

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH @ SOUTH PARK

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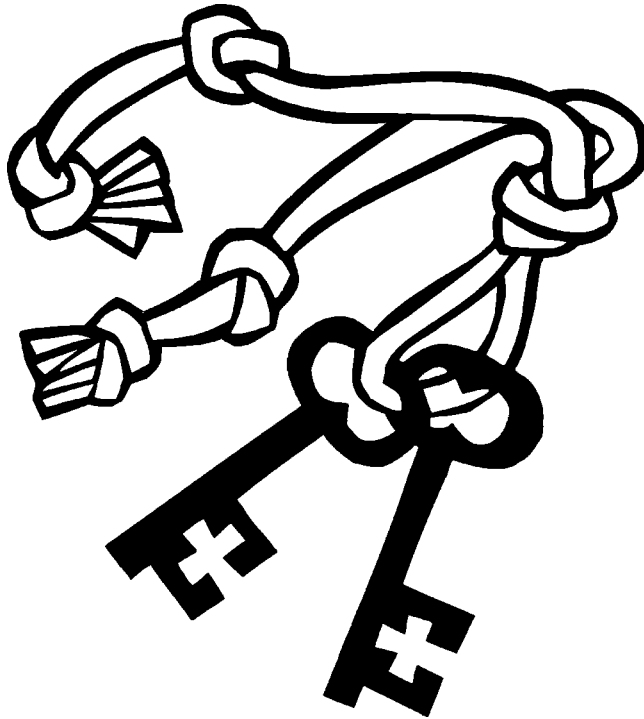
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Levi Kelley, Organist

**A PLACE OF GRACE WITH A CALL FOR ALL
TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS**



13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd, 2026

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P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

*“(ELW p. 123)” is liturgy (front of the hymnal); “**ELW 123**” is hymn (back of hymnal)*

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

arr. Stewart Landon

** Please note your presence in the attendance pad, then pass to your neighbor.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ GATHERING ✝

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(ACS p. 31)

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Amen.** *(Please be seated)*

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹ 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,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places
and will make 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 Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"God loves me, Jesus is my friend, and church is a great place to be. Amen."

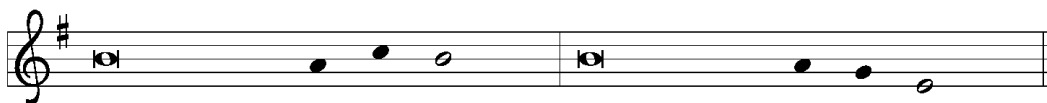
**The Nursery is available (ages 0-4 only, please) after the Children's Message.*

PSALM: Psalm 138

Refrain: (1st time played by organ only, 2nd time: cantor, 3rd time: congregation)



Tone:



- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ^l my whole heart;
before the gods I will ^l sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast ^l love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ^l bove all things.**
- ³ When I called, you ^l answered me;
you increased my ^l strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise ^l you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ^l of your mouth. R**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways ^l of the LORD,
that great is the glory ^l of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares ^l for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ^l from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ^l keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ^l
hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your pur- ^l pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works
^l of your hands. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

L: A reading from Romans.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that 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 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. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise) (ACS p. 33)

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: 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 but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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."

²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. *(Please be seated)*

SERMON

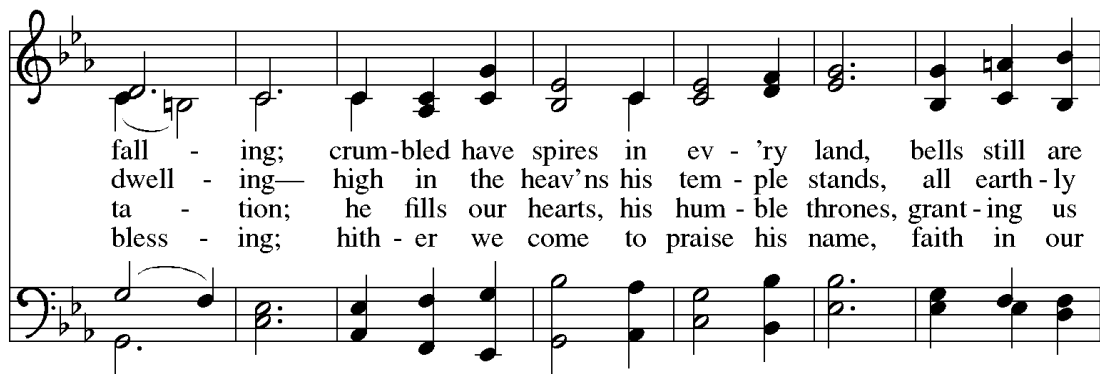
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HYMN OF THE DAY

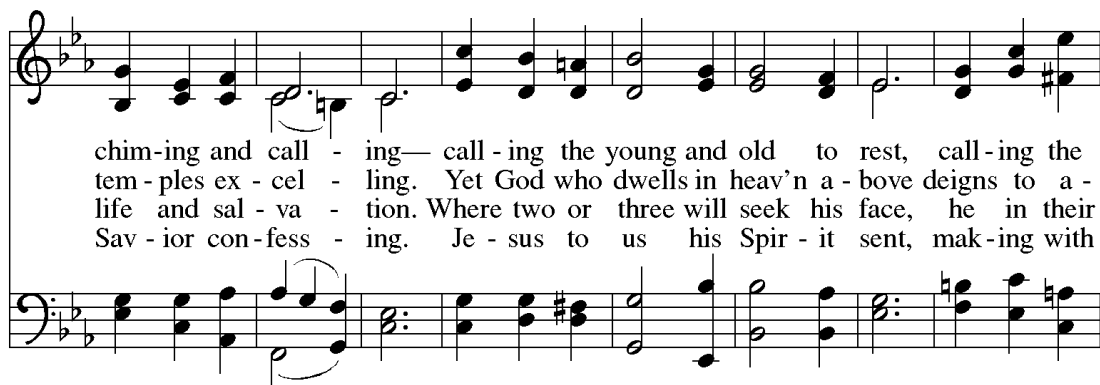
Built on a Rock

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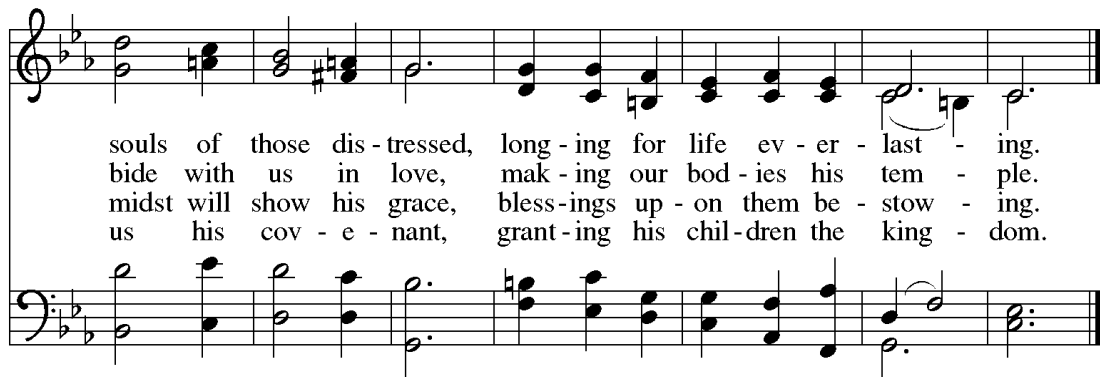
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum-pled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 many may come to hear your Word,
 who here this promise 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."

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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 to the dead.
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 INTERCESSION

**A: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in
need, and all of God's creation...**

A: ... Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: ... All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you. *(Please be seated after passing of the peace)*

Important Note on the Passing of Peace: *In the spirit of love and care we ask everyone to be mindful of one another's comfort as we pass the peace.*

If you prefer not to shake hands or hug, please simply hold up a peace sign or wear a red bracelet or sticker. We will honor these signals when used, by sharing verbal and visual greetings without touch. Otherwise, you can safely assume that a handshake is welcome.

Green = contact is okay

Yellow = cautious, please ask

Red = no contact today

✝ THE MEAL ✝

MUSICAL OFFERING

When God Dips His Pen

by Alison Krauss

Chelsy Larson, Leah Larson, Kate Stephenson (vocal trio)

Jennifer Martello (guitar)

OFFERING PRAYER *(Please rise)*

No checkbook? Scan the QR box to give online!

Or use the Vanco app on your phone. Cash or check offerings may be placed in the offering plates at the back when entering, or during the passing of the peace.



DIALOGUE (ELW p. 206)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right...

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS p. 26)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

C: Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: ...saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

C: Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)

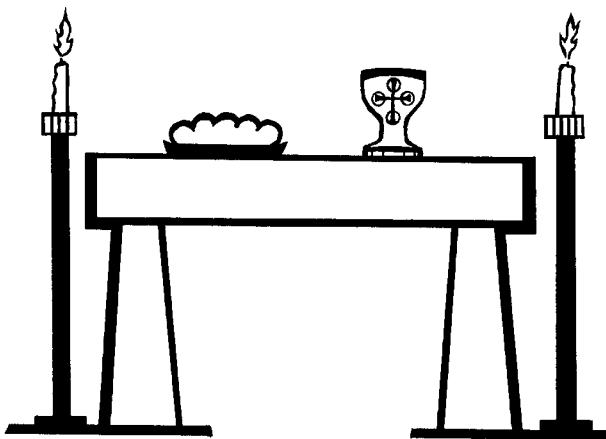
P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come...

- *At this time, you may come forward via the center aisle to receive communion.*
- *ALL here are welcome to commune.*
- *Hold your hands open to receive a wafer from the pastor or assisting minister, or hands down to receive a blessing only.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher's table or from pastor at the altar.*
- *Dip the wafer into one of the following:*
 - *Silver chalice (wine)*
 - *Ceramic chalice (grape juice)*
- *Take and eat, then return to your seat after communing.*
- *You may also go up to the altar from the side doors if you wish to kneel for prayer.*



LAMB OF GOD (ACS p. 40)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING (*Please rise*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ **SENDING** ✠

BLESSING



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Livestreaming: Ted Smith

Acolyte/Crucifer: Rowan Larson

Lector: Kirsten Elson

Altar Care: Jan Dean, Tary Stayton, Leah Larson

ASL: Sunnie Planthold

Ushers: Bob Sarna, Ruth Sarna, Mark Stayton

Cantor: Chelsy Larson

Assisting Minister: Ryan Devlin

Children's Message: Sunnie Planthold

Nursery: Kevin Boatright, Sonja Holmgren

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS AND PSALM: Sunday, August 30, 2026

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28