

# SITTING AT THE FEET OF GOD



*Lessons from Jesus' Life and Ministry*



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 23, 2020  
Calvary Lutheran Church

# + THE GATHERING +

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

### *The Church's One Foundation*



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination, please kneel or be seated)*

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through (+) Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

## **COLLECT**

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: **Amen.**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

### **THE FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 51:1-6**

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-first chapter.

**1** "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; **2** look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. **3** The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. **4** "Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. **5** My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. **6** Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will

wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

P: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138**

*Lord, Your Love Is Eternal – Roy James Stewart*

*Refrain/Congregation*

Lord, your love is e - ter - nal; \_\_\_\_\_ do not for -  
sake the work \_\_\_\_\_ of your hands. \_\_\_\_\_

*Verses/Cantor*

I give thanks to you, O Lord,  
With all my heart, with all my soul.  
I will sing your praise with the angels.  
I will worship in your temple. **Refrain**

I give thanks to your holy name,  
For all your kindness and your truth.  
When I called you answered me,  
And you built up strength within me. **Refrain**

The Lord God is exalted  
Yet he sees you, he sees me.  
And his kindness endures forever,  
O forsake not the work of your hands. **Refrain**

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## THE SECOND READING

## Romans 12:1-8

The Second Reading is from Romans, the twelfth chapter.

**1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **3** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; **7** if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; **8** if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**13** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" **14** They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **17** Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." **20** Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Who We Are, Who He Is

Pastor Middaugh

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## Who Do You Say I Am? – Pam Mark Hall

### Solo

1. Who do you say I am? Now that I've lived out my song,  
I've lived it without any wrong My motive has always been love.

### All Sing

2. Who do you say I am? \_\_\_\_\_ Now that the blind man can see, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Who do you say I am? \_\_\_\_\_ You've seen the pow - er in me to \_\_\_\_\_

now that the crip-ple can leap \_\_\_\_\_ now that the lep - er is clean \_\_\_\_\_  
par-don the one who be- lieves. \_\_\_\_\_ The new life \_\_\_\_\_ I of - fer is Me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Who do you say I am, \_\_\_\_\_ who do you say I am? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Who do you say I am, \_\_\_\_\_ who do you say I am? \_\_\_\_\_ (INTERLUDE)

### CHORUS

You are the Lord, you are the Christ, you are the Ho - ly Mes - si - ah, that was  
prom - ised to us from days of old. \_\_\_\_\_ You are the  
Lord, you are the Christ, you are the Ho - ly Mes - si - ah, and it's you a - lone that we a -  
dore \_\_\_\_\_ You are the Ho - ly Mes - si - ah. We will fol - low you all of our lives!

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

C: **hear our prayer.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

### THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the

body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**+ THE DISTRIBUTION +**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

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.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: God, the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

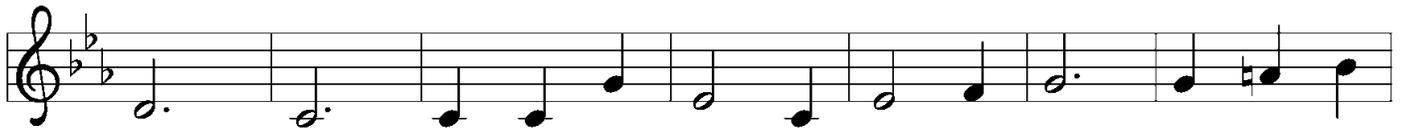
**C: Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

## *Built on the Rock*



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum-bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
 prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.  
 Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887  
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**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor**

Reverend Michael Middaugh

**Minister of Music**

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