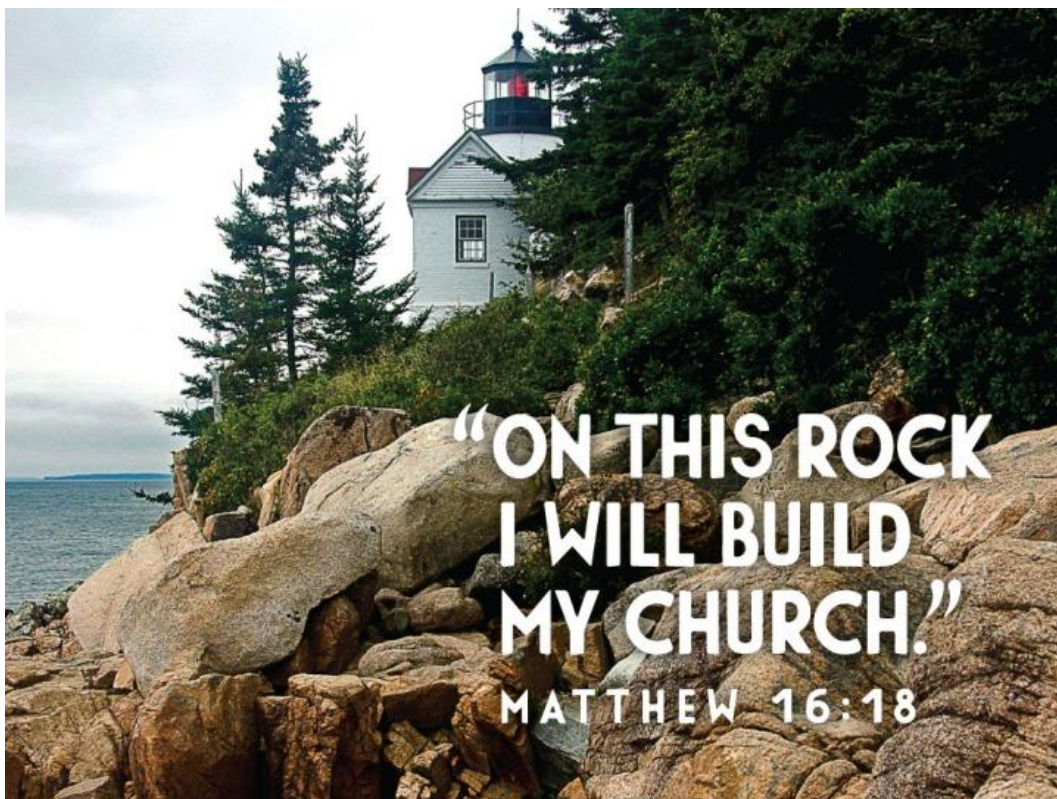




St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

7710 East State Boulevard
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August 23, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
Rev. Adam McDowell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Nathan Widener, Associate Pastor & Director of Community of Care
Rev. James Sharp, Missionary to Puerto Rico
Tim Degen, Director of Music & Organist
Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in A Minor”

J.S. Bach

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Christ is Our Cornerstone”

#912

(We rise for stanza 3.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C Who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

- P** Almighty God,
C Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 PRAYER and PREACHING ✠
(LSB, pg. 260)

OPENING VERSICLES

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
C Your Word is truth.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** 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.

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE ~ *Isaiah 12:2b-8*

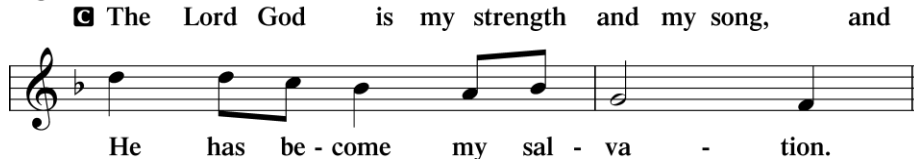
(LSB, pgs. 261-262)

All:

Refrain



♩ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Soloist:

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:
“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.”

All:

Refrain



♩ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Soloist:

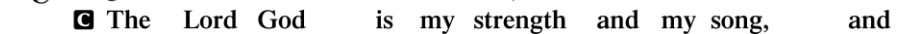
Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

All:

Refrain



♩ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and





Soloist: 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.



(We are seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT 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. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes 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“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 138

- P** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- C** **I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**
- P** for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
- C** **On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.**
- P** All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- C** **and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.**
- P** For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.
- C** **Though 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.**
- P** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.
- C** **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.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he 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 the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We rise.)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

#952

(Sung once by the soloist. / Then once by all.)



HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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, others say

Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

*(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, children age 3 through first grade are invited
to attend “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church. They will return following the sermon.)*

(We are seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Church’s One Foundation”

#644

SERMON

“Unlocked”

Text: Matthew 16:13-20 – Pastor Danny Eggold

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and
GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

VOLUNTARY

“The Church’s One Foundation”

arr. Donald Johns

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,
C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our
time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the
sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(We rise.)

PRAYERS

- P** With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, let us pray for the Church, for all people in need, and for all of God's creation.

(A brief silence.)

- P** Heavenly Father, You established Your Church upon the confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Strengthen and encourage Your faithful people wherever they gather, that they may boldly proclaim Your life-giving Word throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Creator of heaven and earth, by Your Word You brought all things into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness reveal Your glory. Sustain and nourish Your creation, and teach us to be wise stewards of all You have made. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord of the nations, You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Come to the aid of all who experience war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster, especially Iran, Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine. Guide the work of governing authorities, relief agencies, and peacemaking organizations, that those in danger may receive protection and those who suffer may find relief. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Father of mercies, You regard the lowly and hear the cries of the afflicted. Be present with all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness. Assure them of Your abiding care, and provide faithful and compassionate people to walk beside them. Hear our prayers for all who are in need this day (*especially those we have named and those we name in our hearts...*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Giver of every good gift, You bestow varied gifts upon Your people through Your Holy Spirit. Bless the gifts and talents You have entrusted to the members of this congregation. Strengthen the bonds of fellowship among us, that we may serve one

C another faithfully as the body of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P God of steadfast love, we give You thanks for all the faithful who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*especially*...). Keep us steadfast in faith until the day when You raise us from death and gather us with them at the eternal marriage feast of the Lamb. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life

may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve You.

C Amen.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We are seated.)

CLOSING HYMN **“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”** **#575**

POSTLUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

arr. Austin Lovelace