

St. Matthew 16:16

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020

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| Prelude                         | <i>Make Me A Channel of Your Peace</i> | by Temple/Schaum |
|                                 | <i>What Friend We Have</i>             | by Schrader      |
|                                 | <i>In Christ Alone</i>                 | by M. Hayes      |
| *The Processional Hymn          | <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>     | (ELW) No. 654    |
| *The Confession and Forgiveness |  | (ELW) page 94    |

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

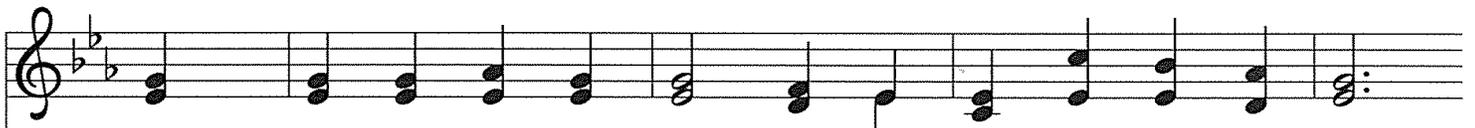
P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

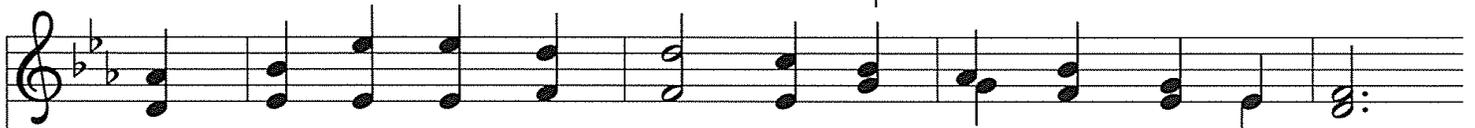
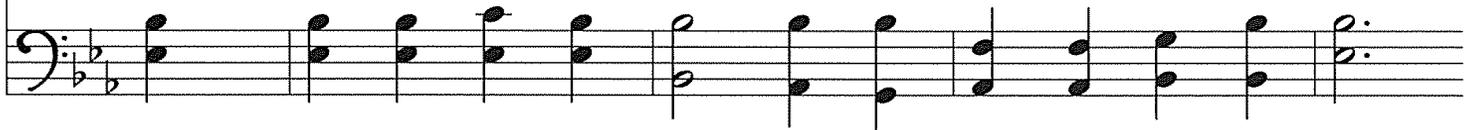
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (ELW) No. 596



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 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 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:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



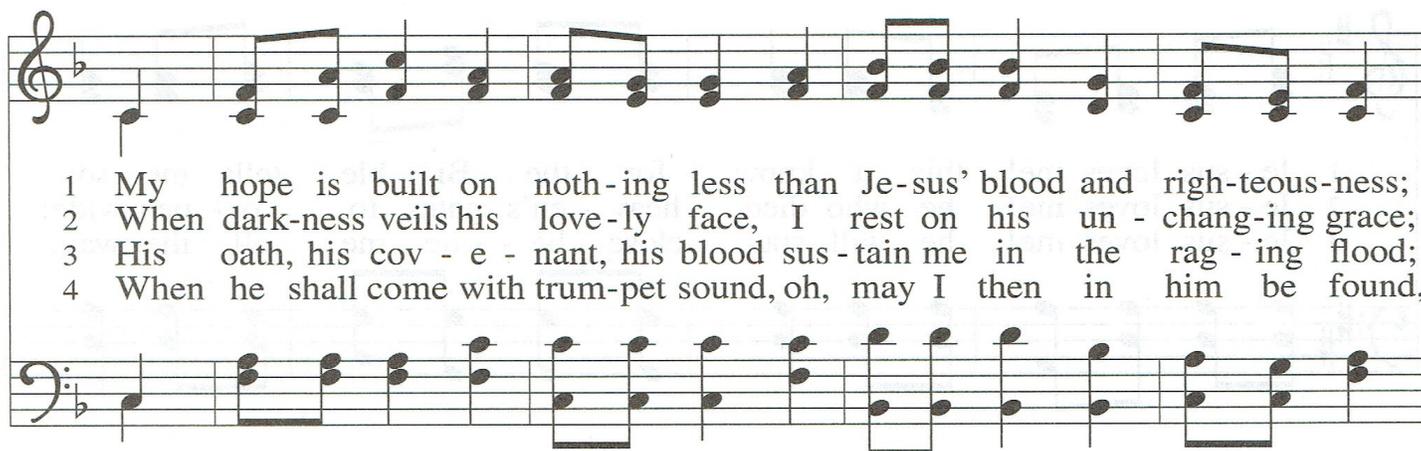
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



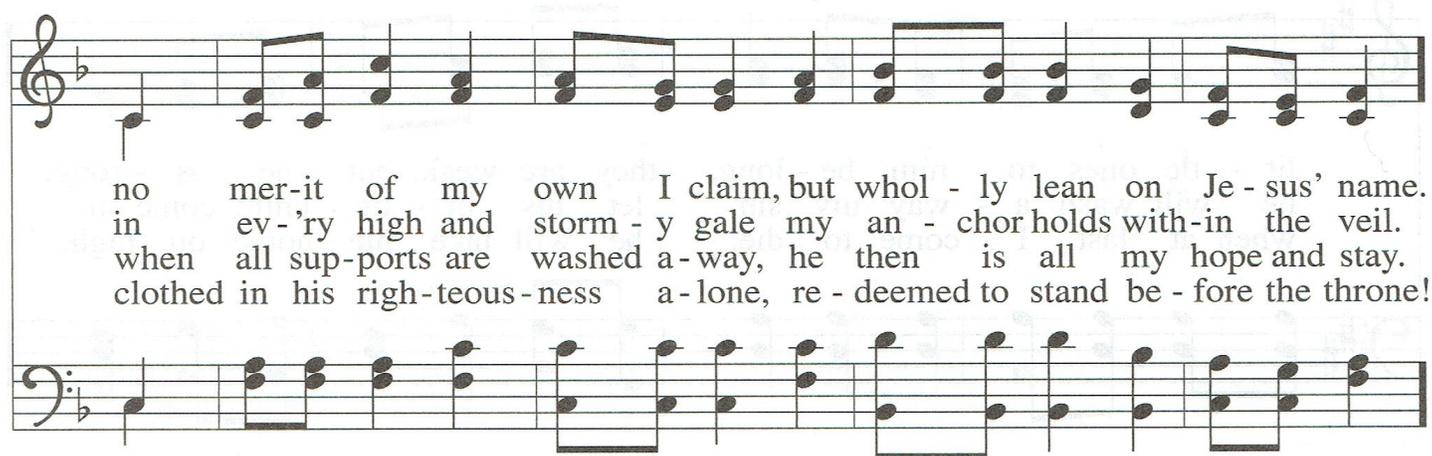
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

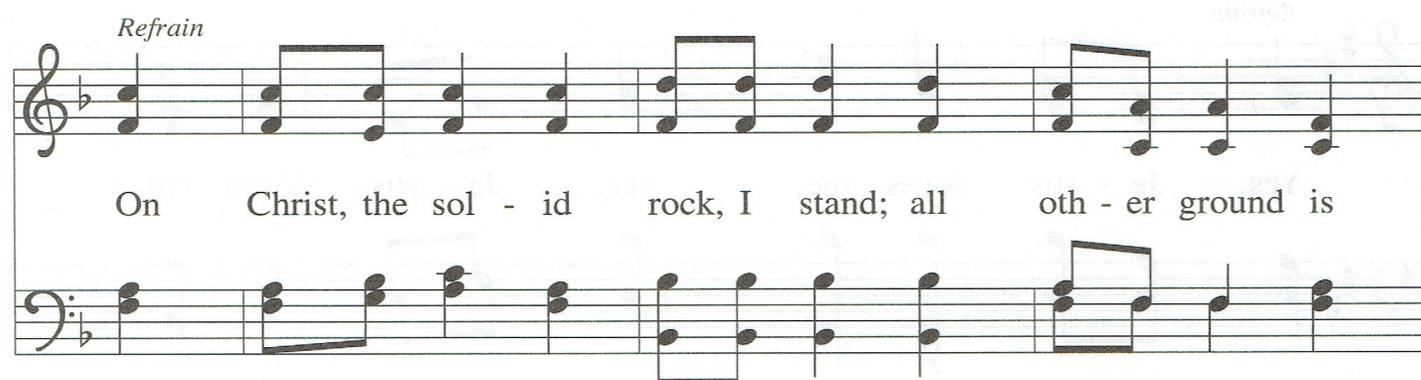


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Care for Your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without Your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing Your praise.

**<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward Your holy temple and praise Your Name, because of Your love and faithfulness;**

<sup>3</sup>For You have glorified Your name and Your word above all things.

**<sup>4</sup>When I called, You answered me; You increased my strength within me.**

<sup>5</sup>All the kings of the earth will praise You, O Lord, when they have heard the words of Your mouth.

**<sup>6</sup>They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Though the Lord be high, He cares for the lowly; He perceives the haughty from afar.

**<sup>8</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You keep me safe; You stretch forth Your hand against the fury of my enemies; Your right hand shall save me.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord will make good His purpose for me; O Lord, Your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of Your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-12:8

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

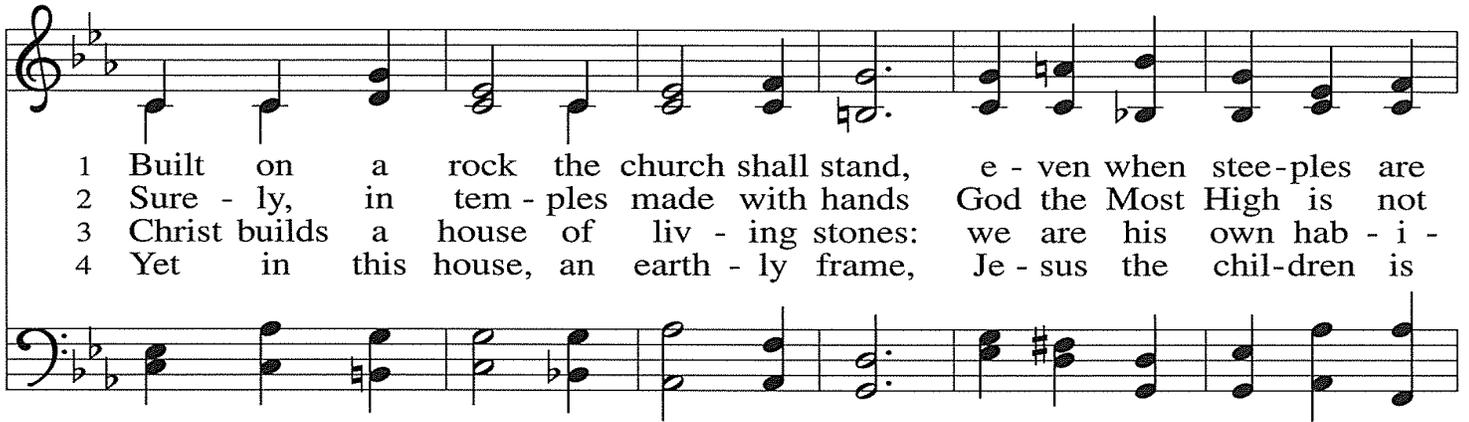
*Built on a Rock*

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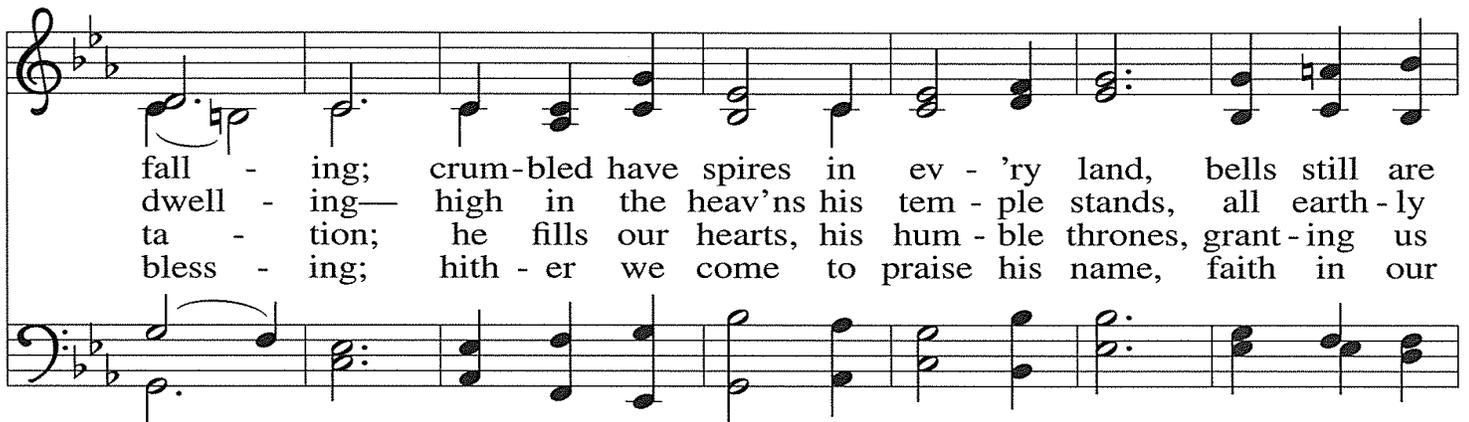
\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

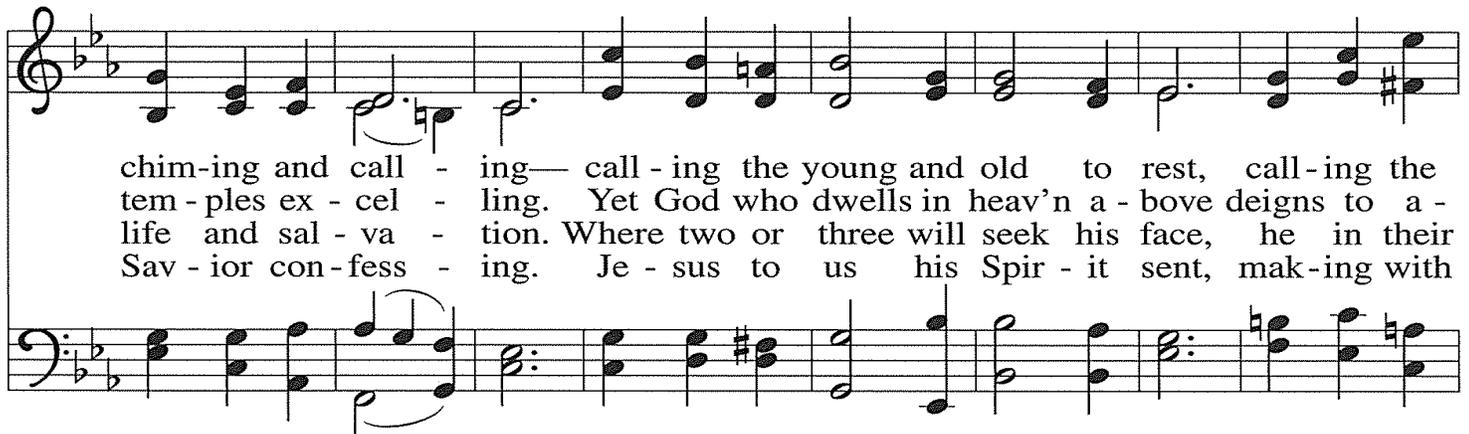
**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting.  
Amen.**



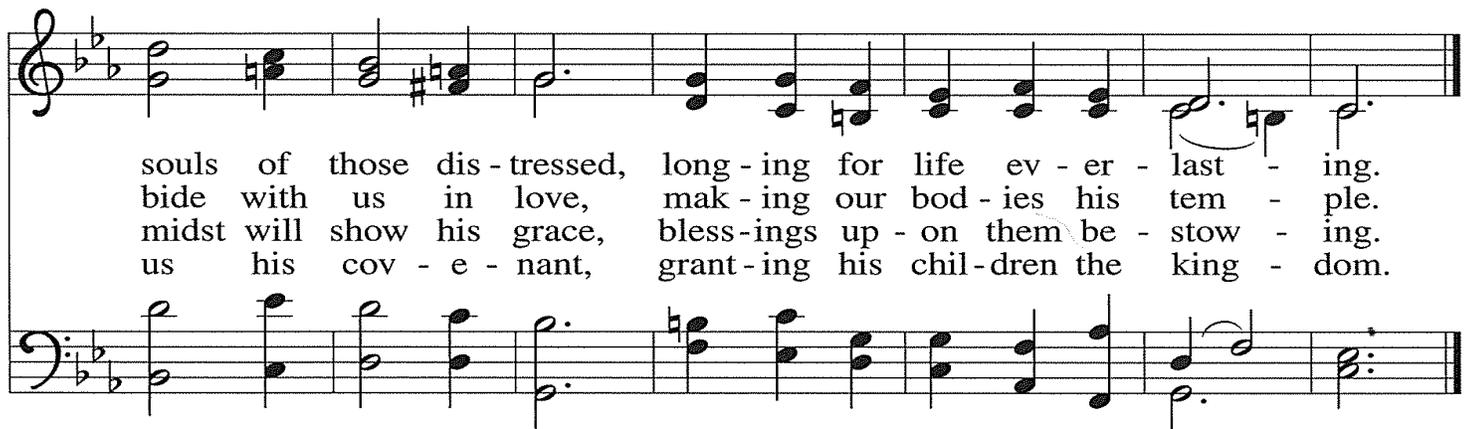
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word,  
who here this promise is bringing:  
“I know my own, my own know me;  
you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen.”

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*Wings of Love*

by Bridget Barclay

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(ELW) No. 188

\*The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Faith of Our Fathers*

(ELW) No. 812

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*FLC Sending Hymn

*Be The Love of Christ*

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

Postlude

*I Want to Walk as a Child of God*

by T. Thomerson

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a continuation of the melodic line with some rests. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the musical progression. The treble staff features a melodic line with some grace notes. The bass staff continues with a consistent accompaniment.

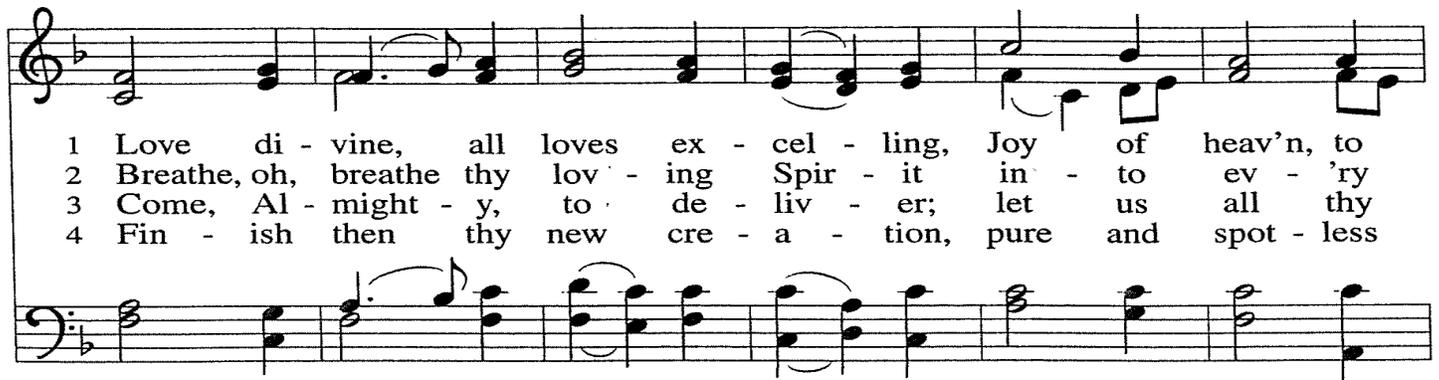
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the musical progression. The treble staff shows a melodic line with some grace notes. The bass staff continues with a consistent accompaniment.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The treble staff shows a melodic line with some grace notes. The bass staff continues with a consistent accompaniment.

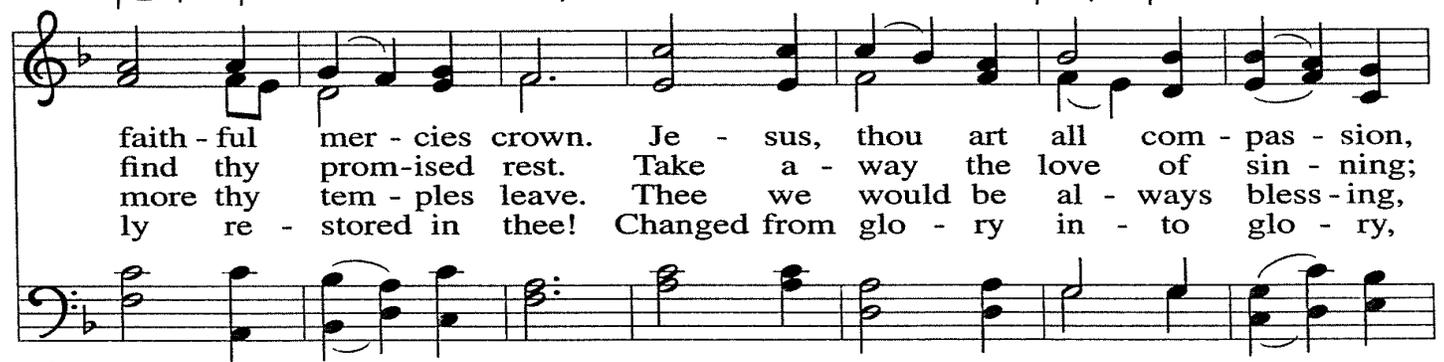
## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



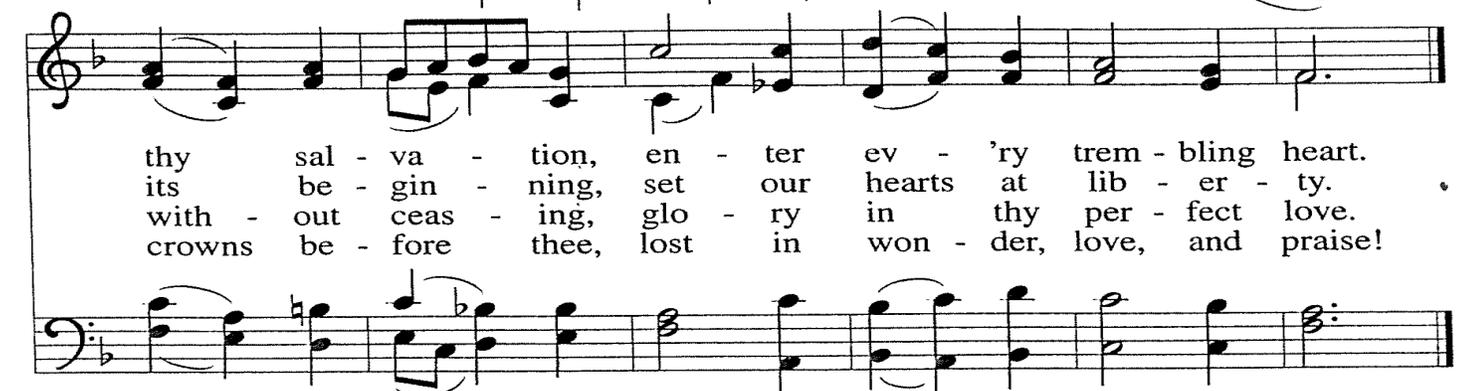
earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God by Carol Cancelmi, Cathy Allinder, and Cindy Linville in memory of their dad, Leo Shawin and in honor of their mom, Tillie Shawin. Tillie and Leo were married here at First Lutheran Church on August 21, 1949 by Reverend Ernest.

**The Lay Reader** is Heather Quedenfeld.

**Counters/Greeters** today are J. Black, H. Quedenfeld, D. Bassi.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**Youth Group** will be held on Friday, Aug. 28 from 7-9 PM.

**Bell Choir practice** on Thursday from 7-8 PM.

**The Flower Chart for 2020** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date. Thank you.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2020.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2020.** Please sign up.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.**  
**Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Janet Burke, Shari Kienzle, Lay Pastor Judd Lacko, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky, Julie Davis, Amy Verderber, Joanne Reck, Byron Christian, Chiquita Pearson, Maureen Curry, Phyllis Daniels, Patricia Zablony, Stacy Carrol, Shirley Johnston, Sandy, Colleen & her sister, Tillie Shawin, Bob & Paula Beatty, Maureen, Tim & Sharon, Lisa and Scott, Amie Buel, Billie Sue Serbak, Mike & Diane Burns, Carl Hildreth, Dawn Berkebile, Herb Lindberg, Gloria Sloan, Rhonda Hendrickson, Doug Mazzotti, Laurie Parker, Mary Lou Cotton, Colleen Mancini, Beth McFeeley, John Porter, Amanda Becker, Rich, Fred Dupas, Donald Huttic, Mike White, Terry Divelbliss, Dan, Amy Dash, Penny, Jack McDaniel, Ryan Horan, Karson, Betty Johnson, David Lacko, Bob Hillbery, Bailey Spencer, Joanne Marker, Bruce Kreutze, Nicole and her daughters Valerie Brook and Bria Elizabeth, Leah, Pastor Rod Dondorf, Esther Duncan, Melissa McCabe, Robin Ames, Karrah, Charlotte and Ellie, Brad Schmidt, Lou Washowich, Mary DeCarlo, Isaac Christian, Naval Dr. Matthew Christian, Barbara Mounts, Emogene Salvucci, The Williams Family of Atlanta, Ga., Lynn Hudak, Donna O., Sonie Rea, Allan Zimmerman, The Polana Family, Iva Romano, Mary Mow and Becky Mayer.

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WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE  
1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE  
724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE  
724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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**Church Offering Change:** In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

## Listening for the Promise

### Weekly Devotional

#### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - August 23, 2020

[Jesus] said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

How many people in this world do you really, truly know? Maybe a handful? Maybe one or two? Sometimes it's hard enough knowing ourselves, let alone others. Just when you think you know someone, they reveal something about themselves that either shocks or delights you. Knowing those we love and care for can be a life-long endeavor.

Jesus wanted to know what people were saying about him, but more than that, he really wanted to know if his closest friends and disciples knew who he was. As the men reported back to the Lord what others were saying about him, "some say you are John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the other prophets," Jesus challenged them asking, "But who do YOU say that I am?" Simon Peter got this one right! "You are the Messiah, the chosen one of Israel, the Christ we've been waiting for." Well, he didn't exactly say all that, but he did get the right answer. Jesus told him that it was the Holy Spirit who provided that response, but congratulations none-the-less.

Peter's confession of faith was rewarded with a phrase that has often been read into, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." Simon's nickname, "Peter," is "rock" in Aramaic. In the early church this was taken to be a justification for the papacy. Whether you believe that part or not is beside the point. The point is really about his confession of faith which would be used by Christ as the foundation of the nascent church.

We are called to make this same confession when asked, "Who do you say Jesus is?" There are many phrases that answer that and each of them is an acknowledgment of who Jesus is, to us and the world, and what anchors us to his life-giving, self-sacrificing love. "He is my Lord." "He is the Savior!" "He is my all in all!" However we say it when we are queried is the very rock that Christ builds his church upon. Two thousand years ago the rock was Peter, Paul, James, John, Thomas, Mary, Martha, and the rest. Today it's you, me, our neighbors, friends, church family and saints all around the world who have been built into the Living Stone, the solid rock foundation of the Bride of Christ! Don't complicate it too much. Take Jesus at his word and know that he gives you the faith you need to confess him as Lord and on your confession he builds his church. He does this! Amen.

