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- ☐ Would like a visit
- ☐ Would like to know more about St. Mark
- ☐ Other _____

Prayer Request

☐ Today **(Please hand to Pastor)**

☐ Prayer Chain

☐ Congregation at Prayer

☐ Pastor Kolb

who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

- ☐ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☐ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

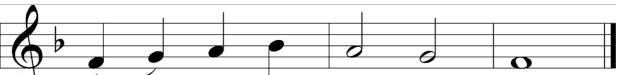
- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹I 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.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

- ☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2026

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Introit (Tone C)

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18



But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!
As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.
I will tell of | the decree:*
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.”
Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Collect of the Day

- ☐ Let us pray.
Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☐ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1–6

¹“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.

²Look 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.

³For 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.

⁵My 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.
⁶Lift 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.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a*

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.
⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.
⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**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**

⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Gradual *(Tone C)* *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle *Romans 11:33—12:8*

³³Oh, 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?”
³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory
forever. Amen.
¹I 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. ²Do 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.
³For 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. ⁴For as in one body
we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so
we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of
another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use
them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one
who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one



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PENTECOST**
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