

Worship Lifeline

Congregational News

Return to Sanctuary Plans

Continue to watch the trend lines – we need at least a 2-week downward trend to feel comfortable with re-gathering in the sanctuary. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed and we have a generous supply of cleaning items and backup masks. The hymnals have been stored and we will be marking socially distanced pew locations.

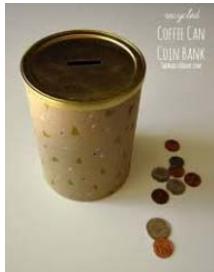
Lisette Branscomb On Behalf of the Church Council

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### AUGUST 30

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

Rainbow House is in desperate need. Thank you for considering any amount to contribute to this cause. Please make a note on your offering check memo line or in your [online submission](#) the amount designated for 5th Sunday.



## In Scripture Today

### Matthew 16:13-20

Matthew 13:54—17:27 are stories that relate to the formation of the Christian church, in the center of which is Peter’s affirmation of Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Messiah is a Jewish title referring to God’s anointed king, who in Israelite tradition is also called Son of God, which becomes the more significant Christian title for Jesus. The evangelist credits Jesus himself both with establishing the church, an assembly of believers on earth, and with authorizing Peter as its leader, thus claiming divine sanction for the specific community that had been led by Peter, who by the time of the evangelist’s writing had been martyred.

### Isaiah 51:1-6

From Second Isaiah comes a poem that assures the sorrowing people of Israel of divine blessings. The Israelite tradition—identified with Abraham and Sarah—is likened to a rock quarry, and the future of the post-exilic community to a garden. Thus God will make the future to flower, growing forth from the foundation provided by the past.

### Romans 12:1-8

Paul encouraged the church in Rome to live on earth as a people transformed by their communal life as the body of Christ. Animal sacrifices have been replaced with lives dedicated to God. Individuals are now one body. Paul’s description of the primitive community is nonhierarchical: “the leader” is not first, but one of many members, each contributing a necessary ministry.

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Ministry This Week

Zoomday, Aug 23, Pentecost 12

10:00 AM—S ASLC Zoom
8:00 PM—F AA

Monday, Aug 24

7:30 PM OA cancelled

Tuesday, Aug 25

9:00 AM—F Sandwich MeetUp*
10:15 AM—Z Christian Conversations
7:45 PM—F NA cancelled

Wednesday, Aug 26

6:30 PM—LL Word of Faith
8:00 PM—F AA

Thursday, Aug 27

6:00 PM—F Cub Scouts cancelled
8:00 PM—F NA cancelled

Friday, Aug 28

9:00 AM Cleaning Services

Saturday, Aug 29

9:00 AM—Z OA cancelled

Zoomday, Aug 30, FIFTH SUNDAY!!!

10:00 AM—S ASLC Zoom

Z=Zoom; F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office
GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1;
CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N=Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away from All Saints

* Calendar Note: The Sandwich MeetUp limits participation to 4 individuals at this time. Sandwiches are shared with Rock of Ages in their ongoing shepherding with homeless/street people.

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## Readings for Aug 30

### Jeremiah 15:15-21

God fortifies the prophet against opposition

### Psalms 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

### Romans 12:9-21

Live in harmony

### Matthew 16:21-28

The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter



## Russ' Reminders

All known ASLC birthdays and anniversaries are listed in your Church Directory. We can print you a copy or you can view the directory on your PC or Smartphone. It's all pretty easy once you move through the learning curve, which is more like a speed bump. **Contact Rica Kelly** with changes and updates to all directory information.

It's easy: go to [www.allsaintslilburn.org](http://www.allsaintslilburn.org), click on "Member Directory Link", and log in.

## Anniversaries

### AUGUST

- 4 Joy Wells
- 7 John and Mary Yale
- 11 Tom and Sheila Wagner
- 17 Mac and Miriam McCann

## Birthdays

### AUGUST

- 1 Andrew Zupan
- 2 Lennie Cauble
- 4 Roger Boyer
- 6 Phil Graham/Underwood
- 8 Madison Lee Crutchfield
- 18 Jerry Barnes
- 19 Pat Barnes
- 21 Marc Mitchell
- 23 James (Jim) Kraus  
Melissa Garcia

## Worship Assistants (Zoom version)

### Aug 23

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| Lector:            | Barb Litke      |
| Worship Assistant: | Jack Branscomb  |
| Greeter:           | Rica Kelly      |
| Children's Sermon: | Kevin Swanson   |
| Counters:          | Tom W & Angie S |

### Aug 30

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| Lector:            | Cherie Mason       |
| Worship Assistant: | Lisette Branscomb  |
| Greeter:           | Bruce Kraus        |
| Children's Sermon: | Mary Kay Kates     |
| Counters:          | Tom W & Barb Litke |

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More Reflections from Today's Scripture

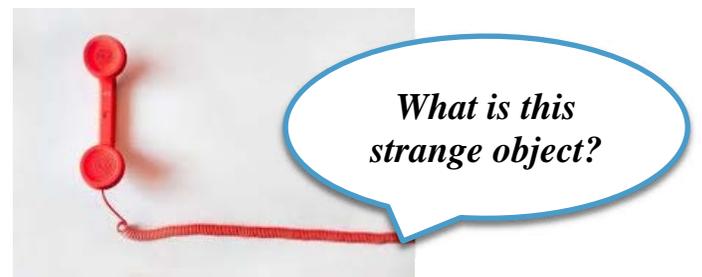
Confessing Christ, Formed in Faith

With students returning to school, many churches gear up for a new year of Christian education. It is a good time to be reminded of the heart of Christian formation: conformation and transformation (Rom. 12:2).

Disciples are formed over time—shaped by learning, worship, and all aspects of Christian life in community. As it was for Peter, part of our formation is learning to confess Jesus as the Messiah, not only with the right words but also through an experience of the Living God in Christ. And along with Peter, through such formation we also discover who we are in relation to God: After Peter "confesses" Jesus' identity of Messiah, Jesus "confesses" Peter's identity by calling out his name and vocation.

Traditionally, Lutheran worship contains two confessions which keep forming us: a confession of sin and a confession of faith. In the first, we acknowledge who we are as sinner and saint, and in the second, we acknowledge who God is in the mystery of the Trinity. Like Peter's, our own identity is revealed in those truths. And, we might say, we are continually formed by and through them.

Peter's confession is not a precondition for following Jesus; it comes in the middle of his journey of discipleship. Our formation too is a long process—lifelong, in fact—which begins at baptism (or even before!) and is guided by those who travel before and with us. At this time of year, as we explore our own formation, identity, and vocation as disciples of Jesus, Isaiah entreats us, "Look to the rock from which you were hewn." Envisioning Peter "the rock," we might also consider how our shape is a "chip off the old block" of our forebears in faith.
—From *Sundays and Seasons*



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