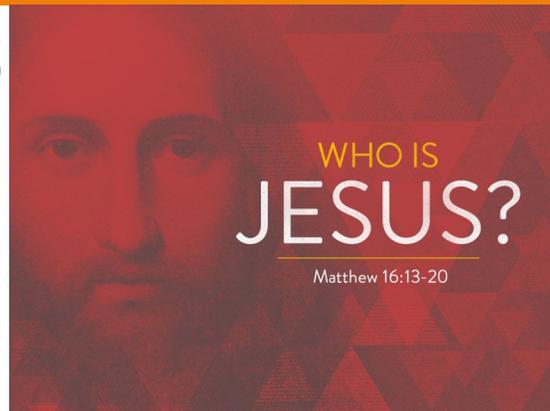




Pentecost 12
Sunday, August 23, 2020



Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Greeting & Prayer

Prayer of the Day

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.

O God, 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.**

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

L: Word of God; word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

L: Word of God; word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th Chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Message: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Hymn: Built on a Rock (Vs 1,3,5)

Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling -- calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.

Christ builds a house of living stones; we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.

Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.

Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing:

“I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen.”

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Blessing

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: In Christ Called to Baptize (Vs. 1,3,4)

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life giving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.



PRAYERCARE Cleo Stomberg, Leo Nelson, Caren Carlson, Rose Anderson, Gail Johnson & the rest of David Clow's family, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, Brian Maloney, the families of the St. Croix Falls students: McKinley Erickson and Kegan Koshiol, the family of Andrew Dorsing, Cheryl Slattengren, the family of John Solheim, the family of Gail Peterson, Cheri, Cara, Emily, Tammi, Shawna, Aunt Bobby, Aunt Barb, Uncle Jerry, Amanda's foster Mom, Amanda's Dad & brother Mike, Vicki Ford, the family of Gordon Fick, Dave Danberg, Marilyn Burnes, Geri Swenson, the family of Andy Swenson, the family of Duane Rudquist, Don Grover, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Doris Fors, and the family of Jeremy Greene, Ann Rue, Helen Swanson, Jolene, Maggie, the Hackmann Family, Rose Anderson & the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Peterson, Julie Valez, the family of Margaret Dale and Marcielle Rogers.

Announcements

All church activities have been suspended until further notice.

Estate Sale: 9am-5pm Thurs. 8/27 & Fri. 8/28 AND 9am-12pm Sat. 8/29. 613 River St, Taylors Falls. All proceeds will go towards the Steeple Fund. We need help with pricing items, putting out sale signs on Wed. evening, setting up Thursday morning, sales crew Thurs-Sat, and help cleaning up Saturday afternoon. If you are able to help, please call Rose A. or Kathy C.

Outdoor Worship: Sunday, August 30th at 9am. Please visit our website to view the outdoor guidelines we have put in place. Bring your lawn chair and a face mask!

Check out our website: www.tflutheran.org for more information about our church.

Need Pastoral Care?

Call Pastor Dwight 651-829-4884

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