



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Grafton, WI
August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Focus: The Son of Man is God

Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" It's the most important question in the world, and it is a question every human being must answer. The expected answer may be dead wrong. Some in Jesus' day thought he was John the Baptist. Some thought he was the prophet Elijah who had come back from the dead. Today plenty of people believe that Jesus existed. They think that Jesus was a wise teacher or a role model for love. Both answers are expected. Both miss the main point.

Jesus is a real human being, the Son of Man. He is also Lord and Savior, the Son of the living God. This unexpected truth is the core of saving faith.

Stewardship from God's Word: Romans 10:5-13

One of the best uses of our time is to keep Christ's Word near us, both in our hearts and in our mouths. This leads us to confess Jesus as our Lord. It is both a heart and an action thing. The same is true of our stewardship. It, too, starts in the heart and then leads us to action. When our hearts have been filled with an abundance of God's gifts, our lives want to spring into action to show heartfelt thanks and praise.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Welcome!

Built on the Rock

CW 856

Stand

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

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



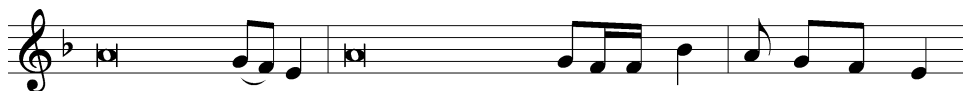
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



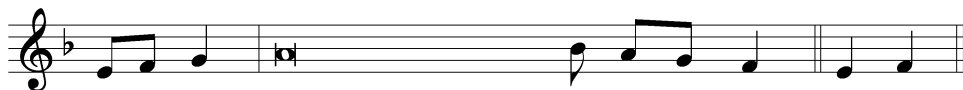
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 34:5-9

God proclaimed to Moses what he is like. The Church's job is to proclaim to the world who Christ is and what he is like.

⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹"Lord," he said, "if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

138D My Inmost Heart Now Raises

Psalm 138D



- 1 My in - most heart now rais - es a song of thanks, O LORD,
- 2 Your stead - fast love en - fold - ed my ev - 'ry step, O LORD,
- 3 On path - ways filled with sor - row, LORD, you pre - serve my life.



and her - alds forth your prais - es where an - gel hymns are heard.
for high - ly you ex - alt - ed your ho - ly name and Word.
You will a - venge to - mor - row all those who bring me strife.



Your peo - ple now as - sem - ble to glo - ri - fy your name;
Up - on your grace re - ly - ing, I cried out des - p'rate - ly,
Your right hand will de - liv - er, you will ful - fill your word;



they gath - er in your tem - ple your hon - or to pro - claim.
and you, in love re - ply - ing, have an - swered all my plea.
your stead - fast love for - ev - er is firm and sure, O LORD.

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Second Reading

Romans 10:5–13

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

⁵Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68



Refrain



Tone



Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

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

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

¹⁴They 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?”

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

¹⁷Jesus 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. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome 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 ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

In Christ Alone

CW 510

Sermon

Romans 10:5–13

Space is provided for you to take notes during the sermon.

Stand

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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:

Give In person: The offering is collected during each service.

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Give Online Oursaviorgrafton.org/give.

During the offering, please sign the friendship register located in each pew.

Or use the following QR code to log attendance online:



Onward, Christian Soldiers

CW 869

Stand

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.

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

There Is a Redeemer

CW 519

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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (8/23)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Twenty-Minute Family Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday (8/24)		
Tuesday (8/25)	8:00 a.m.	First Day of School
	5:30 p.m.	Back to School Bash
Wednesday (8/26)		
Thursday (8/27)	7:00 p.m.	Worship and Communion
Friday (8/28)		
Saturday (8/29)		
Sunday (8/30)	8:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Twenty-Minute Family Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship and Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Thursday August 20th	Early August 23rd	Late August 23rd
Ushers	Team Whitford	Team 1E	Team 1L
Altar Asst			
Tech Team		Ben Lederer	James Pautz
Altar Guild	Deanna Edwards Sandy Hahn	Deanna Edwards Sandy Hahn	Deanna Edwards Sandy Hahn
	<i>Thursday</i> <i>August 27th</i>	<i>Early</i> <i>August 30th</i>	<i>Late</i> <i>August 30th</i>
Ushers	Team Whitford	Team 1E	Team 1L
Altar Asst		TBD	TBD
Tech Team		Esther Fischer	Stephen Fischer
Altar Guild	Deanna Edwards Sandy Hahn	Deanna Edwards Sandy Hahn	Deanna Edwards Sandy Hahn