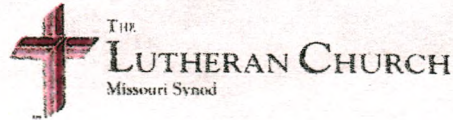


*For from Him
and through Him
and to Him
are all things*



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“Where the Love of Christ is Shared ”

Visitors: Please introduce yourself to the Elders. We hope you will fill out one of our cards in the pew so we can be of service to you.

August 27, 2023

About the Cover: While the whole world can marvel at the splendor of the creation with its vibrant color and life, it is through the Christ, the Word alone, that we come to know its Maker. In the Word made flesh, the One through whom all things were made (see John 1:3, 14), we have forgiveness, life, and salvation. Because we know Christ, we can delight even more in the beauty of creation because it is a gift.

BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

AS WE GATHER

Son of a pub owner and a cabinet maker by trade, Edward Mote was a nineteenth century Englishman who came to faith in Christ as an adult and then served the last two decades of his life as a parish pastor. Although Mote is said to have never lost his touch for building furniture, he discovered a new passion in his later years: writing hymns for Christians to sing. "My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness," he wrote. "No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand" (LSB 575/576:1). The story is told that the first person with whom Mote shared these words was a friend who had fallen ill and was nearing the end of her life. Mote's beautiful hymn, which Christ-followers like us continue to enjoy today, reminded God's beloved that Christ Jesus alone is the solid foundation, the mighty fortress in whom she could trust. In life and in death, our hope is built on this rock, who offers for us nothing less than His own blood and righteousness.

+ PREPARATION +

912 CHRIST IS OUR CORNERSTONE

INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 728; 761; 575/576

Leader That we may rest on Jesus and His unchanging grace, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.)

Leader How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for
your faith in His excellent Word!

**Congregation Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us that we
all have sinned and fall short of Your glory. By what
we have done and by what we have failed to do, we
have lived shaky lives that falter when we do not
stand firm in You.**

Leader Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!

**Congregation Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us. You are the
rock of ages in whom we find protection and
deliverance.**

Leader On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is
sinking sand!

**Congregation Holy Spirit, enable us to trust the promises of
Your Word, confident in the forgiveness of sins
found in Christ Jesus, our solid rock. Amen.**

Leader Upon this your confession, I am blessed to proclaim the
certainty of God's saving grace to all of you! In the stead
and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, our mighty
rock and fortress, I announce the forgiveness of all your
sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

Leader But we will bless the LORD

Congregation from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Leader As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill. I will tell of the decree:

Congregation The LORD said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."

Leader Praise the LORD, all nations!

Congregation Extol Him, all peoples!

Leader For great is His steadfast love toward us,

Congregation 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.**

Leader But we will bless the LORD

Congregation from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

SALUTATION

Leader The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the rock upon whom our lives are built.

Congregation Help us rest securely in Your promises and find strength in Your mighty deliverance;

Leader through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

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."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a

Reader The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

Congregation Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Reader, I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

Congregation before the gods I sing Your praise;

Reader, I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to
Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,

**Congregation for You have exalted above all things Your
name and Your word.**

Reader On the day I called, You answered me;

Congregation my strength of soul You increased.

Reader All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,

Congregation for they have heard the words of Your mouth,

Reader and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

Congregation for great is the glory of the LORD.

Reader For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,

Congregation but the haughty He knows from afar.

Reader Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my
life;

Congregation You stretch out Your hand against the wrath
of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

Reader The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

Congregation Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

**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.**

Reader The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

Congregation Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

EPISTLE

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.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Ephesians 2:19b–20

Leader Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Congregation built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–20

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

Congregation 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.

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation 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.**

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SERMON

OFFERING "Take My Life and Let it Be"

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader Let us pray for the whole people of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.

We rest securely in Your promises, gracious God, and come into Your holy presence with thanksgiving and gratitude in our hearts. Every day, in each and every way, we see all that Your mighty hand has provided to give us everything that we are and everything we possess. Because we are completely dependent upon Your hand to guide us and provide for us, Lord, be our rock of refuge,

Congregation to which we can always go.

Leader In Holy Baptism, You have anchored us in Your Word and united us with Christ Jesus. Your Spirit will never forsake Your own, for we rest securely in the blood and righteousness our Savior has given to us and to all who trust in Him. Enable Your Church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus until the day He comes again in all power and glory. Until that day when every knee shall bow before You, lead our hearts to believe and our mouths to confess Your saving name. Lord, be our rock of refuge,

Congregation to which we can always go.

Leader Without Your aid, O Lord, we fail. When we falter and fall, uplift us by Your grace. Be near to the downtrodden, the heart-broken, and the weary. Steady the knees that give way, reminding those with fearful hearts that You alone are the God who saves. Stretch out Your arm to be a shield and fortress for all who are in harm's way. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who lay down their lives for our benefit. Give courage to those who walk through times of temptation and testing, helping them to know You are the God who provides hope for all who seek You. Lord, be our rock of refuge,

Congregation to which we can always go.

Leader Many among us are suffering and in great need, O Lord. We name before You those we know and love whose concerns are known to You, the One who knows all things. Answer their prayers and, according to Your good and gracious will, enable them to gratefully receive all You give. We pray for those who are in need within our Christian congregation and among our families and friends, [*including . . .*]. Lord, be our rock of refuge,

Congregation to which we can always go.

Leader Built on the rock of Jesus and His mighty Word, we have hope in this world because of the certainty we have of life forever with You. Use honesty to disrupt us, hope to sculpt us, joy to construct us, peace to protect us, and faith to persist in us. Help us to see how awesome You are, O Lord! We know Your Word is faithful and true because You alone are the rock from which our lives have been hewn and in whom we rest securely. Into Your merciful care we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Congregation 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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

**Leader The Lord alone is our rock and our refuge, our fortress
and our deliverer. His blessing be upon us as we go forth
in His name.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

**The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to
you.**

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

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Membership Covenant

In order for the congregation and the Leadership to deal effectively with issues in the congregation, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- 1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.**
- 2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastor, leadership, committees, and congregational meetings.**
- 3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to leadership, the leadership person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"**
- 4. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a leadership team member, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.**
- 5. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the leadership member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the leadership member shall say, "I'm sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."**
- 6. If permission is given, the leadership member shall report the information/opinion to the leadership team and use the members name.**
- 7. At his/her discretion, a leadership member may ask that the member refer this issue to another member for presentation.**
- 8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the leadership. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and /or President to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.**
- 9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed. While the covenant uses language regarding the leadership team, the same procedures apply to all boards and committees. May the Spirit give us grace to grow as a healthy congregation**

In our prayers we pray especially for:

- Peace and Harmony in our church.
- Unspoken Prayers
- Paul Rath comfort and healing and Grace Rath.
- Tod Bailey had a triple bypass on Wednesday. Chris Smith's Nephew
- Kevin Jorgenson for comfort and healing.
- Steve Smeback is having health problems.
- Donna (Chris Sallas friend) is suffering from deep depression
- Dave Balcom had a tumor removed Monday Aug 21st. (Chris Smiths' Brother-in-law)
- Jamie Hart was in a ATV accident and is still in a coma.

For our loved ones with cancer:

Mary Ackerman, Joe Koreis, Lisa McCloud, Rachel Snyder, Barb Peter, Louise, Julie Colgan, Eric Ragot, Jaclyn Freeborn, Robert Phillips, Shirley Davis.

Reader: Braden Green
Ushers: Josh & Braden Green
Counters: Hibdon/Sly
Elders : John Cox & Russ Hibdon
Next Week August 27, 2023
Ushers : Larry Smith / Josh Green
Reader Terri Sanchez
Counters Carmen / Laurie
Guest Pastor : Jack Flachsbart.
Elder: Lee Groth

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Bruce Peterson 8/27
Joel Freeborn 9/3