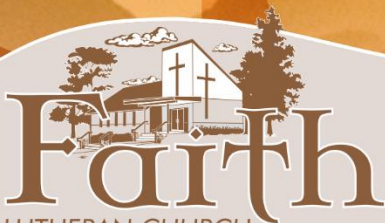


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13th Sunday after Trinity



**On this rock  
I will  
build My Church.**



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #467:1-4

"Built on the Rock"

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

**C** Amen!

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

**Confession of Our Sins**

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*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

**C** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

**Absolution from Our God**

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*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*

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**P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Response: TLH #644**

"Praise God, from Whom..."

**C** ♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## The Introit

Ps. 2:6-7; 115:18; 117

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the Lord!
- C** **As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.**
- P** I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."
- C** **Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!**
- P** For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## The Gloria Patri

LSB #685:1

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

- C** ♪ **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

## Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

- 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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**



## **Exodus 6:2-8**

God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD. <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. <sup>4</sup> I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. <sup>5</sup> Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. <sup>6</sup> Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup> I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.'"

## **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?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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*We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLH #477**

*"Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head"*

## **Romans 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his ways! <sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his adviser?" <sup>35</sup> "Or who has first given to God that he will be repaid?" <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

### **Glory Be to Our Unsearchable God**

- I. *From Him comes everything*
- II. *Through Him I have everything*
- III. *To Him belongs my everything*

## The Offertory

*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

- C** ♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

### ✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

**Hymn: TLH #400**

*"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

### ✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠



**P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?

### The Order of Holy Communion



**C** **Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.**

**P** How do you know this?

**C** **I know this from the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

**P** Are you sorry for your sins?

**C** **Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

**P** What have you deserved to receive from God because of your sins?

**C** **I have deserved His anger and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

**P** Do you also hope to be saved?

**C** **Yes, this is my hope.**

**P** Whom do you then trust?

**C** **I trust in my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**P** Who is Christ?

**C** **Christ is God's Son, true God and man.**

**P** How many gods are there?

**C** **There is only one God, but three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**P** What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

**C** **He shed His blood for me and died for me on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins.**

**P** Did the Father also die for you?

**C** **No, the Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is true God and true man; He shed His blood and died for me.**

**P** How do you know this?

**C** **I know this from the holy Gospel and from the words of the Sacrament and by His body and blood which are given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.**

**P** These are those Words of God:

### **Words of Institution**

*Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always!

### **Communion Today is for Members Only Please**

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ **The Distribution of the Lord's Supper** ✠

## The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

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**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C Amen!**

**Hymn: TLH #381:1,3**

*"I Know My Faith is Founded"*

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**Mon Mark 12:41-44** The Lord is watching the offerings, but He sees so much more than just the simple amount that is put in the offering. He sees the heart, whether it is self-serving, even in giving, or whether it is thankful for the opportunity to give.

**Tues Zechariah 7:4-10** The essence of worship in the restored temple would not be a self-serving worship, whether it involved fasting or feasting. True worship would include activities that reflect how God had treated them: with justice, kindness, and compassion.

**Wed 1 Peter 2:1-3** Having been born again through the imperishable Word of God (1:23), God's children will crave the milk of that Word and push away all of the self-serving forms of evil.

**Thur 1 Peter 2:4-8** If the walls of a building sit at the wrong angle with each other, the whole shape of the building is affected. People who try to build a worship temple to God without the cornerstone will fail, but Christ is the Cornerstone who makes our worship (offerings) acceptable to God.

**Fri 1 Peter 2:9-10** Because Christ is the Living Stone that shapes the temple, the rest of the stones are also shaped by Him to be a spiritual priesthood (v5), proclaiming the praises of His marvelous light! This is all the result of God's great mercy.

**Sat James 2:14-17** Not just our worship, but our very lives spring up from our faith in Christ. In fact, our whole lives are our worship of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. If the faith we profess does not produce lives that show His mercy, that "faith" is dead (v17).