

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Upon This Rock We Build

August 20 & 21, 2016

AS WE GATHER

“The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.” So begins a favorite hymn that acclaims Jesus to be the cornerstone and foundation of the “. . . one holy, Christian, and Apostolic Church.” Foundations are important. Build on the wrong material, and the building will come down with a great crash (Matt. 7:26-27). This is true for our church and school. This is true for our very lives. So the theme for this school year is “Built Upon This Rock.” Jesus, He is the Rock of Refuge, the Cornerstone of His Church, and the Rock of our salvation. Let us build all things on Him and His Truth.

WELCOME

Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:4

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #912 “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

Rise last stanza

Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav’n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav’n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv’n, Be with us evermore Until that day
When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.

(Rise) Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

FACULTY CHOIR ANTHEM “Hope’s Celebration”

2016-2017 School Theme Song

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before Me, says the LORD,

People: so shall our offspring and our name remain.

Pastor: From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath,

People: all flesh shall come to worship before the LORD.

Pastor: Do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him.

People: For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every child whom He receives.

INSTALLATION OF SARAH ZELLMER & REDEDICATION OF TEACHERS

RECOGNITION OF ANNIVERSARY – BARB HEIMSOTH

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us make confession of our sins. Loving Father,

People: we are by nature sinful and unclean. Though we deserve nothing but death for our sins, in your mercy, you have given your Son to die for us. For Jesus’ sake, please forgive us. Open our hearts to the freedom of life led by your Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we are not consumed, because the Lord’s compassion never fails. His mercies are new every morning, and great is God’s faithfulness. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son into our world to be the
Rock of our salvation.

**People: Grant us to build our lives upon his Word of Truth, that we might stand
firm amidst the trials and temptations of this world,**

Pastor: standing firm even to the end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

5:00 BAPTISM of Annika Ruth Nigbur

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Please refrain from taking photos during the worship service

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 22:1-7, 14-18

David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said: "the Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior-from violent men you save me. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. The waves of death swirled about me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death

confronted me. In my distress I called to the Lord; I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears. The Lord thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded. He shot arrows and scattered the enemies, bolts of lightning and routed them. The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at the rebuke of the Lord, at the blast of breath from his nostrils. He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, the living Stone-rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him-you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message-which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 7:15-25

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out

demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’” “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

“Christ Is Our Rock”

Christ is our rock, the firm cornerstone;
Our faith is built on Jesus alone!
In Him we find our refuge of grace;
Held in the stronghold of His embrace.

**Refrain: Upon the Rock of Salvation we stand;
Jesus will bring us to His Father’s land!
Faithfully rest on Jesus, God’s Son,
Who, for the world, salvation has won!**

Rooted in Jesus we’ll ever be
One with the Father eternally.
Christ, on the cross, redeemed us from sin;
Killed so that we might new life begin. **Refrain**

The stone was rolled away from the tomb;
Sin, death, and sorrow have no more room.
When Christ arose upon Easter day
All Satan’s pow’r was taken away. **Refrain**

Jesus, the Living Stone, ever reigns;
The Risen One has broken our chains!
No longer captives, we have been freed
To love and serve all people in need. **Refrain**

Tell of His power, sing of His might!
Christ leads us out of darkness to light
Calling each daughter and ev’ry son
To teach all nations what He has done! **Refrain**

(Rise)

Praise to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Spirit; God Three-in-One.
With all the saints and angels we bring
Glory and Honor as we now sing: **Refrain**

SERMON

“Upon This Rock”

1 Peter 2:4-10

(Rise)

8:00 & 10:30 NICENE CREED (*found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As our God and Father in heaven has called us into His kingdom by the way of the cross, let us call upon His name through Jesus Christ, His Son, in the joyful confidence of His resurrection. Lord of the Church, we pray for the whole Christian Church on earth, graciously regard and care for your people in love, even as a Father deals with His sons.

People: Bless all who have been called to faith, that they would take up the cross in daily repentance, follow Jesus on His way in steadfast faith and enter with Him through the narrow door into everlasting life.

Pastor: Almighty God, your Son is the Rock of our salvation and the foundation of your holy people. Bless our church and school to help members and students to build their lives upon the Rock.

People: Move us to daily study your Word that the foundation of your Truth may be evermore built up in our hearts and souls.

Pastor: Loving Lord, we pray for all the ministers of the Word, that by their faithful preaching of the Gospel the cross would be set forth and the glory of the Lord declared to the ends of the earth.

People: Prosper the preaching and teaching of the Truth so that many people would be gathered from all nations, and be restored to eternal life.

Pastor: Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for claiming Annika Ruth Nigbur to be your own child, cleansing her of sin, and calling her to walk with you all her days.

People: Bless parents, Godparents, and all of us to grow with her in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Lord of all, we pray for Barack, our president; the Congress of the United States; Scott, our governor; and all those in authority, that God would grant them wisdom, integrity and skill in the exercise of their lawful duties.

People: Grant in our land that justice be maintained, the innocent defended, wickedness restrained, liberty upheld and consciences respected.

Pastor: Compassionate Lord, we pray for all those who are sick or suffering in various ways, especially Gerald, Richard, Rosalie, Gavin, Marion, John, Roemelle, Arlene, Ruth, Kathleen, Doris, Jean, Mae, Marion, Helen, Leonard, LuEva, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Lois and Sarah, asking that you would grant them health and strength in heart and mind, body and soul.

People: Deliver them also from all harm and danger and preserve them in peace under the protection of Christ's holy angels.

Pastor: Father in heaven, look in mercy upon all those who have been affected by the devastating rains in the south. Bless rescue efforts and restore lives and livelihoods.

People: Open your hand to sustain and satisfy your creatures, defend and protect us from all calamity by fire and water, from pestilence, scarcity and famine, and from every other evil.

Pastor: Lord God, at the beginning of time you instituted marriage and promised to bless those who live in marriage according to your design. Your Word declares that a cord of three strands is not easily broken, and so we rejoice with Russ and Marlene as they celebrate 35 years of marriage.

People: Bless all marriages, that Jesus Christ and His love would be the third strand in their life together.

Pastor: Good Father, we pray for thankful hearts and lives of generous charity, that being grateful to receive a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, we would walk before the Lord with reverence and awe.

People: As we gather at the Lord's table this day to feast upon the body and blood of Jesus, strengthen and sustain us in the one true faith and grant us to live faithful lives.

Pastor: Into your gracious arms we commend all for whom we have prayed, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

8:00 & 10:30 THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

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Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly: Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

HYMN #645 "Built on the Rock"

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spiers in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling,
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing;
"I know My own; My own know me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

HYMN #433 "Glory Be to Jesus"

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life blood From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!

Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

Lift we, the, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a
foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and
blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage
that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints,
celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no
end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give
you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #861 “Christ Be My Leader”

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation; with Jesus I reign.

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