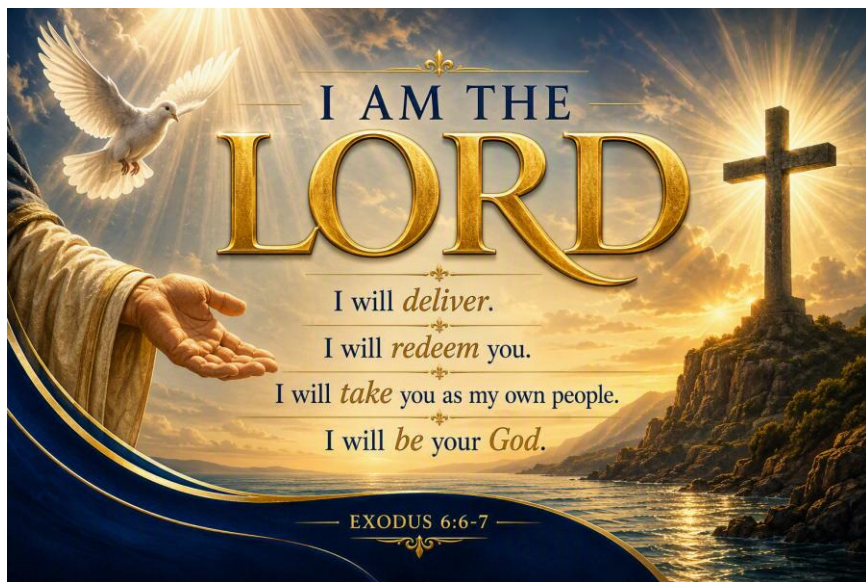




Sunday, August 23, 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme

THE SON OF MAN IS GOD

Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" It is the most important question in the world, and every human being must answer it. Some in Jesus' day thought He was John the Baptist; others thought He was Elijah come back from the dead. Today plenty of people will grant that Jesus existed and call Him a wise teacher or a model of love. Both answers are expected but they miss the main point. Jesus is a real human being, the Son of Man. He is also Lord and Saviour, the Son of the living God. This unexpected truth is the core of saving faith.



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856 Built on the Rock

CW 856



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand e - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, tell - ing how
5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, that, when the



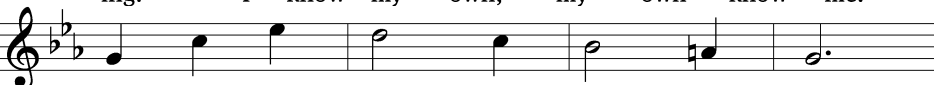
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; high a - bove earth his
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. Th'al - tar re - calls Christ's
church bells are ring - ing, man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice and what the sac - ra - ment gives
faith may come where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



but a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
choos - es to live with us in love,
yet he would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
You, not the world, my face shall see.



long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
with all his grace and his fa - vor.
and ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Service of Word and Prayer

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

I rejoiced with those who said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him in truth.

Time of the Church

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,

that I may follow it to the end.

Your word is a lamp for my feet,

a light on my path.

Faith comes from hearing the message,

and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 6:2–8

God revealed His name to Moses and promised to redeem His people. The Church proclaims that this same Lord is Jesus, the Son of the living God.

²Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, “I am the LORD. ³I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I was not known to them. ⁴I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. ⁵I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶“Therefore, tell the Israelites, ‘I am the LORD. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. ⁸I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

The Word of the Lord.

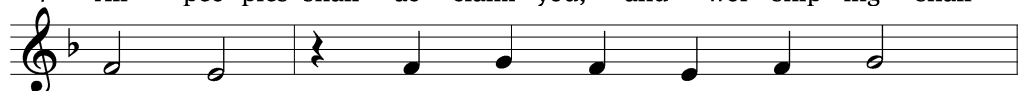
Thanks be to God.

138A Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing

Psalm 138A



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
 2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -
 3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the
 4 All peo - ples shall ac - claim you, and wor - ship - ing shall



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
 held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.
 low - ly and raise them from the dust.
 name you the God of time and space.



Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
 When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er
 Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you
 And I will join my prais - es with hymns the whole world



peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
 failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.
 nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.
 rais - es to you, the God of bound - less grace!

Second Reading

Romans 10:5–13

Those who believe that Jesus is both Lord and Savior will be saved.

⁵Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: “The one who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. ⁹Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹²So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³Yes, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

The truth upon which God builds His Church is Jesus, the Son of the living God.

¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹I 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.” ²⁰Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

563 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CW 563

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I

blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
 his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -

oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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Sermon

Exodus 6:2–8

Even if it invites trouble, trust in the LORD.

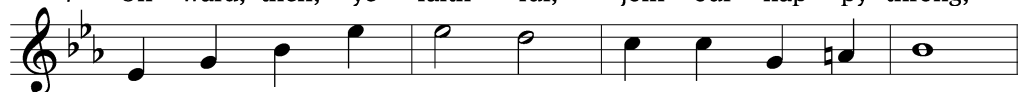
- 1) He does not forget his promises.
- 2) He knows your problem.
- 3) He will deliver you.

869 Onward, Christian Soldiers

CW 869



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, join our hap - py throng,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
broth - ers, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod.
but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main.
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, all one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the King;



for - ward in - to bat - tle see his ban - ners go!
one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
this through count - less a - ges saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

Prayer

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

**in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my
relief.**

**Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of
our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient
compassion.**

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Prayer 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Time of the Church

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocations and ministries they may truly serve and honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

**The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.**

Amen.

581 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

CW 581

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; that, I know, could
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, taught my dark - ened
 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, praise the Fa - ther's
 nev - er be, for this heart would still re - fuse you
 heart and mind; else the world had yet en - thrall'd me,
 bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion,
 had your grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the
 to your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship
 Priest and King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it
 sin that stained me, cleans - ing me to be your own; for this
 none a - bove you; for your grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing
 of sal - va - tion, him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di -
 pur - pose you or - dained me, that I live for you a - lone.
 well that, if I love you, you, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
 vid - ed ad - o - ra - tion to the great Je - ho - vah give.

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

August 16 – Andrew / August 23 - Peter

Food Drive

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a food drive for the Barrhaven Food Bank until August 30th. Please consult the poster on the door or the handouts on the table in the back of church to see what items are most needed. Place donated items in the baskets located under the mailboxes in the back of the church.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (23) 9:30 am Lay-led Worship

Tu (25) 6:00 pm Elders Meeting
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Fr (28) 6:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship

Sa (29) 10:00 am Communicating Christ Bible Class

Su (30) 9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Brief Bible Study

Th (3) 6:00 pm Devotion at Longfield Manor

Sa (5) 10:00 am Communicating Christ Bible Class

Su (6) 9:30 am Worship (with Communion)
10:45 am Brief Bible Study
3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore
4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore