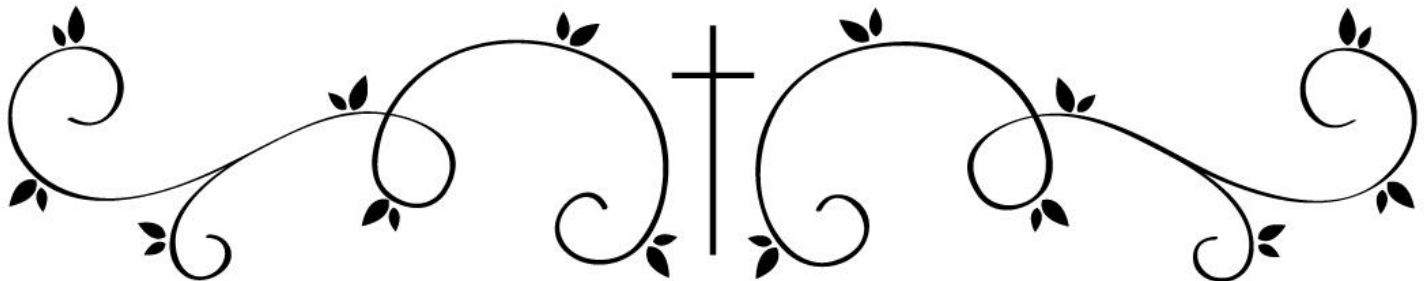


PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ¹⁰

LORD'S PRAYER ¹¹

C: 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.

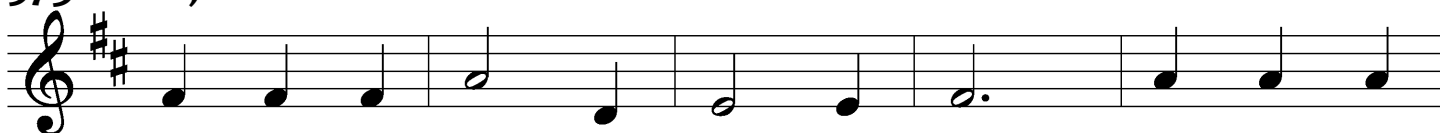
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS INSTALLATION



¹⁰ Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

¹¹ The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given us by Christ himself. Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

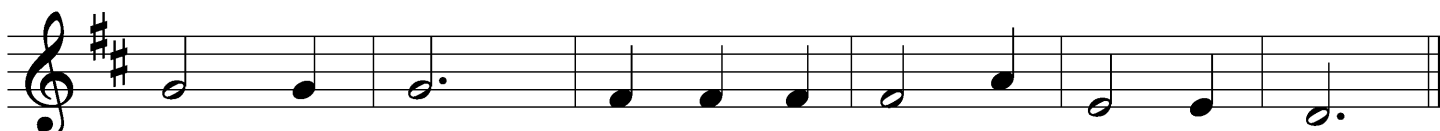
573 JESUS, YOUR BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
 5 When from the dust of death I rise to claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
 ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
 man - sion in the skies, this then shall be my



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
 on - ly plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

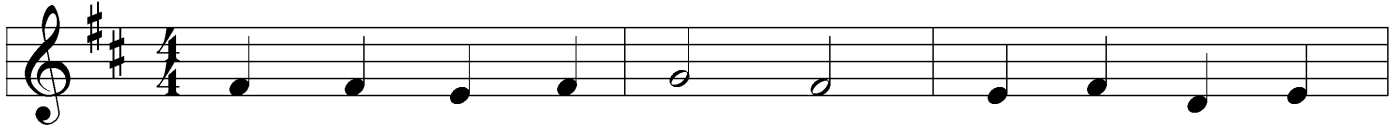
THE LORD'S BLESSING ¹²

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

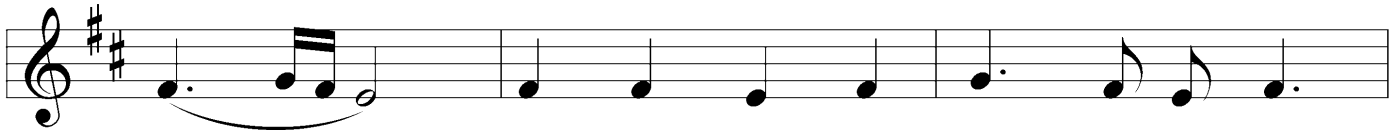
C: Amen.

¹² As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

519 THERE IS A REDEEMER (A soloist sings the first verse and refrain. The congregation joins in the following verses and refrains.)



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his

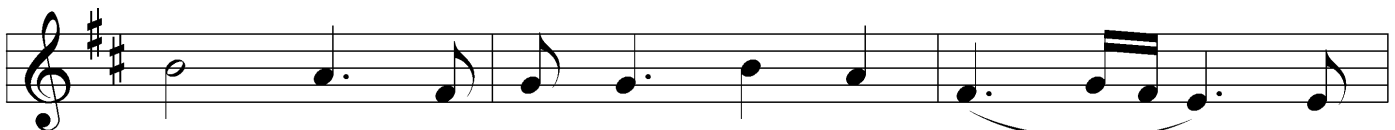


Son, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 names, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 face; There I'll serve my King for - ev - er

Refrain



Ho - ly One.
 Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my
 In that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given by the Gardei family in celebration of Penelope's 1st birthday.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 16:21-26

SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30:

Flowers: Dale
Nursery: 8:30am—Jamie and Sawyer Davis
 11:00am—Lisa Seltz
Ushers: 8:30am—Ryan Hintz and Christopher Fowler
 11:00am—Scott Wernert and Derek Zivolich

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study	9:45-10:45 AM
Thursday Night Worship	7:00 PM (ends 9/3)
Lord's Supper	1 st and 3 rd Sundays
Youth Confirmation	Sundays, 6 PM (begins 9/13)
Bible 101	Tuesdays, 7:00 PM
Canvassing	Wednesdays, 6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Study	August 26, 10:00 AM
Iron Sharpens Iron (<i>Men's group</i>)	2 nd Saturday of each month, 8:30 AM
High School Cookout	8/23, 4-7 PM



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Adult Bible Study: The Christian church can sometimes look like a mess. That has always been true. Paul's inspired first epistle to the Corinthian church is a very practical book of the Bible. The problems and difficulties of the Corinthian congregation are in many instances the same as we experience today. The apostle deals with them all in light of the cross and the atoning work of Christ. Join us during the Bible study hour (9:45am) on Sunday mornings as we study 1 Corinthians to approach the practical matters of Christian living.

Thursday Night Services: Thursday night services will end after Labor Day. The final Thursday night service will be September 3rd. Please speak to the pastoral staff if you have any questions.

Confirmation: Youth confirmation classes will begin on September 13th at 6pm. If your child is in 7th or 8th grade and you have not received an email from Pastor Crass, please speak to him or John Dale.

Sunday Night Bible Study: Beginning September 20th, the Sunday night men's and women's bible classes will be studying the books of 1 & 2 Samuel. We meet in the Sunday School classrooms at 6pm. All are welcome. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Sanctuary remodel update: Pending approval by the City of Columbia, we plan to move forward with the sanctuary remodel in mid to late September. Tentatively, we will begin with the removal of the flooring in the fellowship area. We will need many volunteers to help with moving furniture in and out of the area. Please notify Matthew Turner (property@coslutheran.com) or the church office (office@coslutheran.com) if you are willing to help with this when the time comes.

COS High School Youth Cookout: The COS high school youth (9th-12th grade) will be having a cookout on Sunday, 8/23 @ 4 PM until 7 PM at Adam and Melissa Moore's house. Swimming will also be available for those who are interested. Please RSVP on the signup sheet outside the sanctuary or email john.dale@coslutheran.com if you plan to attend.

Council Meeting Minutes: Notes from the August 2026 church council meeting are available under the bulletin board in the fellowship area.

Canvassing: Our canvassing efforts for the summer are nearing an end, but it's not too late to join us! We would love to have many involved in our attempts to reach those who don't know Christ with the life-saving message of the gospel. We will meet at church at 6:00 pm each Wednesday night. If you are unsure, please note you will partner with an experienced canvasser and receive "on the job" training. Please consider giving canvassing a try!

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