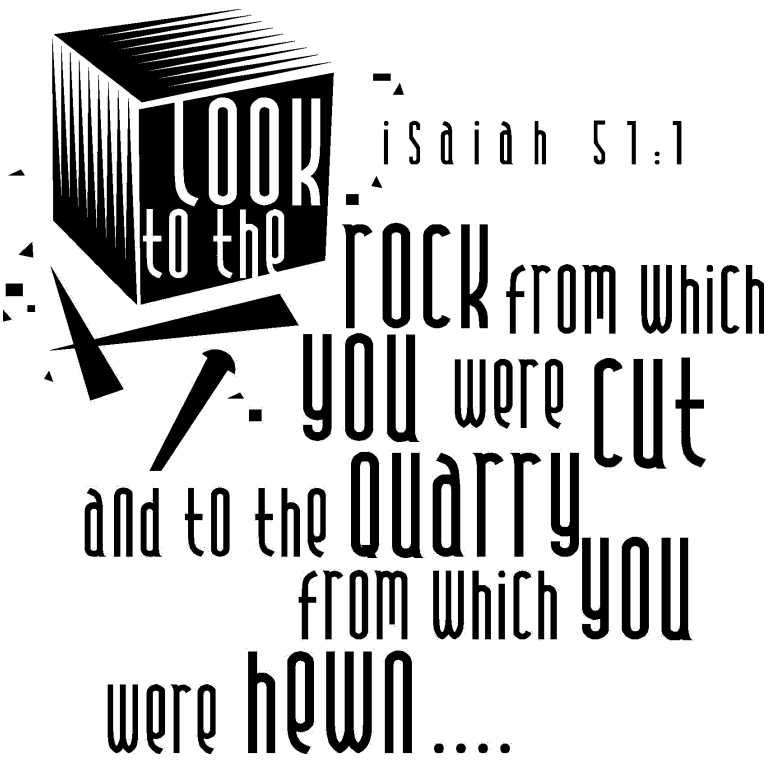

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

"ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME"

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *AUGUST 23, 2026*

In Isaiah the people are bid 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 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.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE **"Präludium in C"** *– Hermann Schroeder*

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN** ***"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

In the presence of God, who knows our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our strength,
we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us.
We put ourselves first and others last.
What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more.
Even when we strive to do what is good, we find ourselves being tempted to do less than what is expected of us.
Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day,
that we may be alive in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Sisters and brothers, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; *(Romans 3:23)* therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, *(Romans 8:39)* in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.
Amen.

*GREETING

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

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from our rock, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

We Hear God's Word

First Reading — Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 – *please read responsively*

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.

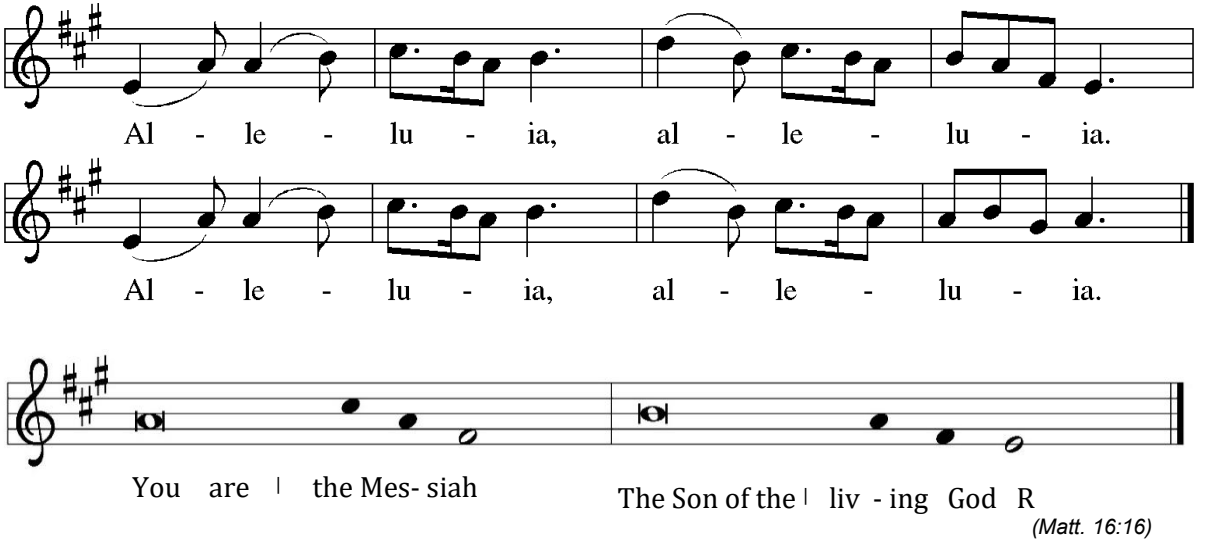
[5]They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.
[6]The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
[7]Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall 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 READING — Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2]Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, 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 exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



(Matt. 16:16)

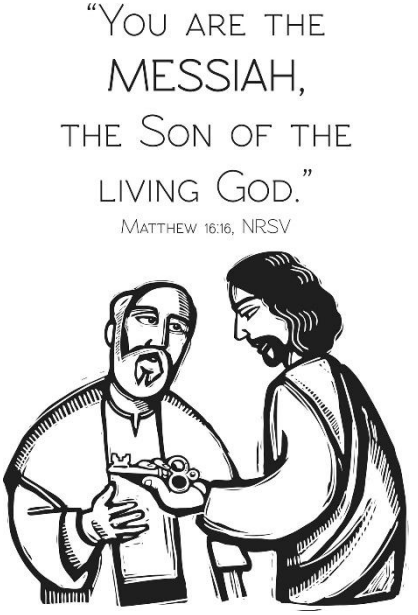
*HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord!

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist,
but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But
who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of
the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For
flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you,
you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not
prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in
heaven." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the
Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE — *"Vantage Point"*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY — *"Built on a Rock"*

(Please stand for Verse 5 only)

Verse 1 – ALL
Verse 2 – Men and Low Voices only
Verse 3 – Organ only (reflection on verse)
Verse 4 – Women and High Voices only
Verse 5 – STAND/ALL

*PROFESSION OF FAITH – *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 into hell.
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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. *(We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you")*

OFFERING OF GIFTS

"GIVE ME JESUS"

ARR. L. LARSON

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus.

OFFERTORY** ***"Seek Ye First"

(Sopranos and Tenors are invited to sing the descant on Verse 2)

*Prayers of the Church

Each petition ends…

Lord, in your mercy…

hear our prayer.

*The 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.

We Are Sent to Serve

* Benediction

As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
Christ before you to lead you;
Christ behind you to encourage you;
Christ beside you to befriend you;
Christ above you to watch over you;
Christ within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN — *"O Savior, Precious Savior"*

(Please sing Verse 4 in Unison)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Worship Matters

Today, one verse of our Hymn of the Day, "Built on a Rock" will be played by the organ alone—a tradition dating back to the Baroque era. During this verse, read and consider the words while listening as the organ depicts the hymn's text through improvisation. Just as often have only certain voices sing a verse, this gives the rest of us a chance to just listen and to hear the hymn being preached to us in another way.

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Acolyte	-Jordyn Schmidt
Lector	-Janet Wyse
Vocalist	-Robin Trudel
Percussion	-Jacob Thatcher
Usher Team Leader	-Aaron Short
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Altar Guild	-Robin Trudel & Jan Delaney
Offering Counters	-Janet Wyse & Jo Ann Liechty

The St. Martin's Webstore has some new items! If you would like to order some apparel you can go to https://stmartinsarchbold.itemorder.com, click the link in your Friday email.

We are looking for several people who would be interested in being part of an usher team. Each team only ushers every five months and usually once or twice during that month. If you would be interested in considering doing this or have any questions, please reach out to Jim or Janet Wyse.

Rally Day Brunch Sign up form is in the entrance. If you would be willing to bring something to the Rally Day Brunch or serve at the brunch, **please sign up with your name and what items** you will be bringing or sign up for serving and Erinn will be in contact the week of for the time you are needed!

Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one-time donations directly from phones using this QR code.
To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to:
https://givingtools.com and sign in to your account.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – August 23
Worship, 9am

Tuesday – August 25
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Sewing, 9am

Wednesday- August 26
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm
Catechism Meeting, 6:30pm (meet in the sanctuary)

Thursday- August 27
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – August 30
Worship, 9am

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6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

Rally Day Schedule
SUNDAY – September 13

- ✞ *9am Worship*
- ✞ *Brunch following Worship*
- ✞ *Packing the Lutheran World Relief Kits after Brunch*
- ✞ *Ages 3 years old through 4th grade: kids activity at church*
- ✞ *Ages 5th grade through High School: Detroit Tigers Game*

WE HAVE ALMOST MET OUR GOALS FOR RALLY DAY!

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 AND WE ARE IN NEED OF JUST A FEW MORE ITEMS TO COMPLETE OUR KITS! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT LEAVE YOUR DONATED ITEMS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON THE CORRECT TABLE!

Item's Needed:

School Kits . . .

143-30" ruler
294-blunt scissors (ex: safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
94- black or blue ballpoint pen

Personal Care Kits . . .

60-light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
45-bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping

Baby Care Kits(104) . . .

6-jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
20-bars of gentle soap
8 -hand towels

Want to help financially instead? You can help with shipping. St. Martin's does not pay for shipping, but Lutheran World Relief does when they ship the kits and comforters to their destinations all over the world. Mark your offering envelope "LWR Shipping" and drop it in the Offering plate.

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:

- The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, Tanzania, and Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer, Toledo, may they continue to carry out God's ministry in their areas of mission.
- Those caught in the fighting between Israel and Palestine, the Ukraine, Iran; those recovering from natural disasters and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief and other relief agencies.

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God:

Bob Alley, Louise Beldon's brother-in-law, health concerns
Tim Anderson, Bjorlin cousin, cancer
Bonnie Badenhop, pancreatic cancer
Beverly Bettison, friend of Angie Avers, health concerns
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jan Delaney, surgery
Jodi Downey, sister of Mark Weaver, health concerns
Laurie Fetzer, Greg Rupp's niece
Jim Hayes, brother of June Hayes, health concerns
Jeanise Hoeffel, Jane Sonnenberg's sister
Jayne Jewell, Diana Ziegler's cousin
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon Blair, Leukemia
Colleen Kelly
Sue Keil, Jake's mom
Bill Knause, Jess Short's father, health issues
Bonnie R. Lauber
Ann Ott
Dorothy Gifford, Diane Parsons' sister, cancer
Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law
Bill Phelps
Peg Roth
Chuck Rupp
Eric and Susan Rupp, Greg Rupp's brother and sister-in-law, health concerns
Mary Schwartz, Dianne Parsons' sister
Al & Lois Siewert
Joan Smith
Brad Welsh, brother-in-law of John & Chris Shafer, cancer
Joyce Winzeler
Paul Wyse, health concerns
Joe Wyse

Homebound – Milla Kohv, Jerry & Alice Geiger

All members, family & friends who serve in our military: Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Brendon Johns

Any prayer requests to add or remove can be sent to the Church Office by Thursday of each week: stmartin@the-welcome-place.org We include a person's name and details only with their permission.