

Hearing the Word:

A Voice from the Church Fathers



August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

"Can any praise be worth of the Lord's majesty? How magnificent God's strength! How inscrutable God's wisdom!"

— Augustine, *Confessions*

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

WELCOME

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

PRELUDE

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Hymntune: *Holy Manna*, p. 396

Pianist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Ephesians 1)

We enter these doors with hope in our hearts.

We Hope in Christ!

Let us hear the word of truth and the good news of our salvation.

We Believe in Christ!

We trust that we are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.

Let us Live in Christ!

Let us embrace our inheritance, as children of God.

May we live to the glory of Christ!

*OPENING HYMN NO. 299

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from Augustine's Book of Confessions)

Merciful God, we are called to you to be people of truth and goodness. Yet, our judgement is often clouded by shiny objects and empty promises. This has led us to make choices that value our ego over you and to practices that do not help those in need. Forgive us and help us form new habits that honor your creation, spread hope for humanity and usher in peace.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life 421
(Psalm 51)

For - giv - en, I will praise you with

heart, soul and voice. You save the least and

seek the lost; let all the world re - joice!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 4, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Teach Me, O Lord"

Philip W. J. Stopford
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 1:15,14 and Romans 13:11-14, NRSV

MESSAGE

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Chopp

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"O Day of Joy and Wonder"

Hymntune: *Jonathan's Tune*, p. 290

*DOXOLOGY

(Hymnal # 606)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."
Following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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

debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 175**

“Seek Ye First”

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

“I Danced in the Morning”

Hymntune, *Simple Gifts*, p. 157

**Please stand if you are able.*



The Week Ahead

Monday, August 24

11:00am Prayer Team

4:30pm Grace & Grub

Tuesday, August 25

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, August 26

12:00pm Bible Study

4:00pm Joyful Bells

5:00pm Outdoor Summer Service

Thursday, August 27

4:00pm Chancel Bells

6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, August 28

9:30am Merry Marthas

10:00am Adult Study Group

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, August 29

5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, August 30

10:00am Worship

12:30pm EVICS Childbirth Class

See the full church calendar on

www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Lois & Bruce Ellingwood.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by the Deacons.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will meet on Wednesday, August 26th at 12:00 noon in the church library. Come join us as we continue a study series on the book of Exodus. All you need is your bible. This week's topic is "Sabbath" Scripture: Exodus 31:12-18. See you there!

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer — Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) will continue on Friday, August 28th at 10:00am in the church library.

Prayer Team - The Deacons are hosting a Prayer Team on Mondays at 11:00am in the church Library. A Prayer Team consists of a group of individuals called to pray for the needs of the congregation, community and the world. If you feel prayer is your spiritual gift, please consider joining this team. ALL are welcome to attend in person, or via zoom.

Summer Outdoor Worship Services – Experience a wonderful way to worship in nature, enjoying a campfire-like atmosphere at **5:00pm on Wednesday, August 26** at our Outdoor Chapel. Join Pastor Christine with Kent Meyer on guitar for an informal service in the beauty of our Meditation Trail. Invite your friends and neighbors, everyone is welcome!

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, located at 2000 Ptarmigan Trail in Estes Park, invites you to hear guest speaker, **Kim Standing Soldier**, advocate for the Pine Ridge Reservation on Saturday, August 29th at 10:00am. RSVP to secretary@smlcestes.org or 970-302-4047.

Upcoming:

Monday, September 7 – Church office closed in observance of Labor Day

Sunday, September 13 – Heritage Sunday & Kirkin O' the Tartans

Monday, September 14 – Miniature Golf outing, 5:00pm at Cascade Creek course at Ride-A-Kart

Sunday, September 20 – Blessing of the Animals at 2:00pm at the Outdoor Chapel

Friday, September 25 – Organ Recital by Weston Jennings at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 26 – Memorial service for Shirley Albers at 10:00am in the Sanctuary



SAVE THE DATE!

Again this year, the PCCR Mission & Outreach Committee is having a miniature golf outing for fun, fellowship, and fundraising. This year's outing will be held at the beautiful Cascade Creek course at Ride-A-Kart, located at the corner of U.S. 34 East and Mall Road.

We'll start promptly at 5:00pm on Monday, September 14

Entry fees are: **ADULTS:** \$30 per person aged 18 and over
CHILD/YOUTH: \$1 per year of age up to 17 years

Contributions from non-players are definitely welcome and encouraged, so even if you can't play that day, you can still help our church support international mission. Entry forms are available today.

Get your team together and come out for a fun evening of fellowship!

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Veneranda and Petronilla in the Catacombs of Domitilla

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to serve your church?***

Pastor Christine has a few special projects, and she is looking for volunteers! Contact her for more information at 970-586-4404



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