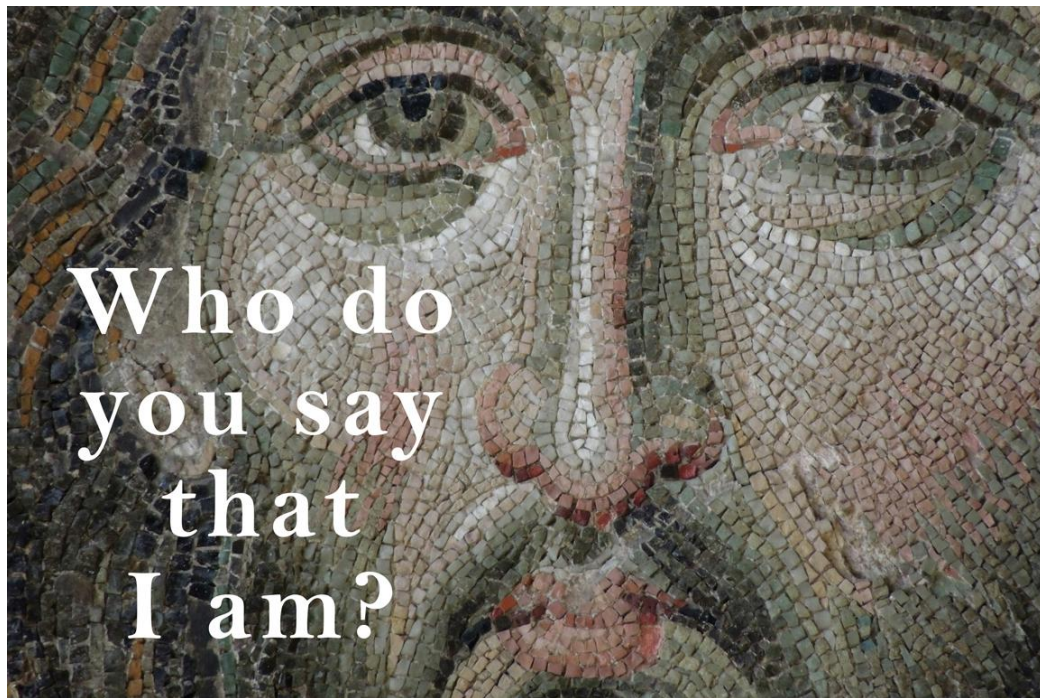




The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Active Listening
Matthew 16:13-20
Pastor Kevin Fenster

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Visitors - You are welcome here! Please fill out a welcome card (located in the pew book racks and also in the Narthex). You may place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. We would like to welcome you in a special way!

Children's Bags - As an aid for children's worship, special bags are available from the ushers. Please return them at the conclusion of service.

Nursery Space - We have an unstaffed nursery available for parents with small children. The nursery is located in the hall between the church office and sanctuary.

Listening Devices - Over-the-ear assisted listening devices and loop devices for hearing aids are available for use. Please ask an usher.

THIS WEEK AT LIVING SAVIOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Al-Anon (Jericho)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 – Office Closed

10:00 am Today's Light Bible Study (Boardrm)

3:00 pm Recording session (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30 am Preschool Workday

7:00 pm Young Adults Bible Study (FH)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 am Preschool Popsicle Day

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 am Preschool Popsicle Day

10:00 am Pin Pals (Jericho)

2:00 pm Meeting (upper room)

6:00 pm Crafting Group (FH)

7:00 pm Memento Men's Group (Bethany)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 – Office Closed

9:30 am Bible Study (Board Room)

7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon (Jericho/Sr. Youth Rm)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Al-Anon (Jericho)

Welcome Greeting

Opening Hymn – Built On The Rock

vs. 1,2,3,5 LSB 645

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 5 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."

Invocation (*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism*)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. What troubles me particularly is. . .** (*brief silence for reflection*)

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus 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.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament

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. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes 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“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day - Lord, Your Love Is Eternal (Psalm 138)

Cantor: Lord, your love is eternal;
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Refrain (Congregation)

**Lord, your love is eternal;
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Cantor: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
For you have heard the words of my mouth;
In the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple; **Refrain**

Cantor: I will give thanks to your name,
Because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me;
You built up strength within me. **Refrain**

Cantor: The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
And the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
Forsake not the work of your hands. **Refrain**

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Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Children’s Message - *Children are welcome forward for Children’s Message*

Sermon Hymn – Listen to the Word of the Lord

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- 1 Listen to the Word of the Lord, listen to the Word of the Lord.
Great and wise, good and kind; listen to the Word of the Lord.
- 2 Learn to know the sound of His voice, learn to know the sound of His voice.
Strong and sure, calm and pure; learn to know the sound of His voice.

Chorus Hear and believe Him, trust and obey. Walk in His wisdom every day.

- 3 Lean on ev’ry promise of God, lean on ev’ry promise of God.
Tried and true, holding you; lean on ev’ry promise of God. (*Chorus X 2*)
- 4 Jesus is the Word of the Lord, Jesus is the Word of the Lord.
Great and wise, good and kind; Jesus is the Word of the Lord.
Jesus is the Word of the Lord!

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
P Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray...who while He was with us walking among us, taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

Offertory – Bob Dexter – Harp

Service of the Sacrament *Setting 4 LSB pp. 208-212*

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus – Holy, Holy, Holy

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

The Words of Our Lord

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God (*acapella*) *John 1:29*

- C** 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.

Distribution – Keep the Feast CCLI#7233957; Holy Spirit CCLI#4779872;
LSB 784 Take My Life and Let it Be

Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

- C** O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Benediction

- P** 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.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn – In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

- 1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee surely
Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

- 2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

**Please be seated for announcements in support of our life together.
Please visit our Welcome Center for more information.**

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PARISH NOTES

August 23, 2026

PARKING LOT UPDATE - Phase 2 of our parking lot project is scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 31. Phase 2 will include curb repair, application of seal coating (entire lot) and permanent restriping. The parking lot will be closed beginning on Sunday evening Aug. 30 and will reopen on Saturday, Sept. 5. Questions? Please contact Tom Sonoff.

OFFICE CLOSURE – The office will be closed August 31st through Sept. 7th due to parking lot closure and Labor Day Holiday.



GET INVOLVED - If you love worship, music, laughter, and maybe a tad bit of goofing around, please join us in the choir! Rehearsals resume Sept 9th, 7:00 pm. For more info, contact: Susan music@living-savior.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY – Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders or call the church office. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

BOOK CLUB RESUMES – Please join us on Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am in the Jericho room. We will be discussing *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Please consider joining the group when you can and inviting a friend. There is no obligation to attend every month.



GOLF TOURNAMENT – the Annual Phil Fribley/Dennis Olson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, September 13th, 1:30 pm at Charbonneau Country Club. It will be a nine-hole team scramble format. Info in Logos & sign-up is in narthex on the bulletin board.

PRESCHOOL HIRING – Living Savior Preschool has a position open for a lead teacher. If you are interested, want more information, or know someone who would be a good fit, please reach out to Preschool Director, Christina Hermann, at lspsdirector@living-savior.org or 503-692-3303.

MEMENTO – A Way of Life for Men Memento is a daily rhythm of Scripture, discipline, and brotherhood—rooted in the historic Church Year and designed to form men into who Christ calls them to be.

- Scripture-Saturated: Guided by daily devotion in God’s Word.
- Discipline That Frees: Prayer, fasting, and feasting that build real strength.
- Brotherhood: Walk with other men pursuing authentic Christian masculinity.

Learn more at **Memento70.com** or contact Abe Noll. The Living Savior group meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the church.

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATIONS – Furniture poverty is at an all-time high, affecting **1 in 5** of our neighbors. Furnishing a home from scratch costs approximately \$5700 when buying new, and requires significant time and effort to source, transport and assemble items, creating a major barrier for many people. Community Warehouse provides an invaluable resource to our community, furnishing thousands of homes every year so that our neighbors can live with the comfort and dignity of a furnished home. Please consider donating your unwanted, quality furniture & housewares. There is a purple drop bag in the corner of the entrance into the Fellowship Hall for small items. A list of needed items is posted there as well as in the Logos & the website - **community warehouse.org** . Thank you!

FIRE RELIEF – One way to support the Spokane / Yakima fire victims is via the Northwest District of the LCMS. There is a 'Donate' button on **nowlcms.org** — (be sure to use the drop-down menu and choose *NOW LCMS Disaster Relief Fund*). These funds will be shared with our congregations in affected areas to use to care for those impacted by disasters like these so our congregations can offer such things as gift cards, help pay for temporary housing expenses, provide tangible items for those in need, and more, as a practical expression of the love of Jesus. Checks can be mailed to LCMS NW District office 1700 NE Knott St., Portland, OR 97212 Memo line should read “Spokane”.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPTEMBER 13 - 8:45AM

This fall we will resume Sunday School with “Biblical Empathy for Christian Discipleship.” Over the course of 10-12 weeks we’ll study Scripture and reflect on insights from Stephen Ministry. I will be teaching together with Andrew Westlund, so you know it will be great!

One of the strengths of Living Savior is our ability to care for people. Leaning in to our strengths, our goal is to nurture a more caring congregation in support of our desire to be learning from Jesus and to serve all people in Jesus’ name. We’ll explore empathy, and related skills like active listening, caring assertiveness, accountability, and compassion (empathy in action). See you all there then!

~ Peace, Pastor Kevin



2026 CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF 8/17/26

GENERAL FUND: \$383,567

BUDGET: \$393,462

CAPITAL PROJECT FUND: \$44,528

Attendance 8/16/2026 Service Total – 162

Thank you for your generous gifts!

- **UPDATE!** We are pleased to announce that not only were we able to raise sufficient funds to facilitate paying for the parking lot without borrowing money, but some additional unexpected funds have also enabled us to pay off our mortgage! This is obviously very exciting and a testament to the faithful stewardship of our congregation over many years. So what is next? Future contributions to our Capital Fund will be set aside for large projects that are certain to arise in the future, such as a roof, HVAC, flooring, etc. These are likely to be very expensive and we would like to pay for them without having to undergo another capital campaign. Your ongoing faithful stewardship also ensures that we are able to continue with our ongoing missions, whether it be youth, the music ministry, funding our DCE, or other projects in our community.
- Contributions can now be made via credit card through the Vanco Mobile app. Please understand that this method incurs an additional 2.75% fee that is charged to Living Savior. You may also elect to cover this fee for the church or avoid the fee with a direct withdrawal from your bank account.
- If you would like to make contributions online or through your mobile device, you can download the app “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement” on the Google Play Store or through the App Store on Apple devices. If you were previously using GivePlus Mobile, your login credentials for Vanco Mobile will remain the same. You will need to search “Living Savior Lutheran” or use “WE6DXP” as your invite code and add LSLC as one of your organizations.
- One giving option that may help you reduce your tax burden is a “Qualified Charitable Distribution”. For those with an IRA and have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) (age varies by birth year), you can bypass paying taxes on any proceeds that are gifted to a charity/religious organization/501c3. Instead of receiving the RMD, paying the full tax, and then making your regular offering contribution, you can instead have some portion of your RMD transfer directly from your IRA to a 501c3 organization (like Living Savior) and avoid paying taxes on that income. If you would like more general information about this, please contact Adam Wilkie. For anything more specific or detailed, please consult your tax advisor.