

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, August 22, 2026 @ 5pm
Sunday, August 23, 2026 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening Hymn “When in the Hour of Deepest Need” Hymn #303 (sung to #403)

**When in the hour of deepest need We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought No help or counsel yet have brought;**

**Our comfort then is this alone: That we may meet before your throne
And cry to you, O faithful god, For rescue from our sorry lot.**

**For you have made a promise true To pardon those who flee to you,
Through him whose name alone is great, Our Savior and our advocate.**

**And so we come, O God, today, And all our woes before you lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand, Perplexed by fears on ev’ry hand.**

**Oh, from our sins hide not your face; Absolve us through your boundless grace!
Be with us in our anguish still! Free us at last from ev’ry ill!**

**So we with all our hearts each day To you our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to your Word, And now and ever praise you, Lord.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, you have made Abraham the father of many nations.

We had no faith of our own, but you have given us the Word about Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ, you are the promised Messiah and we have been made members of your body.

Yet, we have allowed ourselves to be shaped by the world instead of the renewal of our minds in Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, you give us the revelation that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Flesh and blood have not revealed this to us, but the Father has sent the Spirit to give us new life.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Heavenly Father, you are not selling us a product or an experience. You have freely given your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. You create faith in us where there was no hope. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you, who do truly repent, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with You.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, you have made us all members of the same body. Help us work together, building one another up for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 51:1-6** **OT p. 667**
(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SECOND READING **Romans 12:1-8** **NT p. 1035**
(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.) **"Sometimes When It Rains"** **Secret**
Garden

Katherine Altreuter (violin), Sherry Friedel (piano)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **"Alleluia"** **p. 83**
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Matthew 16:13-20** **NT p. 895**
(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord")
(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")

SERMON **"The Living Church Pt. 1"** **Pastor**
Dan Doran

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day **"The Church's One Foundation"** **(vs. 1-4) Hymn #369**

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**

Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,

By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' 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 Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION (SATURDAY)

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. Amen

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

SENDING

Sending Hymn

"Built on a Rock"

(vs. 1-4) Hymn #365

Built on a rock the Church shall stand, Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, Bells still are chiming and calling—
Calling the young and old to rest, Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

Not in our temples made with hands God, the Almighty, is dwelling;
High in the heav'ns his temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above Deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.

We are God's house of living stones, Built for his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones, Granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek his face, He in their midst would show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.

Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing;

Hither we come to praise his name, Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent, Making with us his covenant,
Granting his children the kingdom.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 138 (8)

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
²I bow down towards 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.
³On the day I called you, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
⁷Though 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.**

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