

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23rd, Anno Domini (The Year of Our
LORD) 2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - Gather Us In

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of
their Baptism.*

Invocation

L/P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L/P If we say we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

L/P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are
by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve
Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son
to die for you and for His sake forgives you all
your sins. As a called and ordained servant of
Christ, and by His authority, I therefore
forgive you all your sins in the Name of the
Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 2:6-7; 117;

antiphon: Psalm 115:18

But we will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the
LORD!

As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I
have begotten you." Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

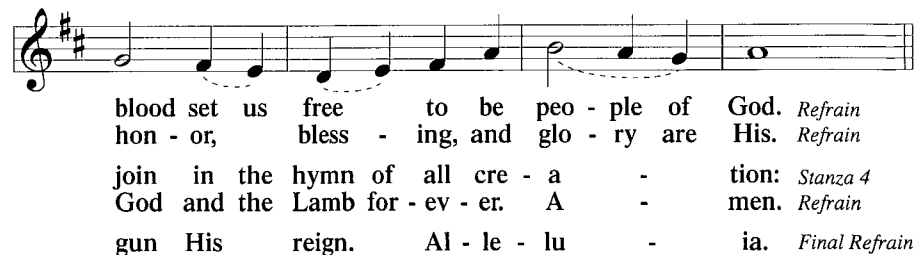
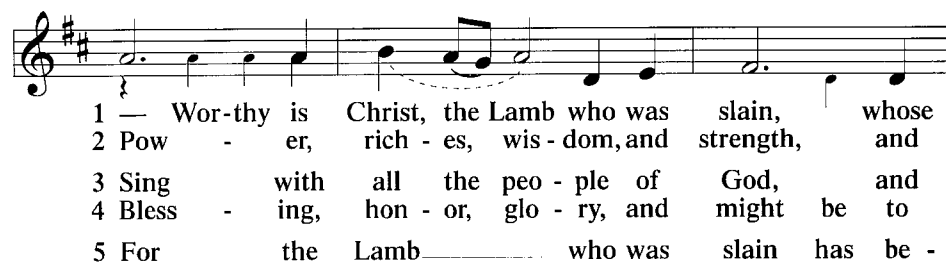
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LORD!

Kyrie

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L P** The LORD be with you.
C And also with you.
L P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 51: 1 - 6*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

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

²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your Name for your steadfast
love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted
above all things
your Name and your word.

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

⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O
LORD,

for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵and they 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 knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my
enemies,

and your right hand delivers me.

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

Epistle Reading

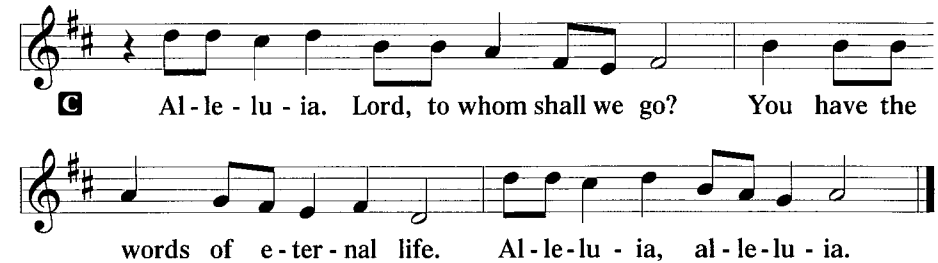
Romans 11: 33 – 12; 8

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

L P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

L/P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Hymn of the Day - How Firm a Foundation

Sermon *"I Will Give You the Keys to the Kingdom of
Heaven" Mt. 16:13-20*

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**All: 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 Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the
 Father Almighty.

From thence He will come 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.

Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

[P] The peace of the LORD be with you always.

[C] Amen.

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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Connection Cards

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Offering and Offertory



[C] What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

Benediction

[L P] The grace of our LORD ✠ Jesus Christ and the
 love of God and the communion of the Holy
 Spirit be with you all.

[C] Amen.

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Announcements

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**Closing Hymn - LORD, Dismiss Us with Your
Blessing**