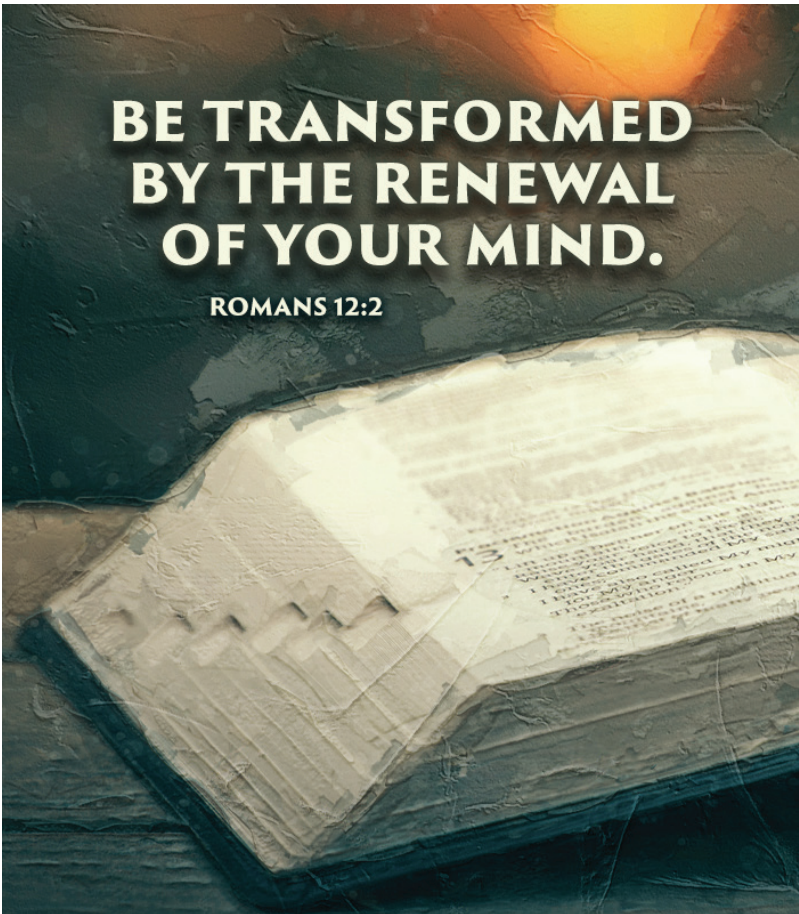




BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND.

ROMANS 12:2

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023 • 10:30AM

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Baptized in Water”

Jason Krug

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:



Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father 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 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.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: 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.

⁴Give 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.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise
your Name,**

because of your | love and faithfulness;

³For you have glori- | fied your name
and your word a- | bove all things.

**⁴When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

**⁶They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.**

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty | from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand | shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon
the works | of your hands.

Second Lesson: 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.

The word of the Lord.

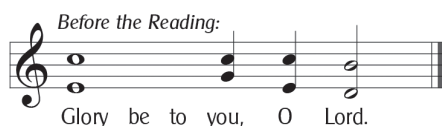
Offering

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the 16th chapter of Matthew.

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13–20

¹³When 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



The Baptism of Oliver Herbert Newsome

The Baptism of Otto William Newsome

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Hymns in honor of Oliver and Otto's baptism will be placed in the sanctuary.

*Jesus said,
“Let the little children come to me
and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”*

Matthew 19:14

Children's Chat

Sermon: “A Depth of Transformation”

Hymn: “The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

86-88

The musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It is divided into two parts: a 'Leader' part and a 'Congregation' part. The Leader part consists of a melodic line with notes for 'The Lord be with you.' The Congregation part consists of a lower, more rhythmic line with notes for 'And with your spir - it'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader

Congregation

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader



Lift up your hearts.

Congregation



We lift them to the Lord.

Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation



It is right to give him thanks and prais.e.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na



The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

92

Remain seated after the distribution.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittus

92

Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,

As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benedicamus

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Doxology Declaration"

Phil Lehenbauer

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Congregation:

A - men.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Cindy and Spencer Newsome, in honor of the Baptisms of our sons,
Oliver Herbert Newsome, and Otto William Newsome.*



*We extend our love and sympathy to Susan Ryman
and family on the death of Susan's sister, Beth Kalbfus.
Mrs. Kalbfus died Tuesday, August 22, 2023.
Please keep the family in your prayers.*

Monday, August 28

- Faith Academy afterschool program, 1–3pm
- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 29

- Adult Confirmation Class, 6pm

Wednesday, August 30

- Classical Conversations homeschool 8:30am–3:30pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, August 31

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Saturday, September 2

- Stephen Ministers' luncheon, 11am

Sunday, September 3

- Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8:30am
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, following worship in the parlor
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, September 4

- Church office is closed for Labor Day

Homecoming Sunday 2023 is September 10.

If you know someone who was a member of St. Paul's as a child, it's the perfect Sunday to invite them back to their home church. There will be a potluck luncheon and fellowship in the picnic shelter after worship.

Ice Cream Social Today, 5:30PM

Everyone is invited to bring homemade ice cream (or store-bought if you don't have a freezer/maker) for this year's social. Please come and enjoy the ice cream and fellowship in our picnic shelter.

This year, we will sing Vespers together too. Vespers is the service of Evening Prayer Song that is sung in the parsonage each Sunday evening.

Friendship Club Day-Trip

It is time for Helen to collect and turn in the money for the trip to Alta Pass. The cost of the trip, which includes lunch, is \$47.00 per person. You may pay with cash or check. **Make checks payable to Helen Gordon** with "Alta Pass trip" in the memo line. The orchard and bus company have to be paid at least two weeks prior to the trip. Helen will be available after church today to collect payments.

Recent prayer needs:

- Merry Jo Freeze (friend of Karen and Will Charles) – Health concerns
- Andy Myers (Jenny Earnhardt's brother) – Health concerns
- Lisa Phelps – Recovering at home
- Tommy Rabon (Sandy Corley's brother) – Health concerns
- Vicki Sanders – Recovering at home
- Haynes Shirley – Health concerns
- Jane Webb – Health concerns
- Vaughn Wilhelm – Hospital, Atrium Health

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (8/20)	\$8,006
Other Offering (8/20)	\$1,598
Children's Mission (3rd qtr. St. Paul Lutheran Seminary)	\$1,340.50
Sunday School Attendance (8/20)	61
Worship Attendance (8/20)	211

The Maker of All Things

Find the 25 bold words from Jeremiah 10:12–16.

Z E P M M E D T B I S R M G M
L G Q N V I M R T V O I C E E
M O D S I W U A O V L Y B S G
I M A G E T E P H L D O T S N
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E C N A T I R E H N I A D S U

He has made the earth by his **power**; he has **established** the world by his **wisdom**; and by his **understanding** he has stretched out the heavens. When he **utters** his **voice**, there is a thunder of waters in the heavens, and he **causes** the clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, and brings forth the wind out of his **treasuries**. Every man is **brutish** and without knowledge. Every **goldsmith** is put to **shame** by his **idols**, for his **cast image** is a **deception**, and there is no **breath** in them. They are **meaningless**, a work of **delusion**. At the time of their punishment they will perish. The portion of **Jacob** is not like these, for he is the maker of all things. **Israel** is the **tribe** of his **inheritance**. The **LORD** of **Hosts** is his **name**.

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You are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints
and members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19

Pentecost 13A

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.

ACROSS

1. Do not be conformed to this.
4. The church is given these to lock and unlock the kingdom.
6. "Blessed are you..."
9. He comforts...
13. God's ways are...
15. Where you were dug
17. Which of the Lord's hands delivers us?
18. Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in...
21. Be transformed so you discern God's...
22. The Lord regards them.
23. God increases one's strength of...

DOWN

2. O the depth of the...
3. Look to the Rock from which you were...
5. We should present our bodies as...
7. Who has known the Lord's...?
8. Give thanks with your whole...
10. Peter confessed, "You are the..."
11. God has exalted his name and...
12. Father
14. She bore you.
16. God preserves our life even though we walk in the midst of this.
18. These gates will not prevail against the church.
19. Lift them to the heavens.
20. Flesh and what else did not reveal the truth to Simon?



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28