



## August 27th, 2023, 9:00 am 13th Sunday after Pentecost

### worship notes:

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ, in our lives and in our world. Today, the music is found in the **ELW** (red hymnal). Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary. Hearing devices can be found as you enter the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to help! We pray that you will experience God's redeeming love and grace as you worship with us. Please stay and enjoy coffee & conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall!

### about the readings:

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

The Prelude, as the first act of worship, is a time for people to become quiet and focus their hearts and minds for what is to follow, inviting worshipers to transition their busy lives into a sacred space of communion with God and neighbor.

### *"Land of Rest"*

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### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Congregation: Amen.**

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

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*(silence for reflection)*

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*(silence for reflection)*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of **+** Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"* **ELW#597**

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

*"Service of the Word"* **ELW pg. 213**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Service of the Word"* **ELW pg. 213**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

PSALM 138, *please read responsively*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.  
**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**  
When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.  
**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**  
They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.  
**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.  
**You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Service of the Word” ELW pg. 216

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

*Before:* Glory to you, O Lord      *After:* Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Pastor David Weeks

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We All Are One in Mission” ELW #576

**APOSTLE’S CREED**  
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*after each petition:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING / SPECIAL MUSIC

“Dona nobis pacem”  
arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter  
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OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW#685, stanzas 1,2,3,6

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in D”  
(from ‘An Album of Praise’) by Healey Willan  
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Prayer Ministry

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. Please provide an update if situations improve or renew request bi-monthly.

Today we pray especially for:

Paula B. (daughter of Judy), Bernice C., Tom D. (brother of Julia), Carl E. (friend of Pete & Susan), Marilyn F., Ron H., Daryl K., Tami L., Christopher L. (son of Sonja), Inez N., Larry O., Scott Q. (relative of Carmen), Jaynie R. (daughter of Jeff & Stephanie), Roya S. (great niece of Pete and Diane), Karen W. (cousin of Carmen, Char), Jon W., Thelma W.

(last names are withheld for on-line privacy.)

If you would like a visit or phone call from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.

Today’s Worship and Fellowship Leaders

Reader: Steve Hill

Ushers: Sheryl Kleppe + Jolene Manzey

Hospitality: Dale + Linda Ness

Live Stream: Bill Bleckwehl

Organist: Richard Collman

Handbell Ringers: Megan DeMaris, Alaia Douah, Claire Hill, Skip Wagner

Would you like to follow along with today’s readings?

For today’s lesson and gospel texts, scan with your smart phone’s camera:



Thank you!

Thank you for all you do to serve Jesus here at St. Peter’s. In addition to giving in worship, you may mail or drop off. your offering, set up auto payment through Vanco or bill pay, or use the included QR code for Vanco.



Announcements

Be sure to subscribe to receive weekly emails from us! You can do so on our website at [www.northfieldstp.org/email](http://www.northfieldstp.org/email)

Celebrating August Birthdays

Today we celebrate our August birthdays in the congregation. Please join us for coffee and birthday cake in the fellowship hall after the service.

Wednesday Night Worship + Confirmation

Wednesday night worship services and confirmation start Wednesday, September 20th. **Worship will begin at 6:30pm this year.** All confirmation students and their families are asked to join us for worship. Confirmation class will follow worship and end at 7:30pm, as usual.

Interested In Joining A Music Group?

Worship Choir practices begin on September 6th, 7 pm.

Jubilee Bells practices begin on September 13th, 5:30 pm.

HELEPRS NEEDED

St. Peter’s has for many years supported our community by setting up and taking down the entertainment center for DJDD. Helpers are needed September 6<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more info in the coming weeks.

## Volunteer Announcements

### Rally Day

Mark your calendar! **Rally Day** is Sunday, September 17th! Sign-up to help run games (inside or out). Sign-up sheets are located at the Welcome Desk or on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. All supplies provided, no prep required. Thank you!

### Sunday School Classroom Teacher Volunteers Needed

We need Sunday School classroom teacher volunteers for the upcoming school year. All lesson materials will be provided. Miss Ann will lead the Large Group Opening at the beginning of the hour followed by music w/Miss Zoe and then classroom time.

There will be a training session on Wednesday, September 20th from 7-7:30pm in the Sunday School Large Gathering Room. Come learn how easy and rewarding it is to share God's love with children! Contact Miss Ann at [cariannstrauch@northfieldstp.org](mailto:cariannstrauch@northfieldstp.org)

Sign up to be a Sunday School Teacher through the QR code.



### Youth Sunday School Helpers Wanted!

Does your youth like working with young children and is looking for ways to volunteer at church? We're looking for middle and high-school students to help our Sunday School teacher volunteers in the classrooms this school year.

The teachers will be leading age-specific lesson plans including discussions and activities in our Pre K-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5 classrooms following the Large Group Opening and music class. The youth will be there to assist the teachers and to help the young children, as needed.

Please ask your youth to consider signing up through the QR code.



### Time + Talent Forms

*For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.... Jesus*

God has blessed each of us with gifts. Together, we are the Body of Christ, called to serve the world. Time & Talent forms for the 2023-2024 year are now available. We invite you to take a step of faith and indicate how you want to share your God-given gifts here at St. Peter's and beyond. We value and appreciate all gifts and offerings. There are no gifts so small that God cannot bless and use them. Forms are available at the welcome desk to fill out. An online form is available as well on the website homepage or through St. Peter's weekly emails.



## Kids' Corner

Pentecost 13

- Today is the **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- This season celebrates the **church**.
- The church is a **community** of people who **help each other**.

God wants us to work together with each other, just like parts of a body! **Complete this body maze to help the body work together.**

