

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



FIRST LUTHERAN
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9:30 am + August 27, 2023

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The Gathering

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING SONG

O God, Our Help in Ages Past – ELW 632

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

GATHERING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,

with all your faithful followers of every age,
 we praise you, the rock of our life.

Be our strong foundation

and form us into the body of your Son,

that we may gladly minister to all the world,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

READING I

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, 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 renewing of your minds, so that 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 yourself more highly than you 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 not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever.

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I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Bruce Dissell

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less – ELW 596

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends:

. . . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

O LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me – ELW 623

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;
and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Sending

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace.



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

DISMISSAL

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

Lord, Dismiss Us – ELW 545

SENDING MUSIC

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY & SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Pr. Bruce Dissell

Musician: Elaine Sweeney

Assisting Minister: Barb Tanem

Reader: Barb Tanem

Ushers/Greeters: George & Gloria Maras

Altar Guild: Connie Bryant

Audio-Visual: Forrest & Cathy Koland, Dawson Peterson

Fellowship Host: Kay, Sandy & Nancy

Parish & Community Announcements

for the week of August 27 – September 3, 2023

Sun Aug 27	9:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall 10:45 am Women of the ELCA Meeting – Fellowship Hall
Mon Aug 28	7:00 pm AlAnon – Fellowship Hall
Weds Aug 30	5:30 - 7:30 pm Patio Party at the Parsonage – Parsonage Backyard/ Garage
Sun Sept 3	9:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

WELCA

There will be a WELCA meeting in the fireside room following worship. We would like all ladies to attend, there are important things to discuss and everyone's input is important!

There is a Fall Gathering Planning session for the **Women of the Laurentian Conference**, Thursday, August 31st at 11:00 am. There will be lunch at noon. This will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia.

PARSONAGE PATIO PARTY

August 30

You are invited to an evening patio party at the parsonage on Wednesday, August 30 from 5:30-7:30 pm. This will be a dessert and hors d'oeuvre potluck — you are invited to bring something to share. You are also invited to bring your own beverage of choice; coffee and water will be available. To make sure there is enough seating, please bring a lawn chair with you. Restrooms will be open at the church through the red door.

Breakfast Book Club

The sign up for our first book club meeting is on the Welcome Table. The first meeting will be at the Cardinal Room at the Hibbing College campus on Thursday, September 28. We will meet at 8:30 am, enjoy a fine meal, and talk about a book (or parts of a book). If you would like to just join us for breakfast and conversation, you will be more than welcome! No book for this first meeting—just an introduction and a meal.

Sunday, September 3rd Helpers

Assisting Minister: **NEEDED**

Reader: **NEEDED**

Ushers/Greeters: **NEEDED**

Fellowship: **NEEDED**