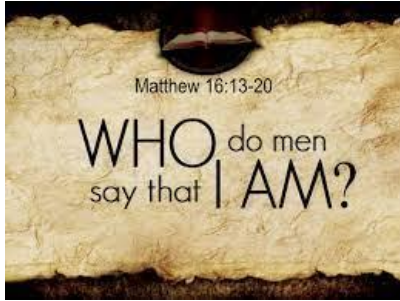


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Sunday, August 23rd
13th Sunday after Pentecost
WORSHIP – 10:30am



*Worship service also available
live on Facebook*

Reminders and Announcements



Quilten Sunday is always such a special day at Lord of Life. We love worshipping among and sharing the blessing of our quilts with our church family. The Peace by Piece quilters want to thank everyone for your generous Adopt A Quilt donations which will cover not only the shipping cost for our 126 quilts, but also at least 3 fifty- five yard rolls of quilt batting, sheets, and fabric. With the additional Thrivent funds, we are in great shape and eager to get going on quilts for Quilten Sunday 2027!



Please take a moment to look over the prayer list in this week's bulletin and let Tiffanie or Pastor know if your prayer requests have been answered. Thank you!



We will be doing a **toiletry drive** during the month of September for Because Mom Collective – an organization in Cumming that supports the community by providing groceries, baby items, feminine hygiene and other toiletry items, and emergency assistance to families in need! See a full list of most-needed items in the Narthex and learn more about the organization here:

<https://www.becausemomcollective.org/>

Contact Amy Bible with any questions.

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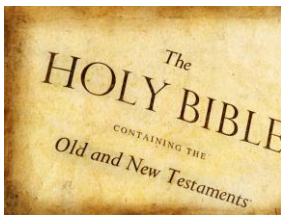
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We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Drake House. They can also use toiletries and paper products. If you would like to learn more about them and their needs, you can check them out at thedrakehouse.org Thank you for sharing from the heart!

Tithes and offerings can be sent via Venmo at any time.
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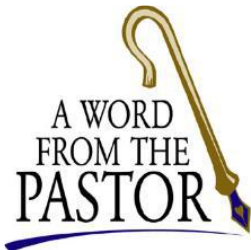


The Lessons for Sunday, August 23rd – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6
Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

The Lessons for Sunday, August 30th – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28



Confessing Christ, Formed in Faith

Disciples are formed over time—shaped by learning, worship, and all aspects of Christian life in community. As it was for Peter, part of our formation is learning to confess Jesus as the Messiah, not only with the right words but also through an experience of the Living God in Christ. And along with Peter, through such formation we also discover who we are in relation to God: After Peter “confesses” Jesus’ identity of Messiah,

Jesus “confesses” Peter’s identity by calling out his name and vocation.

Traditionally, Lutheran worship contains two confessions which keep forming us: a confession of sin and a confession of faith. In the first, we acknowledge who we are as sinner and saint, and in the second, we acknowledge who God is in the mystery of the Trinity. Like Peter’s, our own identity is revealed in those truths. And, we might say, we are continually formed by and through them.

Peter’s confession is not a precondition for following Jesus; it comes in the middle of his journey of discipleship. Our formation too is a long process—lifelong, in fact—which begins at baptism (or even before!) and is guided by those who travel before and with us. At this time of year, as we explore our own formation, identity, and vocation as disciples of Jesus, Isaiah entreats us, “Look to the rock from which you were hewn.” Envisioning Peter “the rock,” we might also consider how our shape is a “chip off the old block” of our forebears in faith.

Come hear the rest of the story this Sunday.