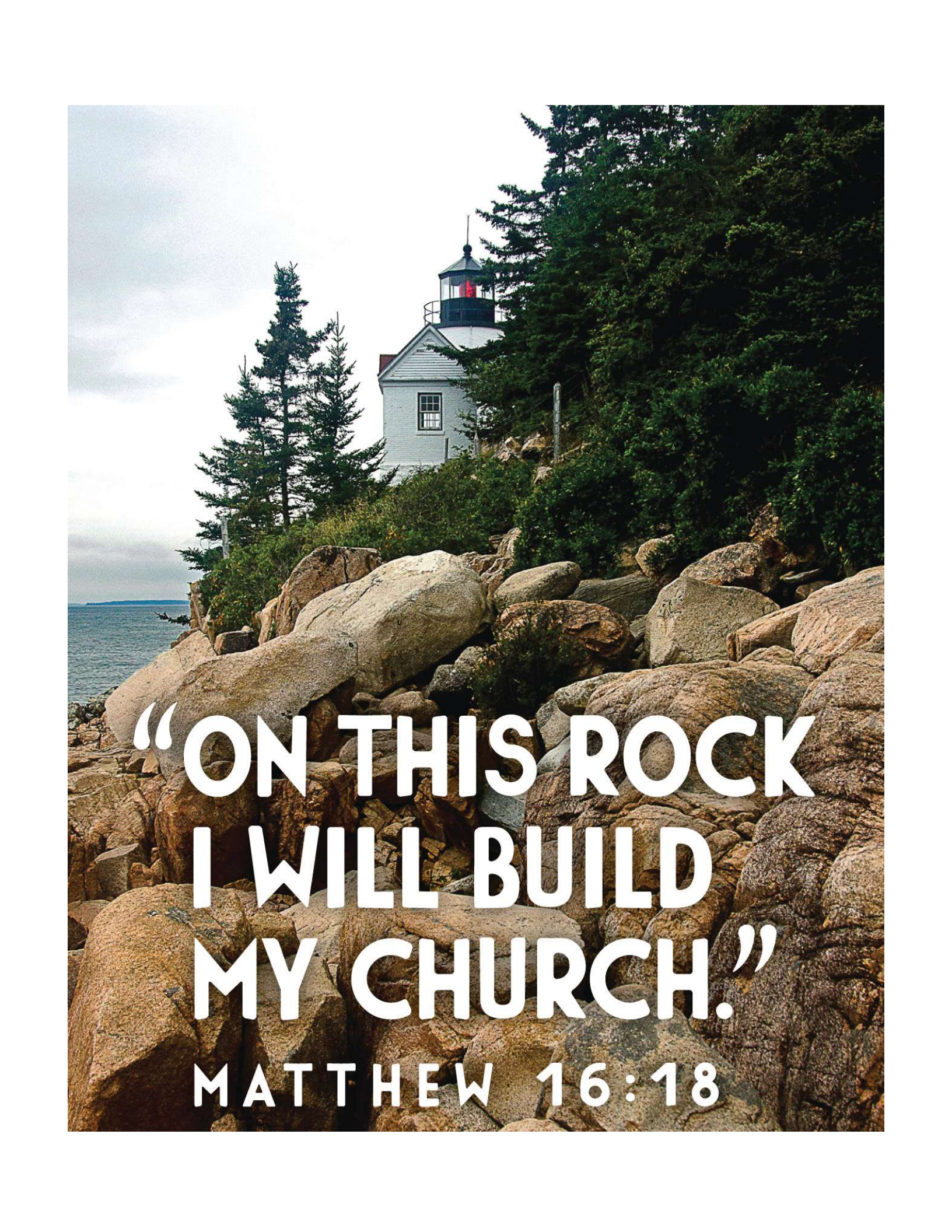


A photograph of a white lighthouse with a black lantern room, situated on a rocky cliff. The cliff is covered with large, light-colored boulders and dense green evergreen trees. The ocean is visible in the background under a cloudy sky. Overlaid on the lower half of the image is a large white quote.

**“ON THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH.”**

MATTHEW 16:18



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

August 23rd, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy from
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting ten

Gather

Prelude
Welcome

"Variations on How Firm a Foundation"

John Eggert

*Opening Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW 654

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.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900
 Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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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.

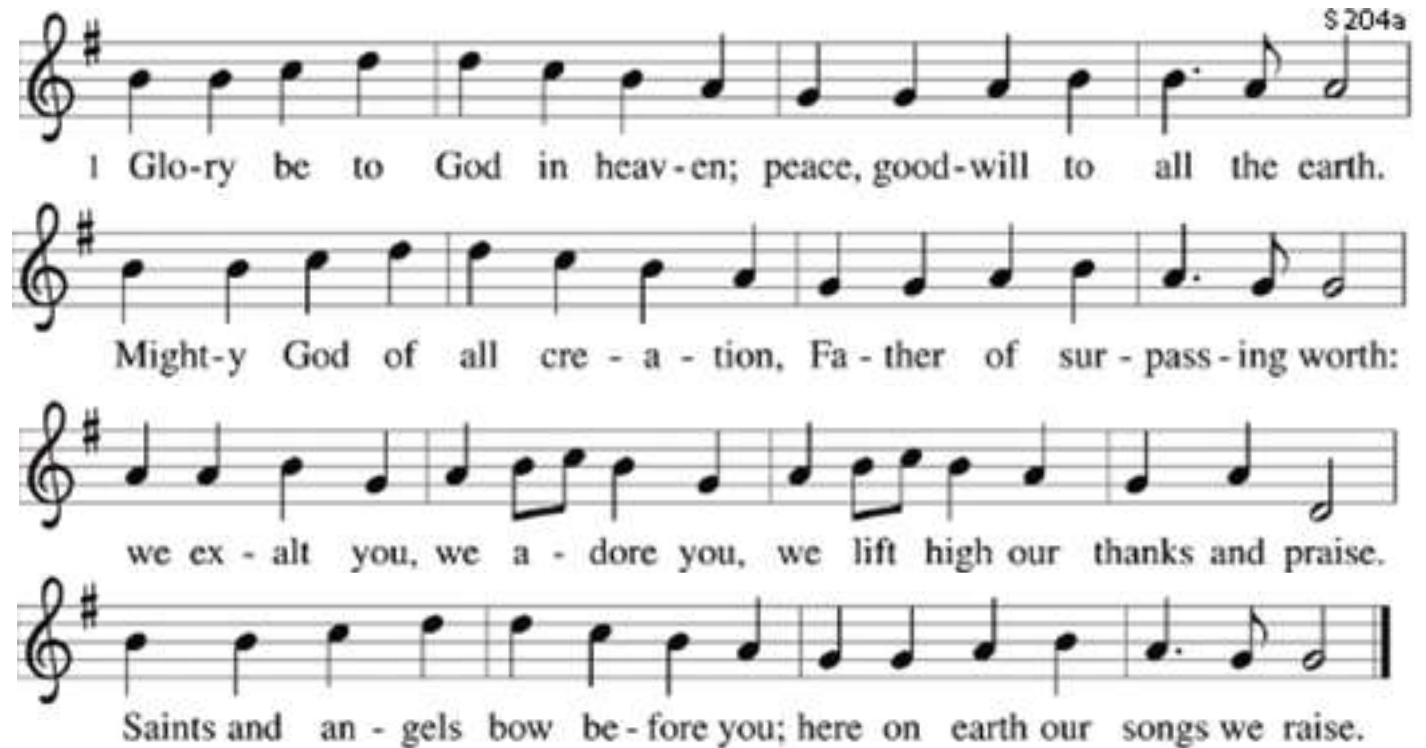
Kyrie

§ 203

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God,

**C: 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.**

Young Persons Message

Pastor Erin Koster

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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm **138** (read responsively)

P: ¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

C: Before the gods I will sing your praise.

P: ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

C: For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

P: ³When I called, you answered me;

C: You increased my strength within me.

P: ⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,

C: When they have heard the words of your mouth.

P: ⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord,

C: That great is the glory of the Lord.

P: ⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,

C: Perceiving the haughty from afar.

P: ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

C: You stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

P: ⁸You will make good your purpose for me;

C: O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

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. 2Do 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. 4For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



§ 205a

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior; o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel Announcement

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

13Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17And 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. 18And 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. 19I 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." 20Then 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.

Sermon

Pastor Erin Koster

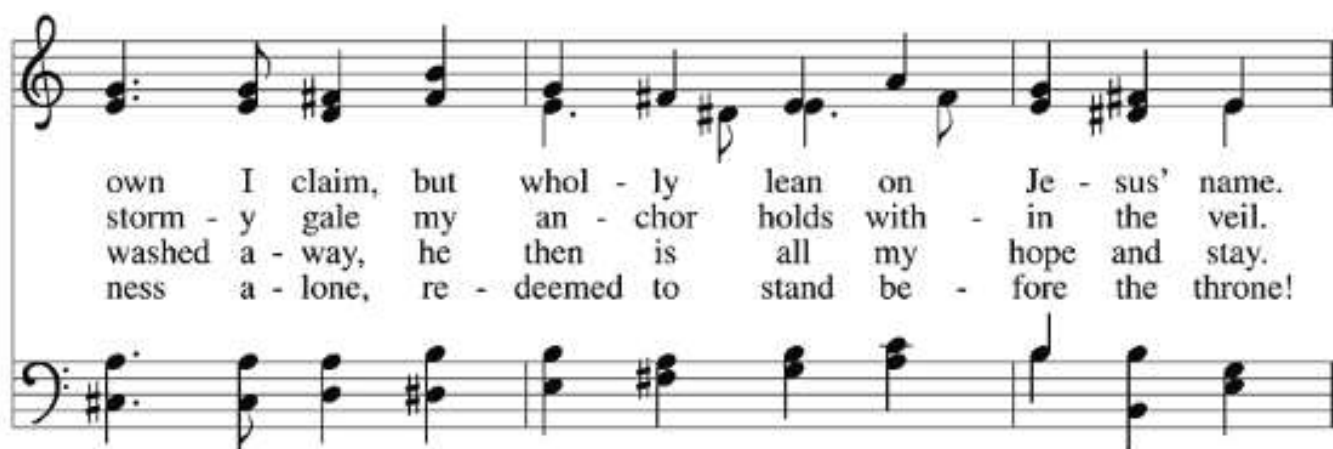
*Hymn of the Day

"My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"

ELW 597

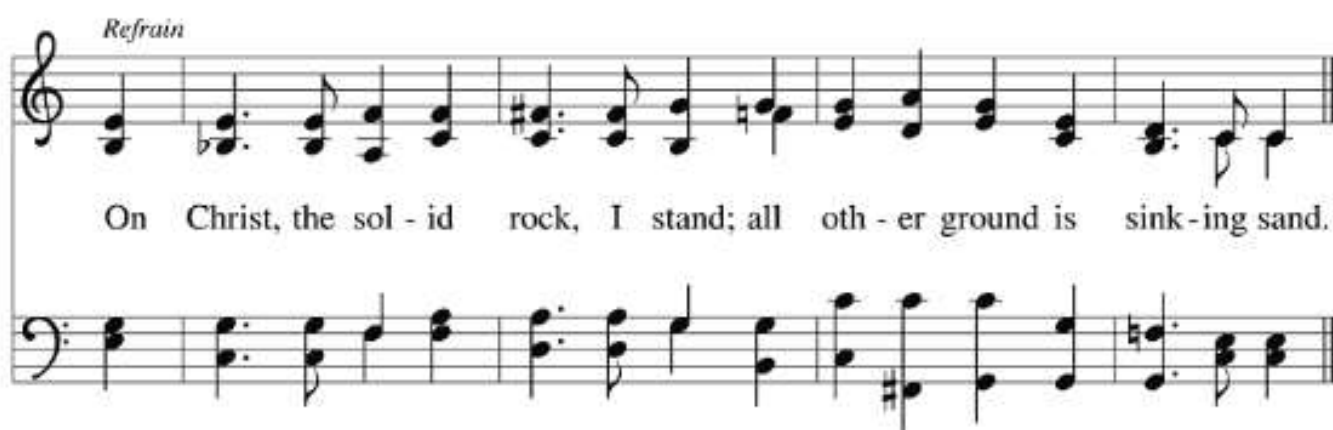
1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,
Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

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own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 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.

***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.

***Prayers of The People**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

P: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering
Chancel Choir

"Worship Tapestry"

arr. Benjamin Harlan

*Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of Life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

§ 207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

§ 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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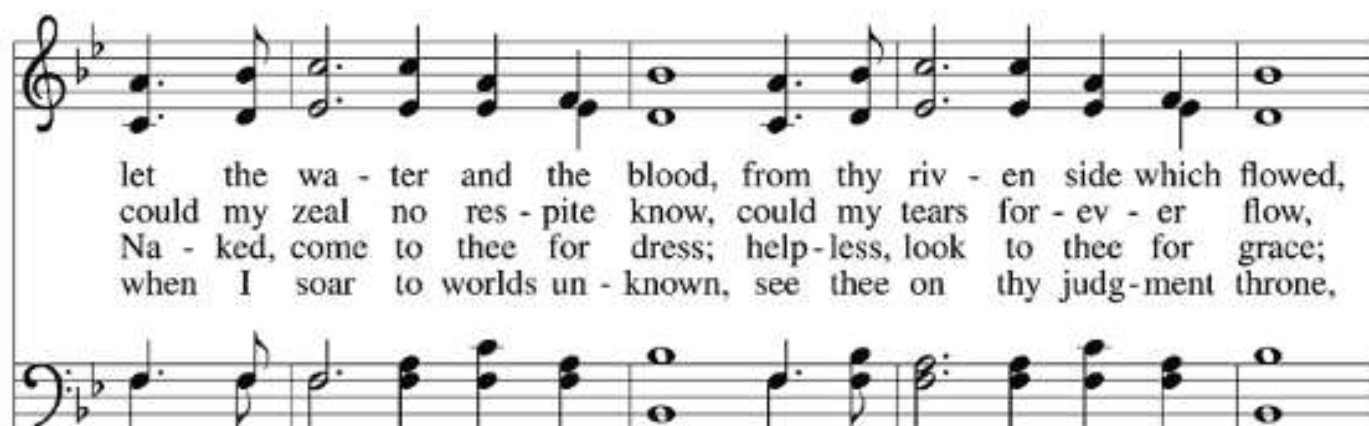
Communion Music

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

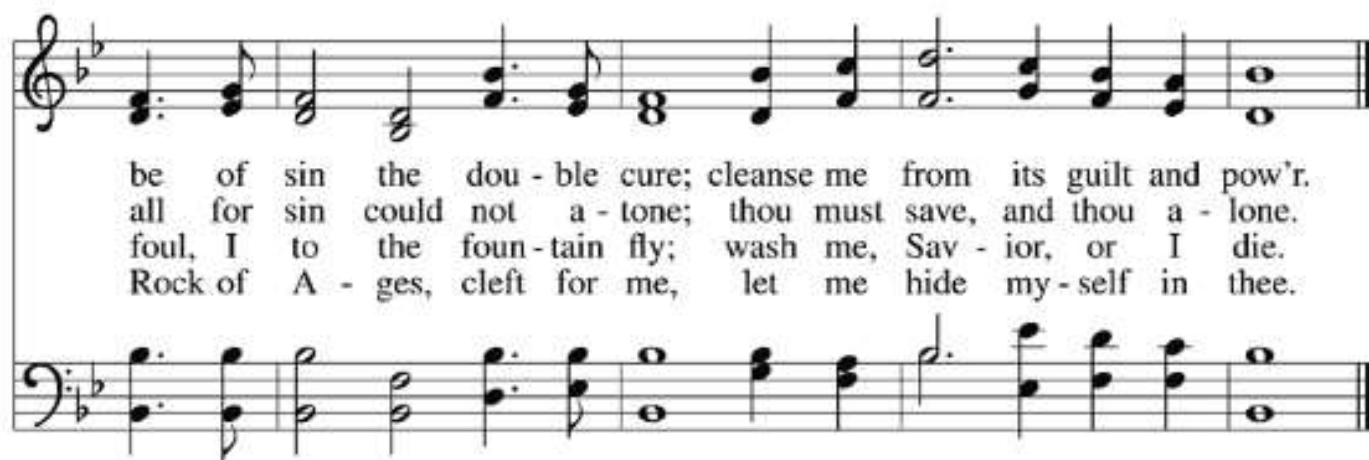
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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

ELW 820

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove;
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought;
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais-es ring,

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879
 Music: Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Toccata on Built on a Rock"

arr. Gordon Young

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Ali O'Mara
Chancel Choir

Chancel flowers

Barb Johnson

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sue Arens after back surgery
Alan Aleckson for health concerns

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young
David Loos and his family as they grieve his father
Roger and Carol Ellis
Don and Tricia Klobberdanz
Jeanette Lavigne
Family of Rich Schupbach as they grieve

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

Bible Study will be held on Tuesdays at 10 am during June, July, and August. We will discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

FOG's little library is heading into the busy summer season. Last year, over 700 children's books made into the hands of young readers and adults. We are currently in need of gently used adult books (of course we will always accept gently used children's books) to keep our library fully stocked. There is a scholastic box on the table in the narthex for any and all book donations. Thank you!

NEW STUDY AND CLASSES: Join us for a weekly series on death, grief, and end of life planning. This class meets at 11 AM on Sundays after worship. We will be embarking on a Bible study called "The Grief Lectionary: A Spiritual Approach to Accessing and Processing Your Grief" by Rev. Collette Broady Grund. Interspersed with the study will be three classes on end of life decision-making.

Memorial Garden Engraved Paver Ordering: New orders are being taken for engraved pavers for the FOG memorial garden through Sunday September 13th. The cost is \$60. The pavers will be dedicated on Sunday November 1st, All Saints' Day. All other information is on the order forms in the narthex.

Nursery Reminder: Beginning in September, please remember the following nursery guidelines:

- The nursery is available for children **through 2nd grade**.
- The nursery will only be open when **designated nursery staff are present and supervising**. This includes regular services, weddings, funerals, and other church events.
- **Parents, guardians, and volunteers may not staff or supervise** the nursery.
- Please follow all established **nursery safety policies and procedures**.

These guidelines help us provide a safe and welcoming environment for the children in our care. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Ms. Claudia and Ms. Madison

Rally Day: September 13th marks our return to much of our programming! Sunday School kicks off (signup online) and we will do the blessing of the backpacks.

Blood Drive: Just a reminder that the semi-annual Blood drive will take place on Monday, September 28th from 1pm-7pm



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