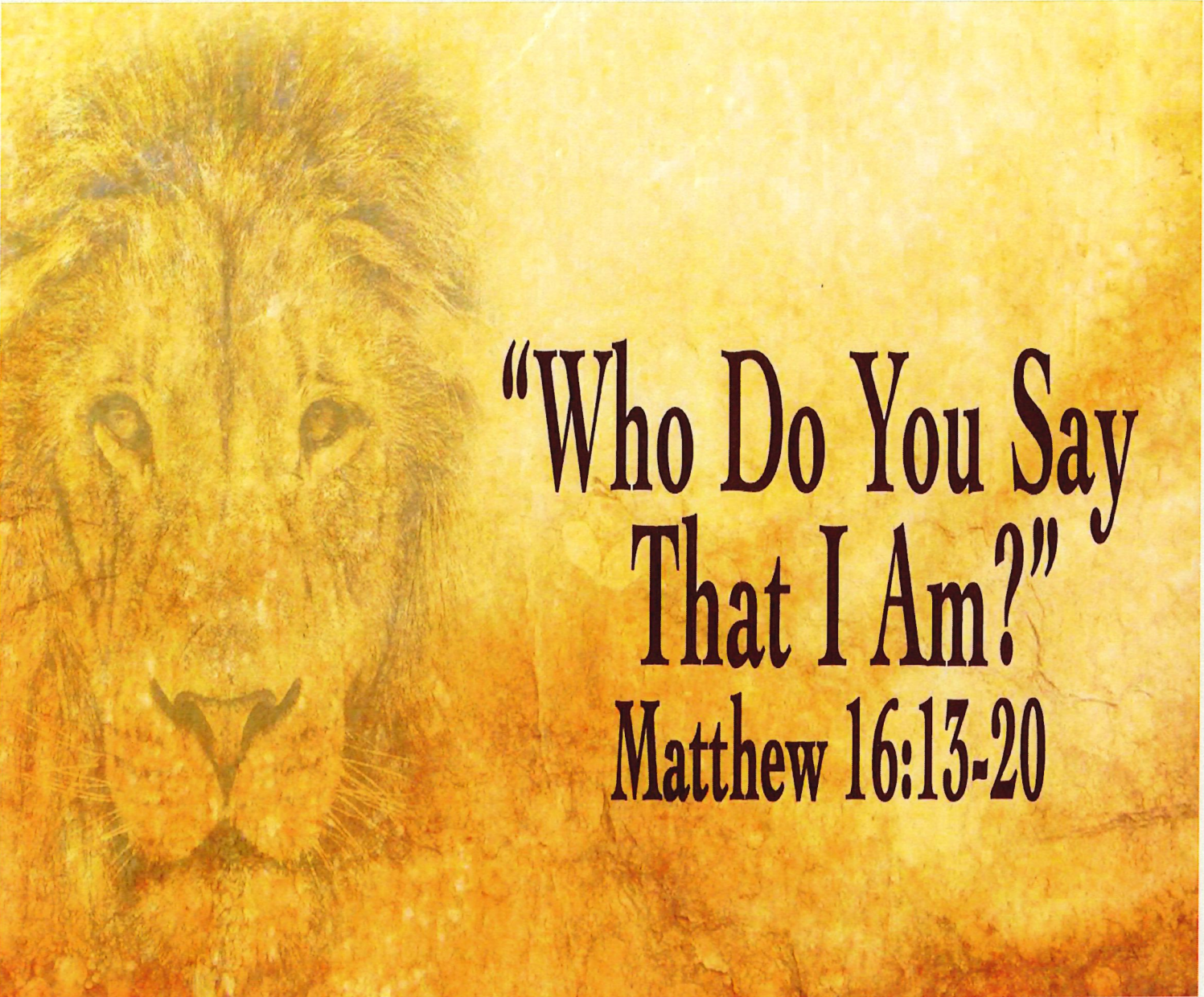




**"Who Do You Say
That I Am?"
Matthew 16:13-20**

First Lutheran Church

August 23, 2026

Pentecost 13

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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Janet Linker

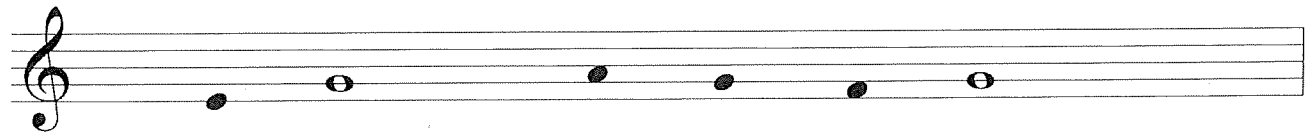
Three Variations on The Church's One Foundation

MORNING PRAYER

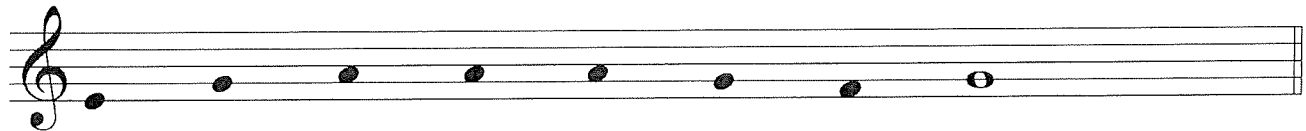
The assembly stands.

AM: 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



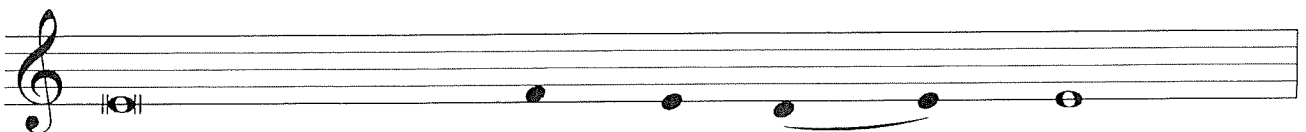
Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,



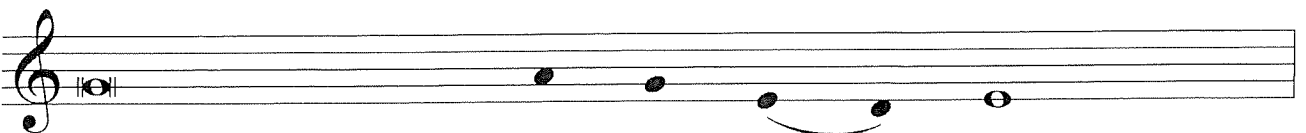
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



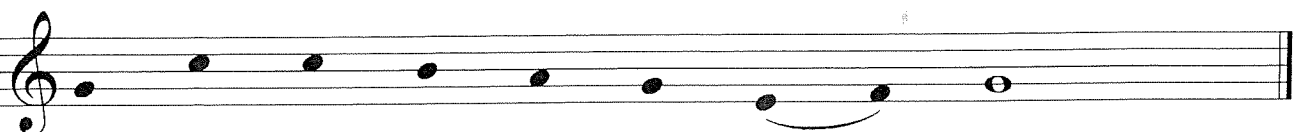
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



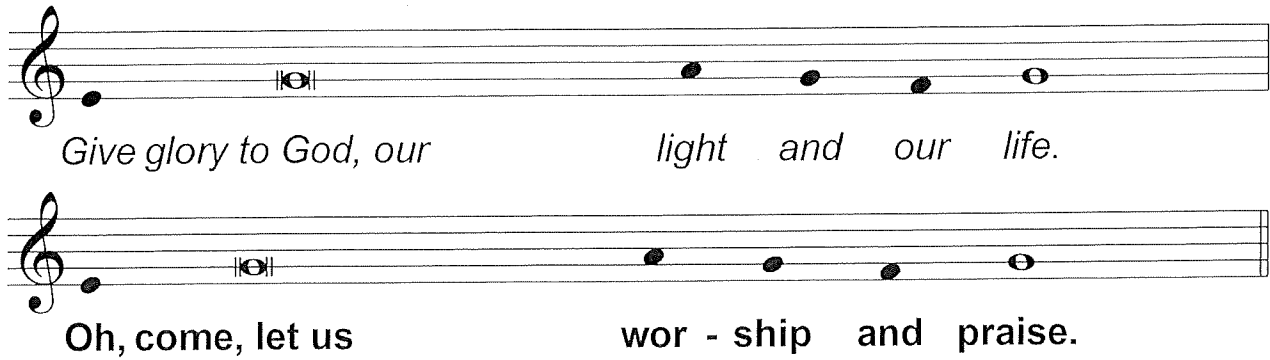
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PSALMODY

INVITATORY

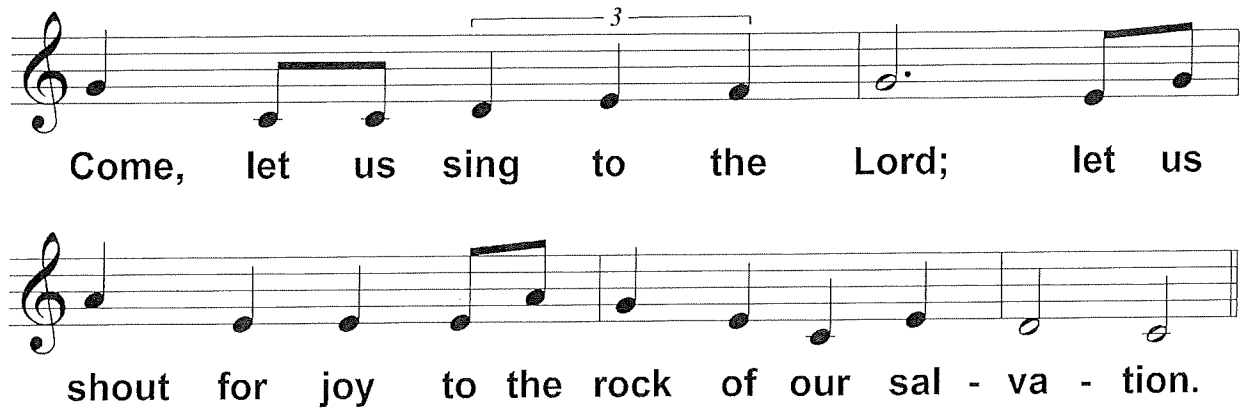


Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7

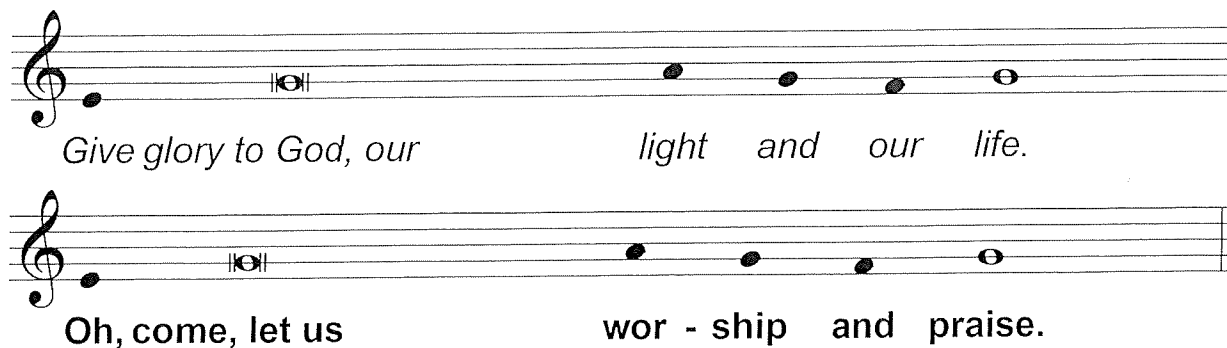


Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us

shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

FINAL INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: 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.**

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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.

AM: A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-first chapter.

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.

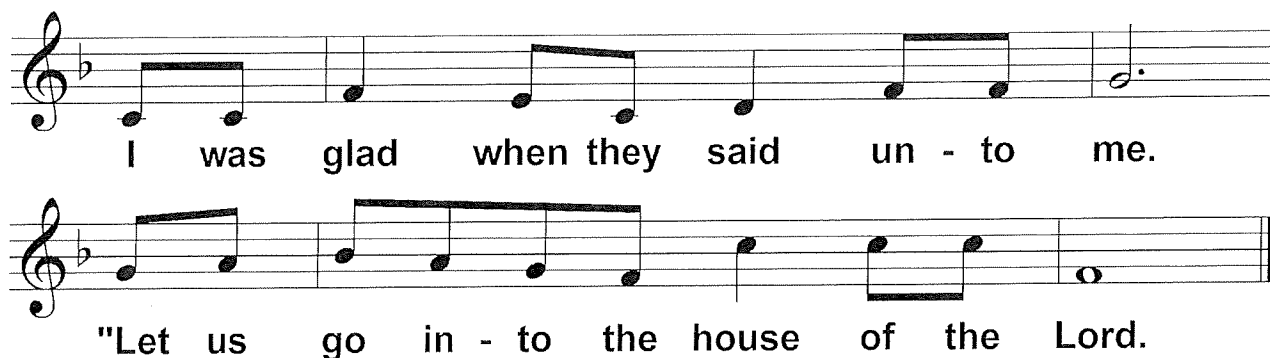
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

AM: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 122:1-9



The Cantor will sing the verses:

¹ I was glad when they | said unto me, "Let us go into the house | of the Lord."

² Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;

⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord. **Refrain**

⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem: "May they pros- | per who love you. **Refrain**

⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸ For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the | Lord our God, I will seek to | do you good." **Refrain**

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.

AM: A reading from Romans, the twelfth chapter.

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.

AM: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

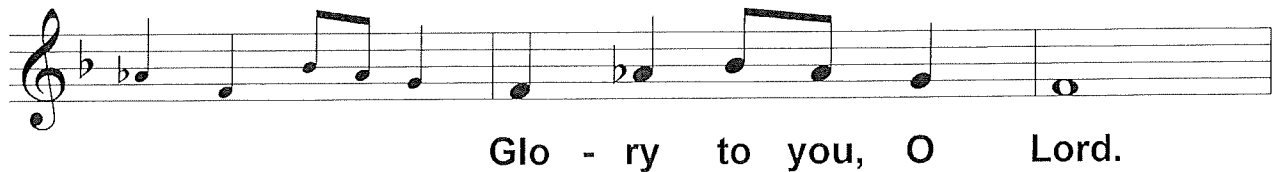
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Cantor will sing the verse: You are ¹ the Messiah,* the Son of the ¹ living God.
Matthew 16:16

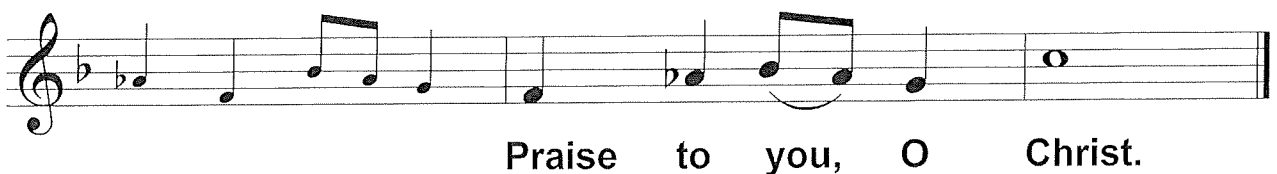
At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

PM: The Gospel according to Matthew.



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.

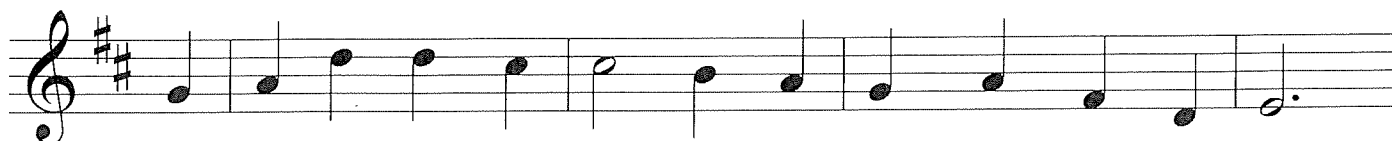
PM: The Gospel of the Lord.



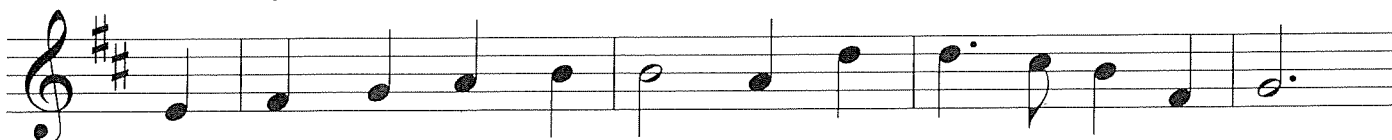
*The assembly remains standing for the **HYMN OF THE DAY.***



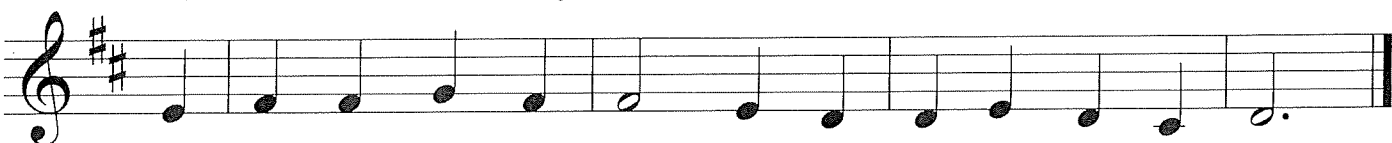
1 The church 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord.
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
and my - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dured.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

The assembly is seated.

REFLECTION

PASTOR ROGER MCQUISTION

The assembly stands.

CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our
God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

APOSTLES' CREED

PM: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the 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.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

TOMA MI VOLUNTAD

David Lasky

Take My Life, That I May Be

The assembly stands.

OFFERING SONG

TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

ELW # 583



Take my life that I may be con-se-crated, Lord to thee;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no lon - ger mine;



take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al thone.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

AM: God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built.
Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather,
that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world.

Each petition concludes:

PM: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

PM: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We Pray together:

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.

We are grateful for your goodness
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.

Bless our community of faith,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders who will shepherd us
through this time of transition.

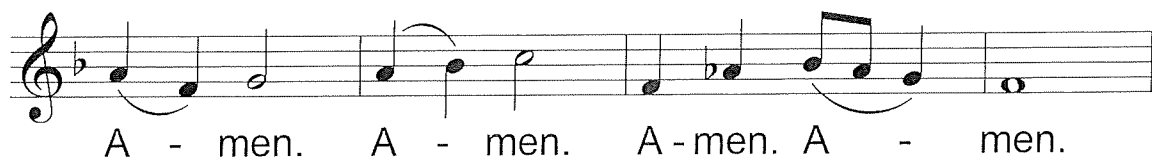
We thank you for the wisdom you show us.

Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.

Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation. Amen.

BLESSING

PM: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
+ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

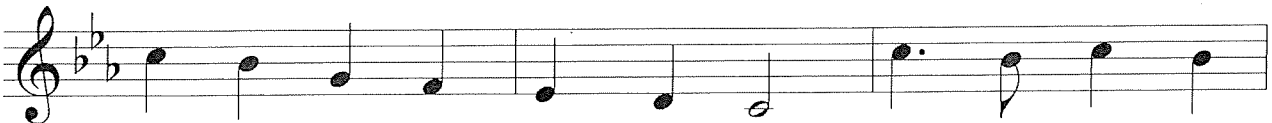




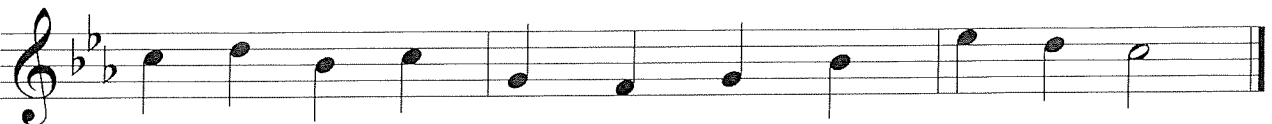
1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ our head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of
 3. Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful All the gifts they
 4. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; Come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; What they gain from you for - ev - er
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear your peo - ple as they pray; And your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

DISMISSAL

AM: Heaven has come near.

PM: Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

EDEN CHURCH

Curtis L. King

Toccata on Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Events in Review



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

<u>Sunday</u>	Aug 23
10:00 AM	Pentecost 11
<u>Monday</u>	Aug 24
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
<u>Tuesday</u>	Aug 25
<u>Wednesday</u>	Aug 26
10-12 noon, 5-6:30PM	Preschool Open House
<u>Thursday</u>	Aug 27
1:00 PM	FISH
<u>Friday</u>	Aug 28
<u>Saturday</u>	Aug 29

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	Aug 30
10:00 AM	Pentecost 13 @First Presbyterian
<u>Monday</u>	Aug 31
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
<u>Tuesday</u>	Sept 1
<u>Wednesday</u>	Sept 2
10-12; 5-6:30pm	Preschool Open House
6:00 PM	Worship & Music
<u>Thursday</u>	Sept 3
<u>Friday</u>	Sept 4
<u>Saturday</u>	Sept 5



We have started collecting school supplies for this year's Lutheran World Relief donation. A list of supplies needed is on the table in the hallway. We will be collecting all through August.



Today, we welcome back home one of our family....

Pastor Roger McZuistion

Pastor Roger and his family grew up in FLC.

He was baptized and confirmed here and went on to minister in Wisconsin. He and his wife are now back in Ohio and he has agreed to fill in as a Supply Pastor.

There will be a reception after the service today.

Please stop by and say "hello".

On Sunday August 30th our Ecumenical service will be held at 10 am at the Lions Shelter at Hedges Boyer Park. First Presbyterian will be hosting.

Please bring a lawn chair, a potluck dish to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

(Service will be held at the church
(96 Monroe Street) if raining)

Mark your calendar

On Sunday September 13th there will be an Ice Cream Social. To celebrate and welcome the beginning of fall and the restart of our Sunday School and other church programs. Please see the flyers and RSVP.

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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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