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The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 AM August 23, 2026**OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!***"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11*

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude:** Partita on Built on the Rock . . . W. Wold**Welcome and Announcements****Opening Hymn:** LSB 575 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**Invocation****P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**C:** *Amen.***Exhortation****P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,**C:** *who made heaven and earth.***P:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?**C:** *But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.***Confession****P:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things that we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.***Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis**

To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit
 Alone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Father's glory.
 "Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: *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.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51: 1-6

Epistle: Romans 11:33 – 12:8

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: *Thanks be to God*

Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 645 – Built on the Rock

Children's Message

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: I Want Faith Like . . . Ruth

Sermon Text: Ruth 1: 1-18

Offering

Responsive Prayer

P: But we will bless the Lord

C: *from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!*

P: As for me, I have set my King

C: *on Zion, my holy hill.*

P: I will tell of the decree:

C: *The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."*

P: Praise the Lord, all nations!

C: *Extol him, all peoples!*

P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C: *and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!*

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord's Supper (10:30 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ's body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord's Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: LSB 628 – Your Table I Approach

Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis (LSB 211)

O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory
 Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles
 Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people,
 Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever Three in One;

For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Closing Hymn: LSB 802 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Benediction

Postlude: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise . . . J. Bliersch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Sign up if you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or celebration. The cost is \$20 and the arrangement can be taken home after the late service on Sunday.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

COLLECTION OF WINTER ITEMS: It is not too early to start our annual collection of warm winter wear for those in need! If you knit or crochet, yarn is available in the room off the nursery to make hats, mittens, and scarves. Completed items can be left in the church office.

CHOIR START UP: Our Shepherd’s voice and bell choirs will begin rehearsals the week of September 6th. New members are always welcome; no musical experience is required. See John Schubring for information.

Monday (9/14)	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Wednesday (9/9)	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday (9/9)	Senior Choir	7:30 PM

AV HELP NEEDED: Our AV team needs additional volunteers! Please sign an attendance card if you can serve the congregation on our AV team, and you will be contacted. No experience needed.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: Our Shepherd is serving an additional Saturday at the Ebenezer Food Pantry on August 29th. Please see our website for the sign-up link. We will serve on the third Saturday, September 19 as usual. We are asking for 8 volunteers to distribute food to those in need.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Teen Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM

Listener Responses to The Word Today ~ Nepali (South Asia)

- "We listen to The Word Today on a regular basis. We can say that the programme helped us establish an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and enabled us to share our faith with our neighbours. Through Radio Home fellowships, we had the best opportunity to learn the Word of God and have Bible study. We encouraged others to listen to the programme and receive blessings because of it. When I listened to the radio programme, we learned about the doctrine, God's love, and his commandments. Today, I take a stand for God's calling. The Word of God from the radio programme reminded me many times not to be shaken and leave the ministry."
- "We are regular listeners of the The Word Today (TWT) Nepali programme, which provides us with good discipleship teaching methods. We are aware that as Christ followers, we will face numerous challenges and huddles in our lives. For nearly four months, I've been fighting battles on my own. I've lost my job, as well as many other things in my life and in my family. I have no one else to turn to for help. Then a radio programme led me to go to God's presence and ask for his support. As I pray to God for help and advice. I've been victorious and have received his blessings. Such instances have occurred in our daily lives because of the TWT radio journey. So our family always prays to the Lord to give us strength to fight these battles and overcome the obstacles that I need to overcome in order to be a better and more successful person."