



**“Who Do You Say
That I Am?”
Matthew 16:13-20**



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Larimore, ND
August 27, 2023
*13th Sunday after Pentecost***

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: We praise and thank you for your amazing grace & life-giving power!

ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!

*CONFESSION

Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our weakness. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humanly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for Your purposes, Grant us Your gift of Faith.

*FORGIVENESS

Our God is a great God, He knows our needs for all areas of life. He knows our weakness and our unbelieving hearts. Yet, He loved us enough to die on a cross to provide forgiveness of our sin. Now the focus is not on the faith that we can muster, but on the great gifts He gives daily as we trust Him. God has given us the gift of faith – faith for the moment...faith for every trial...faith for every temptation...faith for every difficult situation. Praise God for His gift of faith.

*GATHERING HYMN “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

1.) Come now is the time to worship Come now is the time to give your heart Come just as you are to worship Come just as you are before your God Come. *End here 2nd time through*

2.) One day every tongue Will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains For those who gladly choose You now... *Back to vs.1*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray, O God, 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 READING: Isaiah 51:1-6 (NIV)

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn;² look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. ³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. ⁴ “Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

PSALM: Psalm 138 (NIV) (read responsively, verse by verse)

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise. ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.** ³ When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. ⁴ **May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.** ⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. ⁶ **Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.** ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you

preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me. **⁸ The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8 (NIV)

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*Lord, Be Glorified*” vs.1&3

1.) In my life, Lord Be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord Be glorified today.

3.) In your Church, Lord Be Glorified, be glorified. In Your Church, Lord Be glorified today.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They replied, “Some

say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter,^[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[c] will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[e] loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “*You Are My All in All*”

1.) You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Chorus

***Chorus:* Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.**

2.) Taking my sin, my cross my shame; Rising again, I bless Your name. You are my all in all. When I fall down You pick me up; When I am dry You fill my cup. You are my all in all. Chorus

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love...I believe that God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond measure...I have faith in Jesus, who emptied himself out of his love for me...I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the 3rd day. His death is mine, His resurrection is mine, new life is mine because of Jesus' words and work...I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming love...I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person. The spirit continues to call people by the gospel,

and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the Spirit I have power to stand in strength and against all adversity...I believe that Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take each of us to be with Him. AMEN.

***OFFERING** “Give Thanks”

1.) Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

2.) Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

3.) And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich Because of what The Lord has done for us

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray, All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** “Sanctuary” sing 2x

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You. *Repeat.*

***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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING** (Please stand and bless one another)

May you find the joy and strength that comes from enjoying God's presence. May you be forever changed because of what Jesus won for you on that cross. And may you live the rest of your days awakened to your God-given value and purpose as a child of God. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** “*Mighty Is Our God*”

Refrain: **Mighty is our God, Mighty is our King Mighty is our Lord, Ruler of everything. Glory to our God, Glory to our King Glory to our Lord’ Ruler of everything.**

His name is higher, Higher than any other name; His power is greater, for he has created everything. *Refrain*

***DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, be a warrior of prayer and a light of hope to all the world! **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

Our Savior’s Mission Statement:

“~~Excited~~ **by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach, **we are our Savior’s!**”

CALENDAR

Today, 8/27/2023—13th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am—Worship

10:00am—Fellowship

Next Sunday, 9/3/2023—14th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am—Worship—with Holy Communion

10:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: Jul-Aug:** Kids Closet
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Missing:** Our church is missing all of the Home Communion Kits. If you have one, please bring it to church at your earliest convenience. Thank you!
- **Sunday, September 10th:**
 - **Rally Sunday** – Sunday School Starts @ 9:00am
 - **Blessing of the Backpacks** – Bring your backpack to church!
 - **God's Work Our Hands** – Come prepared to do God's work!
 - **Church Service starts @ 10:00am**
- **Sunday, September 17th:** Church Meeting after church service

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lois Jemtrud, Mark Sletten, Ron Petsinger, Betty Olson, Pr. Rena Peterson, Cindy Olson, Bonnie Olson, Marv Jemtrud, David Barnett (relative of Robert Stover), Arlene Lilja, Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson), LaVonne Jacobson, David Sletten (cousin to Camilla Stover), Robbie Leake, OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Nancy Smith, Wayne Knudson (non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: volunteer(s) welcome

Prayer: volunteer welcome

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Communion: N/A

Fellowship: M. & S. Johnson (coffee only)

Serving Next Sunday (9/3/23)

Ushers:??—sign up on the clipboard

Reader: ??—sign up on the clipboard

Prayer:??—sign up on the clipboard

Communion: P. & J. Mutch

Fellowship: Mutchs & Smiths