



MATTHEW 16:19

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Here I Am To Worship*

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*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

** Please stand as you are able*

* **THE GATHERING SONG: 10, 000 Reasons** See page 10

* **THE GREETING**

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 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.

THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

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.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have
glorified your name and your word above all things.**
³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
⁷ 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.
⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your
steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of
your hands.**

MEDITATION SONG: *Way Maker*

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Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

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.

The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page 151a)

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Graves Into Gardens See page 12

*** THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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.**

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

Merciful God,
Recieve our prayer.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

**THE OFFERING
SPECIAL MUSIC VTR**

*** THE OFFERTORY: Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong” let the poor say, “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, “I am strong” let the poor say, “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks!

*** THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:**

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word. All that has life and breath praises your name. For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy, and called us to faith. For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.
We entreat you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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

*** BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

- **THE SENDING SONG: *Your Grace is Enough*** See Page 12

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: August 23, 2026

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Bonnie Mazza

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza

Musicians: VTR

Sound System: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: August 30, 2026

Communion Assistant: Laura Poethke

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Laura Poethke

Usher: Steve Anderson & Bonnie Mazza

Musician: Danny Allen

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00am Worship
Wednesday 5:00-7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday: 7:00- 10:00PM AA
Next Sunday: 10:00am Worship with Communion
11:00am Pastor's Retirement Luncheon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized. Due to privacy laws, hospitals do not notify the church when a member is admitted. Your call to the office alerts Pastor Haab, and will ensure that the patient is in our prayers.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER WORSHIP: Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. On the 4th Sunday of each month our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: cereal, juice, coffee, granola bars, rice, canned tuna, canned chicken, mustard, ketchup, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, marinara sauce, soup, ramen noodles, diapers size 5-8, baby wipes, adult diapers, woman feminine products, cleaning supplies, sponges, lady deodorant, dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, pancake mix, and syrup.



Here I Am To Worship

CCLI Song # 3266032

Verse 1

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship , here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God. And You're altogether
Lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake be-
came poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross
and I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

CCLI Song # 6016351

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song
again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and
Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on
Singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and
my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten
thousand years and then forevermore

Way Maker
CCLI Song # 7115744

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here working in this place, I worship You, I worship You.

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here healing ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here mending ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You
Lord

Tag

That is who You are (Four times)

Chorus 2

Even when I don't see it You're working, Even when I don't feel it
You're working. You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

Graves Into Gardens

CCLI Song # 7138219

Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me, man's empty praise and treasures that fade, are never enough. Then You came along and put me back together, and every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You, there's nothing better than You.
Lord there's nothing, nothing is better than You

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness, my failures and flaws ,Lord
You've seen them all. And You still call me friend, 'cause the God of the mountain, is the God of the valley, there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes, You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can. You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies. You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can.

Your Grace Is Enough

CCLI Song # 4477026

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God. You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart

Chorus 1

Remember Your people, Remember Your children, Remember Your promise O God. Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation and all Your people sing along

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough, Heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me. God I sing Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me for me