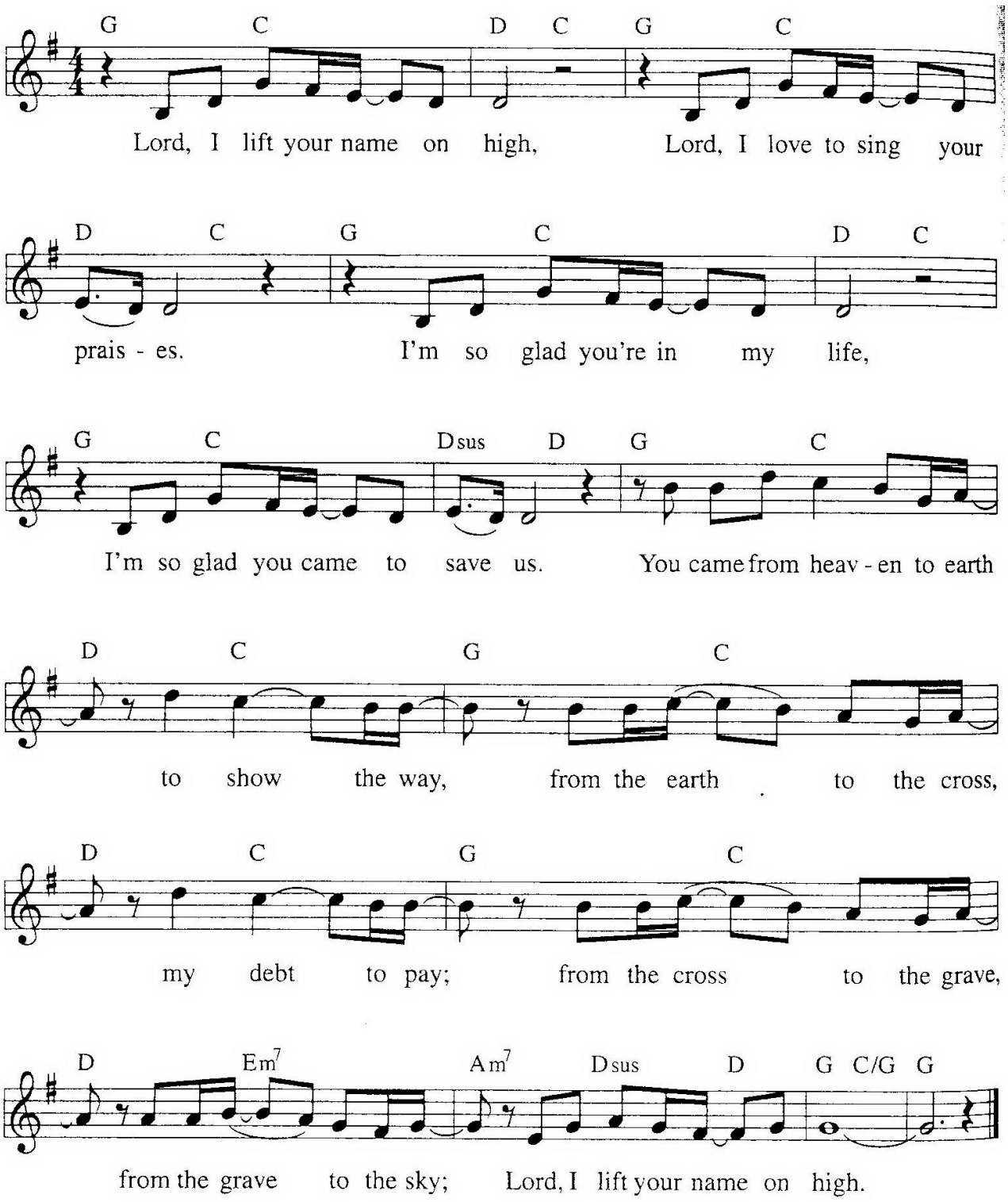
August 23rd, 2026—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *"Processional March"* **for Organ Solo by Paul Fey**

Opening Hymn **W&P #90** ***"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"***



Prayer of the Day
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.
C: Amen.

First Reading **Isaiah 51:1-6**

[1] Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
[2] Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
[3] For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
[4] Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
[5] I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
[6] Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem ***"Unto the Hills I Lift My Eyes"***
op. 33 Duet for Tenor and Baritone by Ferdinand David

Second Reading **Romans 12:1-8**

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of
worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so
that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly
than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith
that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have
the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members
one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in
proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in
encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do
people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah
and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I
am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus
answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to
you but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was
the Messiah.
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **ELW #652 *"Built on a Rock"***



5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise 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."

Communion Anthem *"Give Me Jesus"*
Traditional Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan

Closing Hymn **ELW #576 "*We All Are One in Mission*"**
sung to the tune of ELW #805

We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

Postlude ***Allegretto on "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"***
for organ by Paul Fey

Today's celebrants:
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Deacon: Christina Mitchell
Lector: --
Soloists: Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Organist & Choir Director: Paul D. Dykstra

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