



**The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 22, 2021**

We welcome you in the name of Jesus! Thank you for joining us today at Alive! Lutheran Church, where we are again blessed to gather together around God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We pray that today's service will be a blessing to you.

Stand

Versicles

LSB 235

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
- C** 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.

- C** Alleluia, alleluia.

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

LSB 236

C O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
L Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



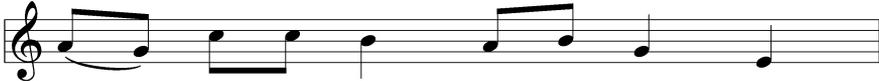
II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



I In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



II The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;



let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.



II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple



of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.



III Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
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Psalm

Psalm 14

¹The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,
there is none who does good.

²**The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand,
who seek after God.**

³They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good,
not even one.

⁴**Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call upon the LORD?**

⁵There they are in great terror,
for God is with the generation of the righteous.

⁶**You would shame the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is his refuge.**

⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

**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.**

Sit

576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1	My	hope	is	built	on	noth - ing	less	Than
2	When	dark - ness	veils	His	love - ly	face,	I	
3	His	oath,	His	cov - e -	nant	and	blood	Sup -
4	When	He	shall	come	with	trum - pet	sound,	Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:11–19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

¹³And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be
hidden.”

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,

“He did not make me”;
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of
Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with

hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
 Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
 His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
 And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
 liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
 grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
 foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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Stand

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 241

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 242

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may	To find a way	That
2 Seek whom you may	To be your stay,	None
3 Seek Him a - lone	Who did a - tone,	Who
4 My heart's de - light,	My crown most bright,	O



leads to your sal - va - tion.	My heart is stilled,
can re - deem his broth - er.	All help - ers failed;
did your souls de - liv - er.	O seek Him first,
Christ, my joy for - ev - er.	Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build,	He is the one foun - da - tion.
This man pre - vailed,	The God-man and none oth - er,
All you who thirst	For grace that fails you nev - er.
Nor for-tune's tide	Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing, We're jus - ti - fied
In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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Celebrations

Birthdays This Week at Alive!

August 22: Angie Erickson

August 23: Abby Ruda

August 23: Addison Ruda

August 23: Nathaniel Sandvig

Baptismal Anniversaries This week at Alive!

August 23: Nathaniel Sandvig

August 24: Autumn Ludwig



Alive! Announcements

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Dear friends in Christ,

As we're wrapping up our summer book study tomorrow morning (10 AM – you can join us!), I've given a lot of thought to community over the past few months. We live in a world where people are longing for community and suffering for the lack of it. Yet we as a people continually do all we can to gain a poor facsimile of it – not true community, but tribalism. Us vs. them. Me and my crew and everyone else is an enemy.

This is a poor attempt at replacing the kind of community God intends for us because it is by nature exclusive based upon our own desires and preferences. It intentionally keeps people out.

What God has in store for us is a kind of community that doesn't desire to keep anyone out. He calls us into a community gathered around His Son Jesus, of sinners who are redeemed and restored by the blood of the lamb. You have no reason to exclude anyone from that kind of fellowship – and it is immensely foolish to deny yourself that fellowship either.

God calls for us to bear one another's burdens, to share one another's joys, to help one another, to be a fellowship of people, united to one another because we are united to Christ. In a world where people are seeking that kind of community, they are finding it in tribes, often that encourage them to embrace identities that are at odds with their calling in Christ. It is essential for each of us as individuals to embrace our place within this community that is built upon Christ, both for our own sake, to anchor our identity first and foremost in who we are before God, but also for the sake of our neighbors who need that community.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Lieske



Jesus
is the
same
YESTERDAY
and
TODAY
and
FOREVER.

HEBREWS 13:8

This Week at Alive!

Today 8/22

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

Monday 8/23

10:00 a.m. Book/Bible Study

Sunday 8/29

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

Join us Monday morning at 10 AM for our Book/Bible Study, discussing *Connected to Christ: Overcoming Isolation through Community*. Through biblical examples and real life stories we'll hear Jesus' invitation to find community in Him as part of His body, the Church.

Please keep the Lieske family, Christ Lutheran Church in Superior, WI, Trinity Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls and Alive! in your prayers as Pastor deliberates on the calls to serve the congregations in Superior and Fergus Falls.

Those attending services online who would like to make an offering to support the ministry of Alive! Lutheran Church can do so by mail (P.O. Box 1166, Monticello, MN 55362); by signing up for the ACH automatic offering program; or by using the Give Plus app (contact pastor for more information about ACH or the Give Plus app).

Last Week at Alive!

Attendance

Sunday, August 15 In -Person	42
August 15 Communion	30
Sunday, August 15 Online	~11

Offerings

Sunday, August 15 Offering	\$1941.12
8/15 Weekly Electronic Giving (ACH)	\$315.00