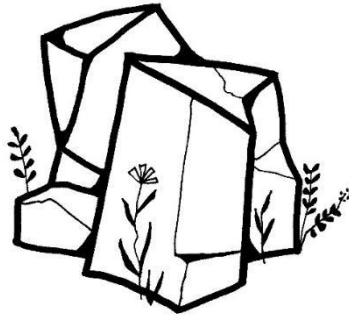




Sunday, August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Introduction to the Day

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship

Summer Service of the Word

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin to God.
Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

L: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”
In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.
C: Amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

♪ **Gathering Song**

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

ELW 403

Greeting

L: 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.

♪ **Canticle of Praise**

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ELW 763

Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God,

**C: 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. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: 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. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make 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 Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to

the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 138 (Spoken responsively by whole verse)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that 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 yourself more highly than you 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 not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (V. 1 & Refrain) **ELW 596**

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Mike Plested

♪ **Hymn of the Day**

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

ELW 579

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 217)

Children's Message

Prayers of Intercession

♪ **Response:** (Refrain)

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

ELW 752

THANKSGIVING

Offering (*Offerings may be submitted by PAR, a cheque mailed or delivered to Advent, or by e-transfer to giving@adventlutheran.ca.*)

♪ **Offertory Song** (tune of *"Shall We Gather at the River"*)

"Commonwealth Is God's Commandment"

ACS 1036

♪ **CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** (ELW p. 219)

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Response: (3x)

L: ... For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

L: ... and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory forever.

C: Amen.

♪ **Lord's Prayer** (Gibney, back of ELW hymnal)

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

L: The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

L: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

♪ Sending Song

"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

ACS 1024

Dismissal:

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Worship Statistics

Sunday, August 16th, 10:00 am Attendance:

In Person~61, Online~13, Sunday School~ N/A

Prayers for the Wider Church

- for Bishop Jason Zinko of the Manitoba/ Northwestern Ontario Synod, and for the synod staff, rostered ministers, and people of MNO Synod
- for Rev. Tim Wray, Dean, and the rostered ministers, and people of the Southwestern Area
- for the members of our synod council and synod committees
- for retired bishops, pastors, deacons, and other retired church leaders
- for Central Lutheran, Provost, and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Red Deer
- for Saint Peter Congregation, Barrio Roma – Kennedy, Bogota, Colombia
- for the students, faculty, and staff of the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, Outlook, Saskatchewan
- for the bishops, pastors and people of the Mekane Jesus Lutheran Church of Ethiopia, and the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Namibia
- for the Right Rev. Stephen London, Anglican Bishop of Edmonton, and the staff, priests, and people of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton
- for the bishops, priests, and people of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Richard Reed, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Bishop of Missinippi, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Weekly Announcements

Garlic: Thank you to everyone who has supported sales of garlic, which is almost ready. You may pre-order on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All sales will go to the youth. Contact the Minchaus for additional information.

Funeral for Adelene Sartison: We gather to celebrate Addie's life on August 28th at 2:00 pm, with a reception to follow. If you need to park close to the church building, please come early. Overflow parking will be at the Twin Arenas.

Scent Policy: Advent has a low-scent policy, because many people have environmental sensitivities and scent allergies.

Please do not use perfumes, colognes, scented lotions, etc. when coming to Advent. Thank you for your consideration!

Submissions to the Fall **ADVENTure** are due on September 1st at 5:00 pm, either to the church office or Connie Z. directly.

Camp Sunday: Join us on August 30th at Advent for a special Camp Sunday exploring what the land means to us, walking together, and reconciliation with Layne Kilbreath and Alphonse Nepoose from Walk As We. Register online at adventlutheran.ca/camp-sunday. We hope to see you there!

Calgary Lutheran Youth Escape Room Night: Final Days to Register! Calgary's Lutheran youth are invited to Trapped Calgary on **Saturday, August 29th** for an afternoon of escape rooms, teamwork, and fun! **Registration closes Monday, August 24th.** Register and find all event information at: <https://linktr.ee/calgarylutheranyouth>.

Highwood Lutheran Church is celebrating their **70th Anniversary** with a special Worship Service! Mark your calendar for Sunday, 13 Sept. 2026, at 10:30 AM. Join them as they honor their history with photos, memorabilia and a reception. Please spread the word, invite a friend or anyone from Highwood's community over the years.

Flowers: If you are able to donate cut flowers for the altar, please sign up on the large chart in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not bring lilies due to allergy issues. Thank you! A special thanks to **Ken & Norma M.** for our altar flowers this weekend, in honour of the 60th wedding anniversary! Congratulations!

Coffee Fellowship Ministry Sign Up: Hosts are needed for the Coffee Fellowship. This involves preparing coffee, tea and cold drinks, setting up and cleaning up. Treat is optional. No experience needed! On-the-job training is provided.

Financial Giving: *Thank you to everyone for faithfully continuing to contribute and keeping Advent thriving, whether by weekly or monthly giving through cash, cheques or PAR and e-transfer. Instructions for both the PAR program and e-transfers are under ONLINE GIVING on our website (www.adventlutheran.ca).*

Sunday Service Online Links: If you are only able to join us

by **phone**, please call **1.855.703.8985**. Then press **483 597 7957** followed by the pound key (#). Password: **569693**. If you are joining us by **computer**, here is the link:
<https://zoom.us/j/4835977957>. Password: **569693**

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New Here? Want to visit the pastor? Have info to share? Address change?
 Weekly email sign-up? Scan the QR Code or contact the office to connect with us!

Serving Soon	August 23, 2026	August 30, 2026
Worship Presider	Mike P.	Pastor Aaron S.
Assisting Minister	N/A	Children/Youth
Communion Asst.	N/A No communion	Children/Youth
Altar Guild	Jo Anne P.	Doug & Diane K.
Lector	Rose P.	Children/Youth
Ushers	Phillip F. & Karin J.	Steve C. & Bruce M.
Greeters	Kirsten B.	Children/Youth
Sound/Zoom	Greg W. & John M.	Amanda J. & Geoff W.
Musician	Joel C.	Sorena C.
Offering Counters	Lindsay S. & Karen H.	Geoff, Deana, & Ron
Coffee Fellowship	McNicols with Cake	Volunteer Needed
Flowers	Ken & Norma M.	Melodie M.

We give thanks to Jesus, the Creator who sets free, who has gifted us with this land that we are blessed to share and care for together. We acknowledge that the land we gather on, Mohkinstsis, is the ancestral territory of the Siksik-aitsitapi: the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, and Amskapi Pikuni. We acknowledge all the Treaty 7 signatories, including the Tsuut'ina people, as well as the Iyarhe Nakoda Nations: Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Wesley. This land is also the home of Métis Nation Region 3 and all other people who make their home here.