

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers – “Sing for Joy,” by Lamont Hiebert

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song – “Come All You People” ELW 819

**1. Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**2. Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior; come now and worship the Lord.**

**3. Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; come now and worship the Lord.**

**Greeting*

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

C: And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: God Most High, we praise you - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and worship you. May your presence in this place be revealed to us through our music, our liturgy, this physical space, and one another, and may our worship be focused on you and you alone.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” ELW 851

**1 When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**

- 2 **How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**
- 3 **So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia!**
- 4 **And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!**
- 5 **Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise;
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

WORD

Reading: Psalm 27:4-6

Reader: Angela Spray

⁴One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading:* Luke 24:50-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song— “Oh, Worship the King” ELW 842, vv. 1, 3, & 5

- 1 **Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**
- 3 **Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**
- 5 **O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.**

Sermon: “What About Worship? Sanctuary Scavenger Hunt”

Song of the Day – “He Is Exalted”

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

**The Apostles' 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 Intercession*

Stewardship Time

**"Better Is One Day," by Matt Redman
sung by the Faith Singers**

*—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are
communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate
as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God
through the use of our time, talents, and finances—*

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you. **A** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **A** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:

A Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: 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.

**Lord's Prayer*

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.

Communion Songs

“O God beyond All Praising” ELW 880

- 1 **O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**
- 2 **The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.**
- 3 **Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

“As We Are Gathered”

**As we are gathered, Jesus is here; one with each other, Jesus is here;
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood, part of the body, the church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here; one with each other, Jesus is here. (3x)**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “He Has Clothed Us With His Righteousness”*

**1. He has clothed us with his righteousness, covered us with his great love.
He has showered us with mercy, and we delight to know the ... glorious favor,
wondrous favor of God.**

*Refrain: We rejoice in the grace of God poured upon our lives,
loving kindness has come to us because of Jesus Christ.*

We rejoice in the grace of God, our hearts overflow.

What a joy to know the grace of God.

**2. He’s brought us into his family, made us heirs with his own Son.
All good things he freely gives us, and we cannot conceive what ... God’s preparing,
God’s preparing for us. Refrain**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, August 23, 9:30am: Indoor Worship – Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, August 26, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Sunday, August 30, 9:30am: Indoor Worship + Baptism

Friends from Faith

Youth Sunday

11:00am: Youth Reception

Wednesday, September 2, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Saturday, September 5, 8:00am: Cooking for

9:00am: Men's Breakfast

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Summer Worship Schedule

We are alternating between outdoor and indoor worship services through the summer with one blended service each Sunday. We will be Indoors again on August 30 and Outdoors for the final Outdoor Worship on September 6. As always, outdoor services will move indoors in poor weather, and we have solid-surface seating available on the parking lot and air-conditioned seating indoors in the Justice Room.

Faith's Little Flock and Faith's Older Flock

We now have two groups of children meeting during worship on the Sundays we are inside. Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7, and Faith's Older Flock is for children grades 1-6.

Youth Sunday August 30

Come hear what our youth have been up to this summer. They've been on mission trips and camps from Gulf Shores, Alabama to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, and lots of places in between. While the scenery has been very different, one thing has remained constant... God's faithfulness. Our youth will tell stories of where they experienced God and served as God's hands and feet. We will take a collection to support future youth mission trips, camps, and our efforts to hire a Children, Family, and Youth Coordinator to help grow this important ministry.

Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing flowers and plants for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

New Faith Directory

We will be printing a new Faith Directory for distribution in September. Please take a look at the draft copy on the counter by the coat closet and make any additions or corrections on that copy.

Doorbell Dinners – September 7-11

Help us deliver meals in the community. We are in need of drivers & deliverers to cover the needs of five routes — time commitment is 11:15-12:30 each day. For more information and to sign up, visit the sign-up counter by the Fair Trade coffee sales.

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

is taking a Summer break but will resume in the Fall.

SUNDAY SACK LUNCHES TO GO -- Help stop hunger in our community

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is partnering with Go Church to collect food items for their ‘Sunday Sack Lunches to Go’ program, helping the hungry in the Jacksonville Area.

Collected supplies will be donated to Go Church to include in their food distribution program. Needed items include:

- Mixed Fruit Cups
- NutriGrain Breakfast Bars
- Quaker Chewy Granola Bars
- Nature Valley Trail Mix Bars
- Individual Packets of Cookies
- JIF To Go, Creamy Peanut Butter Cups
- Peanut Butter Cracker Variety Packs
- Tuna Salad with Crackers (Individual Servings)
- Chicken Salad with Cracker Packs (Individual Servings)
- Vanilla Pudding Cups
- Chocolate Pudding Cups
- Slim Jims

Monetary donations are appreciated and needed, with checks payable to ‘Go Church.’

Items will be collected **through September 20, 2026**. Supplies can be left with all participating Conference of Churches member churches in their collection boxes.

Questions? Contact coordinator Pat Glyshaw at pat.glyshaw@gmail.com