

12th Sunday after Trinity

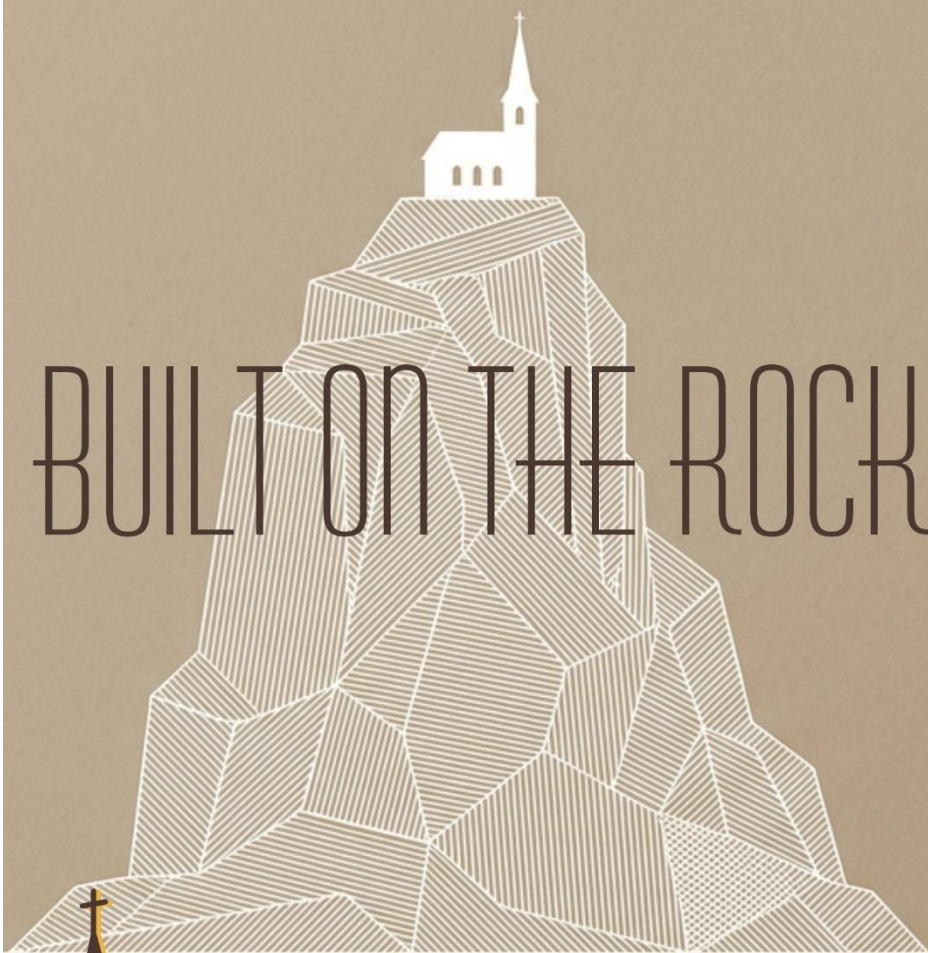
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Liturgy: WS p. 22

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #776

"Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You"

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

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #39:5

- C** **♪ Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before
Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

The Introit

Psalm 2:6-7; Ps. 117; Ps. 115:18

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the Lord!

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

P I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

C Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

**C But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the Lord!**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P 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.



Isaiah 51:1-6

"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, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³ For 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. ⁵ My 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. ⁶ Lift 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.



Matthew 16:13-20

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, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And 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. ¹⁸ And 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. ¹⁹ I 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." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Confession of Faith

The 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.



Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his adviser?" ³⁵ "Or who has first given to God that he will be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Glory Be to Our Unsearchable God

- I. From Him comes everything
- II. Through Him I have everything
- III. To Him belongs my everything



The Offertory

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C *♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #244

"Glory Be to God the Father"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #477

"Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head"

Items on the Table downstairs are the results of the Ladies of St. John's cleaning the kitchen a few weeks ago. Please take a look at the table, and if anything is yours, please take it home. We would like to be sure to clear the table of items before school starts on Tuesday.

School Begins! St. John's students will be returning for the new school year this Tuesday, August 25th. The school year will begin with an opening service in the sanctuary at 8 am. All are invited to attend. Please keep our teachers and students in your prayers throughout this new school year!

Sunday School Meeting – The school board is asking that Jolene Albrecht, Jim Albrecht, Lydia Buck, Larry Boersen, Caleb Eigenberg, Daniel Ruthenbeck, and Steve Ruthenbeck would meet with them after church this morning to discuss the upcoming year of Sunday School and their calls.

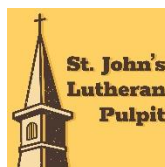
If your name is not on the list above, but you have been called as a substitute Sunday School teacher for the coming year, please let pastor know over the next couple weeks know if you are able or unable to accept that call and serve as a substitute as needed in our Sunday School.

Bible Class and SS Will Resume on September 13th. Pastor is happily receiving study requests for the upcoming Bible Class session. If you have any ideas of certain books of the Bible or other topics that you would like to learn more about in Bible Class, please feel free to write them down on a piece of paper and give them to Pastor, or text or email your ideas to him at (414) 534-7279 or sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com. Thanks!

CLC Women's Retreat - West – We currently have nearly 80 women from 22 different CLC congregations registered to attend the Women's Retreat in Oacoma, SD, the weekend of September 18th. If you would like to join us, please register by Friday, Sept. 4th. Information can be found Information can be found at: <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/>

ManUp! Weekend – The 2026 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 24-27, 2026, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. This is the 10th year of the weekend, and will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 30th for the discounted rate of \$75. (\$150 after August 31st.) The registration includes lodging and meals. Register here: www.manup.clclutheran.org.

Sermon Podcast – The weekly sermons here at St. John's are now available as a podcast. Search for "St. John's Lutheran Pulpit" wherever you listen to your podcasts and subscribe. If your podcast player does not have it listed, please tell Pastor.



CLC Call News – Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has **returned** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison, Heights, MI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia, has **returned** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor David Reim has also **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, has **returned** the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN.

Ushers	8/23	Phil S, Nathan V, Daniel R.
	8/30	Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	9/6	Kendall B, Larry B, Caleb E.
Cleaning	This Week – The Eigenbergs (wk. 1)	
	Next – Fogelman, Ahrens, Sullivan	

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 24th - 29th, 2026

Mon Mark 7:31-37 When Jesus heals a man who has difficulty hearing and speaking, it is not to put on a show. He deals with him in private and does not want it publicized, but He still does all things well!

Tues 2 Corinthians 6:4-11 In all kinds of hardships and troubles, God's ministers (v4) continue to serve God (v6), in glory and dishonor, "as having nothing yet possessing everything" (v10), speaking from the heart (v11).

Wed Isaiah 29:18-19 The prophet Isaiah foretells a day of deliverance when the deaf will hear the words from a book, and the humble will rejoice in the Lord once again. The poor will delight in the Messiah!

Thurs Psalm 104:1-18 We are taken on a trip through God's creation, praising the power and wisdom that created the light, the sky, the waters and the dry land, the fruitful plants that grow and feed the animals.

Fri Psalm 104:19-35 The Lord not only creates, but also preserves and provides for the animals and people He has made. Sun and moon mark day and night, as He continues to be the Lord of all. Hallelujah!

Sat Psalm 119:89-96 This portion of our Psalm of the Word also praises the Lord whose word stands in the heavens and on the earth. His precepts are for the good of His own and endure to eternity.

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