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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 22/23, 2026

As We Gather

The word *doxology* encompasses words of praise that are addressed to the triune God. It comes from the Greek word *doxa*, which is used in the New Testament to express the splendor of God and also serves to describe the outpouring of honor and praise to God from His faithful people. When we sing or say "Glory be to God on high," we are joining the praises spoken by the angels of God in eternity: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen" (Revelation 7:12). Such an honor it is for us to join in that praise!

Chimes and Prelude

Please Stand

Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" LSB 802 (sts 1-4)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,
 In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;
 Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
 Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

Baptism of Lyncoln Wylie Anne Turnmeyer (8:00am)
Daughter of Andrew and Baylie Turnmeyer
Sponsor: (Brother) Bryce Ullmark



Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

P Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

C **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

P May the Lord give strength to His people!

C **May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C **Gracious God, with contrition and repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Please be Seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

51 "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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Epistle

Romans 11:33-12:8

³³ Oh, 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?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

12 I 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. ² Do 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.

³ For 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. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

“Jesus Name Above All Names”

Verse 1

Jesus name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word

Prince of Peace Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe Light of the world

Verse 2

Jesus loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches Son of God

Verse 3

Jesus, way of salvation,
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
The Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Mighty Creator, my Savior and Friend.

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Please Stand

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

The Apostles Creed

C 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.

Please Be Seated

Sermon Hymn

"You Are My All in All"

Verse 1

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all

Verse 2

Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Verse 3

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

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Sermon God's Greater Plan for you--Transformed for Service (Romans 11:33-12:8)

Introduction: An invitation to see earth crammed with heaven

I. Paul reveals God's greater plan for His people at service in the world.

II. Application: God transforms our humble lives for glorious service.

Conclusion: Our lives are monuments of His self-sacrificial love

Responsive Hymn

"Lord, Be Glorified"

Verse 1

In my life Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In my life Lord
Be glorified today

Verse 2

In my song Lord
Be glorified be glorified

In my song Lord
Be glorified today

Verse 3

In Your church Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In Your church Lord
Be glorified today

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Offering (Please place in the Box located in the Narthex)

Kid's Church



Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the church, that God's people may live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. And we pray for this gathering of God's holy people, that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, in mercy hear us.

C O Lord, Hear My Prayer

- P** We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or homebound, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, and all those whose needs are known to us, **[especially . . .]**. As Your people, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in mercy hear us.

C O Lord, Hear My Prayer

- P** Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who have been called to glory and now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your splendid presence in heaven. Lord, in mercy hear us.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

Closing Hymn

"Meekness and Majesty"

Verse 1

Meekness and majesty
Manhood and deity
In perfect harmony
The Man who is God
Lord of eternity
Dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility
And washes our feet

Chorus

O what a mystery
Meekness and majesty_ _ _
Bow down and worship_ _ _
For this is your God

Verse 2

Father's pure radiance
Perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience

To death on a cross
Suffering to give us life
Conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify
Prays 'Father forgive'

Chorus

Verse 3

Wisdom unsearchable
God the invisible
Love indestructible
In frailty appears
Lord of infinity
Stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity
To the heights of His throne

Chorus

Benediction

- P** 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.
- C** Amen

Silent Prayer: Father, help me to live by giving rather than gaining, by service rather than selfishness, that I might look more like Jesus. Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

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SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEK – August 22/23

	Saturday – 5:30 pm	Sunday – 8:00 am	Sunday – 10:30 am
ELDERS	Tom Bannon	Jon Werkheiser	Kevin Keltner
GREETERS	Jim/ Lee Cox	Rich/ Nancy Jogerst	Brett/ Erin Richardson
USHERS	Ken Lutz	Dale Calow	Mark Mau
ACOLYTES	Usher	Ashlynn Wade	Kenzie Hahne
AUDIO/VIDEO	Dave/ Judy Zier	Gary Erickson/ Evan Zier	Hudson Winter/ Sam Cobine
ALTAR GUILD	Ellen Conway	Ellen Conway	Ellen Conway

SERVING THE LORD NEXT WEEK –August 29/30

	Saturday – 5:30 pm	Sunday – 8:00 am	Sunday – 10:30 am
ELDERS	Tom Bannon	Craig Kroeger	Rob Cobine
GREETERS	Bill/ Jean Engel	Craig/ Betsy Kroeger	Dan/ Lauren Dick
USHERS	Gary Erickson	Nick Leiendecker	Kevin Keltner
ACOLYTES	Usher	Everly Keeffer	Tate Tessendorf
AUDIO/VIDEO	Judy Zier/ Dave Zier	Kory Gerbick/ Leeann Brinkmeier	Anita Mau/ TBD
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