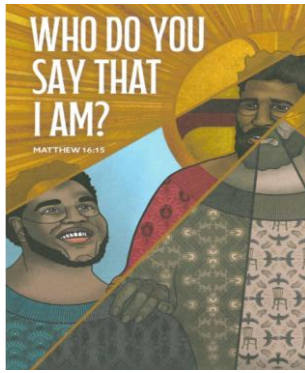




Millcreek Lutheran Church
August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A warm welcome to our church! We appreciate your presence here today and enjoy the new and the familiar faces as we gather together. If you are a visitor, we hope you will consider joining us- knowing that you can expect to find people who love God and who want to know and love you. Visitors, please sign our guest book or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: Eternal Father, who reveals the divinity of your Son to those who are receptive to faith: Give us such faith to know your Son as Savior; that we may build, with strong conviction, your church in our world. In our Savior's name. **Amen.**

Serving you this morning:

Interim Pastor,	Pastor Frank Terhune
Lay Leader,	Jennifer Rosengrant
Organist/Pianist,	Debbie Tice
Lay Reader,	Dara Wolfe
Ushers/Audio,	Scott Johnson & Frank Hoffman

The Service

Prelude of Entrance:

Pachelbel's Canon, arranged by James Christensen
Just a Closer Walk, arranged by Andy Clark

Announcements

Prelude of Preparation:

On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss, arranged by David Hosinger

***Confession & Forgiveness** **LBW p. 56**

***Opening Hymn:** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* **LBW #293**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

***Greetings:**

LBW p. 57, line 5

***The Kyrie**

LBW p. 57-58, line 6

Hymn of Praise, *Glory to God*

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Prayer of the Day (read in unison)

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. Amen.

Children's Sermon

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 138 (read responsively)

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- ⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though 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.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.**

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; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

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.

The Holy Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

In Times Like These

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1. In times like these you need a Sav - lor, In times like these you need an
 2. In times like these you need the Blb-le, In times like these O be not
 3. In times like these I have a Sav-lor, In times like these I have an

an - chor; Be ver-y sure, be ver-y sure Your an-chor holds
 i - die; Be ver-y sure, be ver-y sure Your an-chor holds
 an - chor; I'm ver-y sure, I'm ver-y sure My an-chor holds

Refrain

and grips the Sol-id Rock! This Rock is Je - sus, Yes, He's the

One; This Rock is Je - sus, The on-ly One! 1,2.Be ver - y sure,
 3.I'm ver-y sure,

be ver-y sure Your an-chor holds and grips the Sol-id Rock!
 I'm ver-y sure My an-chor holds and grips the Sol-id Rock!

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*The Apostles' Creed

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Special Music: *My Wonderful Lord*, with Brian Klinger

***The Prayers**

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

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***Blessing:** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**

Built on a Rock

LBW# 365

Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing; high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
 Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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Moments of Meditation (seated)

*Dismissal

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Postlude

The flowers & bulletins are given in honor & glory of God, and to wish a Happy 68th Birthday, Kent! A.M.L.U.E. Tammy





Our Mission:
**Motivating Lives Through Christ and our
community, our congregation, & ourselves.**

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Sunday, August 23, 2026

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at **AM**.
Just dial **717-628-0125**. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek.
At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on
the line. You may also watch the service later on You Tube.



Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Community

EVANGELISM IN-GATHERING UPDATE:

Don't forget to bring in-gathering items to church by Sept. 6th. The evangelism committee will pack and deliver to the collection point. Thanks again for your generosity in this project!

MUSIC IN MEMORIAL PARK:

Millcreek Community Group Presents the 2026 Karen Krater Memorial Season:

- Aug. 23rd- The Youngers- Original Roots Rock/Americana
- Aug. 30th- Jeff Krick Jr.- A must0see Elvis impersonator!

In case of rain, to be held at Living Stones Church (formerly Millcreek Community Center)
229 E. Main St. Newmanstown.

THE LEBANON SINGING CEDARS CHORUS will present their annual
barbershop style show, "The Magic of Broadway" on Saturday, September 19 at 3:00 PM
at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1500 Quentin Road, Lebanon. The show will be
hosted by local radio personality Laura Lebeau and will feature guest quartet 2026
International Champions "GQ". Admission is \$15. Contact 717-821-5298 or Roy Hoglund
717-228-8175 for tickets.

Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Congregation

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

****July & August services will be held in the multi-purpose room****

- Sunday August 23- 9:30am regular service
- Sunday August 30- 9:30am regular service

SUMMER MUSIC:

August 23- Today we welcome our friend Brian Klinger who will be presenting our special
music. He is a retired music teacher from ELCO but now continues his love of music
through teaching private lessons and playing in many local bands. He is a great talent and it
is our pleasure to have him here today. Also playing today are the Millcreek Woodwind
Ensemble including Brian Klinger, Stephanie Sheetz, Jamie, Andrew, & Isaiah Keener,
Mathew Long, & Julie Strickler. We are thrilled to have all of these musicians with us today!!

August 30 – Brothers in Grace
September 6- Morgan Hoffman

FLOWER AND BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS for 2026 are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers-\$30, Bulletins- \$10.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: We are happy to share that *\$129,500 has been pledged toward our goal of \$200,000 in our Empowering the Future Capital Campaign.* We will be sharing updates monthly and watch for some additional tax saving/giving opportunities in the coming months. We are fortunate to have a wonderful church family committed to helping us achieve our goals!

BINGO FUNDRAISER to benefit the Millcreek Memorial Cemetery in Newmanstown. Saturday, August 29th @ 1pm. Millcreek Lutheran Church Multi-Purpose Room- Doors open at NOON.

Cash Bingo, Raffle Baskets and Baked goods. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games. Tickets will be available at the door. There are ad-on games for \$5 that include 3 special games at the end. 50/50 raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please note: Cash Only!

This is a joint effort with Elias Church in Newmanstown. There is a sign-up sheet to help in the kitchen the day of the event and provide some baked goods in the Narthex.

TOP OF THE HILL CLEAN UP Saturday, September 12, 2026 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Please note the time change. The yearbook lists the time as 10am; the time has been moved up an hour. Additional jobs may be added to the list, but this is the current list from which you can select a task. Please contact Nancy Deiter with your selection.
email: lndeiter@comcast.net Phone: 717-866-4665 or 717-383-0899

- ~~1. Enlarge cut our circle around evergreen tree to the left of the Sunday School entrance & lay mulch.~~
- ~~2. Enlarge cut out circle around the little evergreen tree known as “David” that is off the area to the tractor room & lay mulch.~~
3. Clean & weed the bell/cross outdoor area.
4. Sweep furnace room.
- ~~5. Sweep & tidy garbage area outside the kitchen.~~
6. Clean & “spruce up” the council room.
- ~~7. Cut off low & dead branches of maple trees off patio area & pick up branches~~
8. Pull out half dead rosebush in front corner of main entrance & plant a new appropriate bush.
9. Pull out & replace low bushes on either side of front walkway at main entrance.
10. Weed stone beds around all sides of building.
11. Spray stone beds with weed killer once they have been weeded.
- ~~12. Clean & organize janitor’s closet.~~
13. Take Christmas lights off evergreen tree to left of the building & restring so it’s ready for Christmas. The lights are available.
14. Clean the brass standing candelabras so they are wax-free & ready for Christmas season.
15. Move outdoor patio furniture back against the wall in preparation for winter.
16. Give the kitchen & side room floors a good cleaning.

RALLY DAY: Mark your calendars for our annual Rally Day, Sunday September 13th - Connecting and Reconnecting with God's Family. Service will be outdoors followed by a covered dish picnic (MLC will provide the hot dogs), and the Giant Slip N Slide. Lots of

Fun to be had with Trivia, Giant Connect Four, Giant Jenga and a Foam Blaster on the slip n slide. We hope you and your family can join us!

LARGE NARTHEX DISPLAY CASE: Do you enjoy showing your creative side? We are looking for a volunteer to assume the role of changing/updating the large display case in the Narthex. Please see Jen Rosengrant or Dara Wolfe for details if interested.

MLC FALL FUNDRAISER: We are looking for 5-6 volunteers to be part of our fundraising committee. We will be meeting beginning in September to schedule a fall fundraiser. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Motivating Lives Through Christ and Ourselves

WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:
Norman & Patricia Sharp
8 Central Drive
Newmanstown, PA 17073

PRAYER LIST: Please make requests to Jen M. by noon Wed. each week: secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call: 610-589-2570. *Please provide updates when our prayers have been answered, so this list can be kept current.*

MILLCREEK MEMBERS:

Violet Hepler	Liz Leibig	Michael Yiengst, Jr	Stewart Wolf
Portia Lindermuth	Brian Ream	Devon Yiengst	Norm Sharp
Gerry Strickler	Julie Strickler	Aaron Yiengst	Greer Zellers

NON-MEMBERS:
Gary Beatty, brother in law of Debbie Hartman
JoAnn Deahl, Brandy Gahres' mother
Linda McMullan, sister in law of Greta McMullan
Jennifer Clinton, daughter of Renee & Layne Strickler
Alethea Grissinger, friend of Deb Buffington
Kevin Kochinsky, family friend of Stephanie Seldomridge
Kaylee Gordon, family member of Jamie Keener
Rev. Althea Seidel
Candy Hibshman, friend of Rachel Mock
Laura Weist, friend of Debbie Tice

Revealing God

Jesus came to earth as God *incarnate*, meaning “in or having bodily form.” This was no accident. The prophets of the past had used their bodies and their words so people could understand God. In Christ, God was revealed in flesh and blood, allowing us to know who God is and what God’s priorities are for creation.

Peter points this out to us, saying that Christ is “the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). As a *living* God, moving among us as Jesus Christ, God reveals Godself directly. God reveals the divine nature and priorities through Jesus’ earthly life. Jesus lives without possessions, sharing in the suffering of people who are poor and oppressed. On the Galilean coast he feeds thousands of people before teaching them. He befriends outcasts like Zacchaeus the tax collector and the Canaanite woman. He calls out the greed and misplaced priorities of the wealthy by flipping tables. Instead of merely telling us, Christ incarnate shows us that God has a serious concern for all people on the margins of society.

As the church is formed into the body of Christ, we too now reveal to the world who God is and what God’s priorities are. How does our ministry show God’s concern for those who are poor and marginalized today? Do we seek out and walk alongside people cast out by dominant society? Do we not only preach the word but make sure people are fed as well?

By accompanying our neighbors in their struggles for dignity, justice, and the right to flourish, we do the good work of followers of Jesus, striving with God for the end of all oppression and death, for a world made whole.

Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



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

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PETER

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