

Pentecost 13

08-27-2023

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Celebrate (Introduction)

"In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed."

Opening Hymn: [ELW 413 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty](#)

Prayer of the Day

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.

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 834 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise](#)

1st Reading: [Isaiah 51:1-6](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 138

Thanksgiving and Praise

Of David.

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD,^[a] with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.^[b]

³ On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.^[c]

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Anthem: [“You Raise Me Up” by Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham, Sung by Brad Bondhus and accompanied by Debbie Bondhus](#)

2nd Reading: [Romans 12:1-8](#)

The Gospel: [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Hymn: [ELW 415 – Father Most Holy](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Pam Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Angela Hays, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Jerry Shea, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you;
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,
The joy of living this life of love,
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 536 – God Be With You Till We Meet Again](#)

Announcements

- **Sunday, 9/10/2023** – Start of the Narrative Lectionary
- **Sunday, 9/17/2023** – Epiphany Picnic ~ 12:30 pm (after Channing Worship)

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