

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW 742

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shird you; you will find a solace there.

Dialogs:

P: This is the day the Lord has made,

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: The Lord is God and he has given us light.

C: You are my God and I will give thanks to you!

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

C: For his steadfast love endures forever.

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: 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.

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. 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.

Psalms 138 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

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.

*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?” 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.

Children’s Sermon:

Pastor Brad

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*Hymn of the Day:

“Just As I Am Without One Plea”

ELW 592

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev’ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*The Prayers:

Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

“Lord, Be Glorified”

ELW 744

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our song, Lord, be glorified today.
3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Words of Institution

*The Lord’s Prayer:

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.

Distribution of Communion

*Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

ELW 677

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Postlude

*Trinity Lutheran Church exists to support its members in proclaiming the Word of God
so that all may know the peace, joy, and fulfillment that comes through Jesus Christ*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Lunch & Pie Social is TODAY Sunday, August 23! We look forward to seeing you between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for hot beef and pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, homemade potato salad, baked beans, homemade pickles, homemade pie, and ice cream. Bring your family and friends to join us for lunch and a slice of pie – everyone is welcome!

New Parsonage Open House! TODAY Sunday, August 23rd from 10-Noon and Wednesday, August 26th from 6-7 pm. Come check it out!

Blood Drive here tomorrow, Monday Aug 24th from Noon-6pm. Please stay after fellowship to break down the tables and chairs if you are able. Thank you!

No Worship Wednesday, Aug 26th. Men's Band will be at First Lutheran Church of Cumberland and you are invited to join them. Worship at 6pm, Corn Feed starting at 4:30pm. Worship is outside, weather permitting.

It's back to school time!! The WOT will be collecting items for our local schools and for kits to go to Lutheran World Relief. There are two different boxes set out for collection so make sure you put yours in the box you want your items to go to. The bags you take off the pews are the ones that go to Lutheran World Relief and each bag has a printed copy of all items needed to fill that bag. There are copies of items needed for our local schools on the display table by the kitchen. Thank you for helping us help others!

See Sign up Sheet for Crew Snacks! Crew will begin Wed, September 16th

Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson
Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh
Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw
Reader: Heidi Kothrade
Greeter: Loren & Heidi Kothrade

Ministers: All Baptized Believers
Ushers: Dan Chernak, Lionel Chernak, John Cassellius
Altar Guild: Trudie Chernak, Lonna Borgert, Amy Schauer
Fellowship: Pie Social

Schedule For The Week of Aug 23-30

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
Monday	10:00am	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
Sunday	9:00am	Worship



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Our Prayer Concerns

Dick Clack	Saul Hedlund	Jeanna Hollister	Helen Rosen
Leona Steies	Kayden Ebersperger	Shannon Bauer	Amy Frieburg
Jennifer Marlett	Brad Stevens	Shirley Mittlestadt	Ken Larson
Randee Mayer	Lynda Swenson	Kasen Iverson	Megan Vullings
Tom Lohfink	Stephanie Anderson	Ashley Behling	Brian Moll
Kathy Joles	Phillip Bazille	Arlene Clack	Howard Edlin

Weekly Devotions

Sunday: 1 Kings 5:1-12	Monday: 1 Kings 5:13-18	Tuesday: 1 Kings 6:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kings 6:14-22	Thursday: 1 Kings 6:23-38	Friday: 1 Kings 7:1-12
Saturday: 1 Kings 7:13-26	Sunday: 1 Kings 7:27-39	

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