

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 27 & September 3, 2023

**The Season** After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our God, and the Christian life.

**The Sunday** Nothing can keep our Redeemer from upholding his promised salvation. Neither false expectations nor the gates of hell, neither an Egyptian army nor a flowing river, not even the great tribulation of the end times will keep our God from preserving his Church. *The Church will Stand Forever.*

## Hymn

## *The Church's One Foundation* CW 538



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er  
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,  
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees  
 5 Mid - toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By  
 all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One  
 to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is  
 her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By  
 of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and  
 Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she  
 with her to the end. Though there be those that  
 her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are  
 peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own  
 bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one  
 hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both  
 keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the  
 glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.  
 night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, abr., alt.  
 Tune: AURELIA (76 76 D) Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76.

## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our mission is to

**Glorify God**  
 as we

**Gather**

around the Gospel  
 to help people

**Grow**

in the **Gospel**  
 and

**Go**

with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We  
 thank God that you  
 have joined us at  
 worship today.

Restrooms are  
 located in the  
 basement. Hearing  
 loop headphones and  
 Large Print Hymnals  
 are available from an  
 usher.

If your children  
 need to leave worship,  
 please take them to  
 the basement. A TV  
 broadcasts the  
 service in the  
 basement.

Today we gather  
 together in the  
 presence of God. He  
 is present among us  
 in a special way  
 through his Word and  
 Sacrament. We  
 acknowledge our sin  
 and rejoice in the  
 good news of  
 forgiveness through  
 the life and death of  
 Christ. This is the  
 focus of our worship.

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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### CONFESSION OF SINS

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M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

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### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

#### Oh, Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -'.

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**Prayer of the Day**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

**THE WORD**

**First Lesson:**

**Joshua 4:1-9**

Twelve rocks told the story God’s grace and preservation to generations of his people. Through the Word, they still speak to us today. As he once used his might to halt a river in its place to preserve his people, so today God still preserves and protects the new Israel, his Holy Church. Today, rocks still speak. Not stones in a river, but people like Peter, little rocks who proclaim the Rock on which we stand forever.

4 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, 2 “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, 3 and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

4 So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, 5 and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, 6 to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

8 So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. 9 Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been<sup>[a]</sup> in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day. (NIV)

*Refrain*



Hap-py the peo-ple the Lord has cho-sen to be his own.

*Psalm tone*



Taste and see that the LORD is good;\*  
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous\*  
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,\*  
and he delivers them.

*Refrain*

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;\*  
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted\*  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;\*  
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**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.**

*Refrain*

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**Second Lesson**

**Revelation 7:1-8**

God doesn't just hold back rivers, but he even holds back the winds of destruction until every one of his elect is safely sealed.

7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3 "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." 4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,  
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,  
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,  
<sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher 12,000,  
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,  
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,  
<sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,  
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,  
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,  
<sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,  
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,  
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000. (NIV)

### **Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b)

*Stand*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 16.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel:**

### **Matthew 16:13-20**

Who do people say the Son of Man is? That question is as applicable today as it was in Matthew's Gospel. The question remains, "Who is Jesus?" As the disciples rattled off the popular misconceptions, one is struck by how illustrious that list actually was. There were no slouches in that group. But they didn't even begin to compare with the truth. Many people today give similar answers: they call Jesus a teacher, a philosopher, the founder of a religion, an agent of change. Their answers miss the mark as widely as the answers of the people in the Gospel. Only disciples of Jesus, through the work of the Spirit of God, can confess him as he truly is. Peter showed that the disciples confessed him to be the Son of the living God. This living God is the hope of every sinner.

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

# Hymn of the Day

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head* CW 536



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her  
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -  
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both  
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you  
 lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing  
 pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -  
 fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built  
 care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your  
 vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That  
 cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure  
 sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word  
 we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.  
 grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things  
 To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they  
 The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils  
 Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!  
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.  
 Tune: REUTER (87 87 65 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

*Be Seated*

**Offering**                      *During the Offering, please sign the pew friendship registers. Thank you!*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Benediction**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

## Hymn

*As Surely As I Live, God Said* CW 308:7

7 Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
Forever and eternally!

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: ST. LUKE (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, 1674–1707.

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