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Who do you say that I am?

Matthew 16:15

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 23, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship

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In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

***ProceSSIONAL Hymn**

Seek Ye First

WOV #783

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
3. We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

***Greeting**

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.

*Hymn of Praise

God Welcomes All

ACS #978

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics 'God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;'. The second system contains the lyrics 'God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: *The brave Hebrew midwives defied Pharaoh to save many infants from death. When the mother of Moses placed him in a basket in the Nile, the daughter of Pharaoh found him, adopted him, and raised him. Moses' sister and mother also played crucial roles in this drama.*

Exodus 1:8—2:10

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

^{2:1} Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

The response to the reading is Psalm 124, a song appointed during Israelite history for festivals of pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The flood (v. 4) can recall the water from which Moses is saved, and, for Christians, the waters of baptism. Like Moses, we have escaped death. The final verse of the psalm is a commonplace Christian greeting.

Psalm 124

- ¹ If the LORD had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
² **if the LORD had not been on our side,**
when enemies rose up against us,
³ then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
⁴ **then would the waters have overwhelmed us**
and the torrent gone over us;
⁵ then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
⁶ **Blessed be the LORD**
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
⁸ **Our help is in the name of the LORD,**
the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading: *In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

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

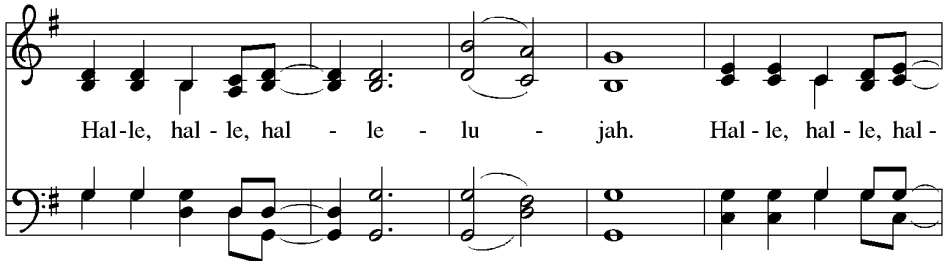
yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are 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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!

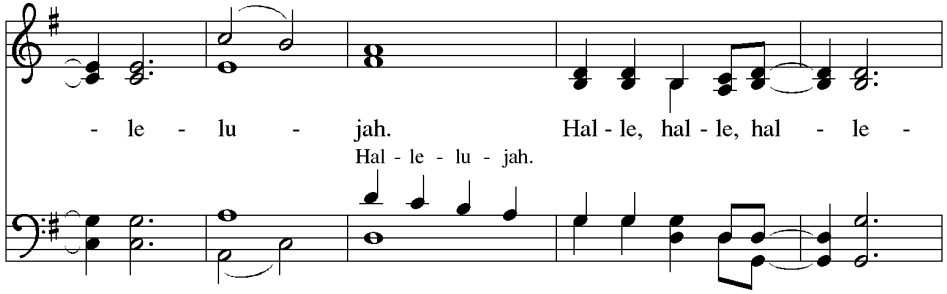
***Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
sing twice

ELW #172



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: At a climactic point in Jesus’ ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

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

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew...
Glory to you, O Lord.

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 gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

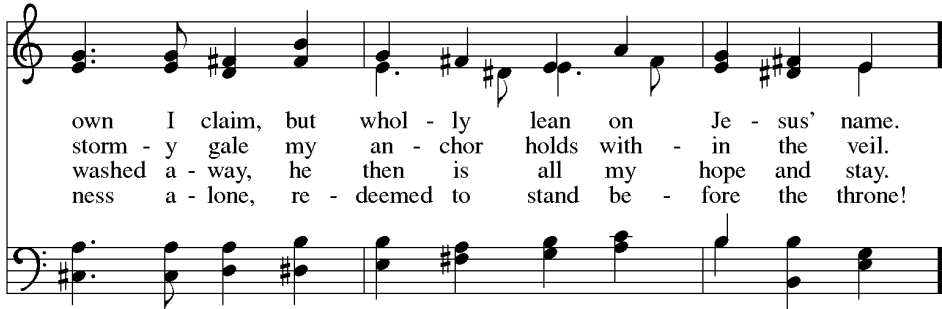
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW #597

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

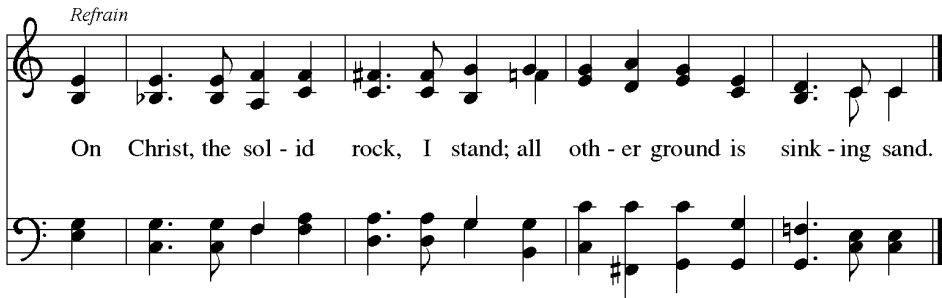


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
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.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.***

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering box before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated. Also at this time, please take a minute to sign the red books on the table by the offering box. Thank you!

STS #41

Take me, Lord, I give to you,
everything and all I do!
My love, my life, is my offering
that I give to you.



***Offering Prayer**

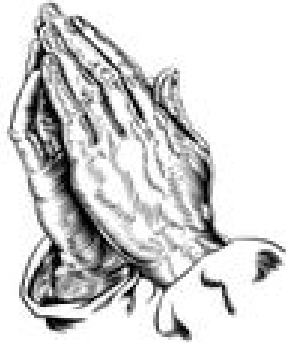
Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

***Prayers of the Church**

...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***Lord's Prayer**

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.

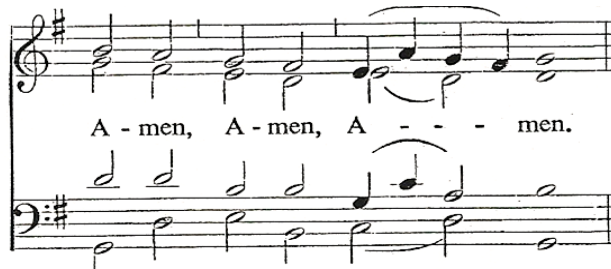


SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Benediction and Threefold Amen**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.



***Sending Hymn**

O Savior, Precious Savior

ELW #820

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

The image shows the musical notation for the Sending Hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is D major (two sharps). The first system includes four lines of lyrics. The second system includes three lines of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the treble staff.

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais-es ring,

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879
 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

*Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Ushers: Grant Nelson and Dave Ulrich

Acolytes:

Lector: Katelyn Johanneck

Serving at the Altar: Renae Dalen

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Mike and Kathy Barry Family, Donna Teeter, Family of Bea Anderson, Tom Goddard Families, Larry Forsberg and Family, Ezra Efteland, Hannah Holthouse, Roger Forsberg, Nancy Killian, Heather Stein, Kristie Huseh, Diane Brooks, Jon Christianson, Tom Gustafson, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Rick Harbott, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Laurie Miller, Adam Holthouse (deployed to Iran.)

If you have service members that you would like to add to the prayer list, please let Pastor Steph or the office know.



Altar flowers are given today by
Sue and Dennis Bendickson
In loving memory of
Henry and Deloris Bendickson.



Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

**Week Ending
August 16, 2026
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Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the Coffee Cart every Thursday from 9am to 11am. Bring a friend and come have coffee, tea, or another beverage along with a treat.

Coming this week:

Tuesday, August 24– 9:00 Quilters
3:30 Techy Tuesday

Wednesday, August 26 – 9:30 Staff
5:30 Pre-School Stepping Stones

Thursday, August 27 – 9:00 Coffee Cart with Katelyn
1:00 Nursing Home visits
5:30 SWEETS at the Bowling Alley

Sunday, August 23 – 9:30 – Worship with Holy Communion
And Weenie Roast Dinner

We offer our Christian words of love and sympathy to the Mike and Kathy Barry family on the passing of Becky Barry. May her memory be blessed.

August Food Drive carts are out in the Narthex. Please remember to bring a donation to help the hungry in our community. All donations will be brought to the local food shelf. Thank you! The theme is for ethnic foods.



Correction: This is NOT a potluck. Meal is provided,
5th Sunday Weenie Roast will be held immediately following worship on Sunday August 30th. Let us do the grilling and come e njoy the friendship and some great food. See you there!

Keep an eye open for upcoming news for a pie social in our community. This is a great opportunity to connect with our neighbors.

Rally Wednesday for J.A.M. will be on September 9th. Stay tuned for more updates.

Need help with our new app for the church? Katelyn is having Techy Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:00pm every Tuesday. Stop in and she will help get the app downloaded to your phone, show you how it works and answer any questions you may have.

Women of the ELCA - Trinity Lutheran in Crookston is the place to be on September 18th & 19th. They are hosting the 38th annual Convention. More information and the registration sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

The 2nd Annual Hootenanny Hootenanny has been postponed unit sometime in October.

Confirmation pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 7th.

Confirmation will be on October 25th this year.

 **HIA Hospice** A grief support group meets on the 3rd Thursday at 1:30 p.m. each month at the Heritage Center. Open to all adults dealing with the loss of a loved one through death. All meetings are free. You may call 800-237-4629 with questions

August Birthdays



August Birthdays –

1 – Seth Eckstein **2** – Sophia Trevis, Logan Trevis, Darian Newland, David Grovum, Bailey Swick **3** – Cori Olds-Byre, Cierra Olds-Byre **4** - Duane Browning **5** - Jon Lindgren, Gary Hintz **6** – Astrid Anderson, Steven Johnson, Tina Galizia, Jeff Olson **7** – John Wollenzien, Ole Tweet, Bret Haugen, Damian Teie **8** – **9** – **10** – Brenda Tischer, Jeremy Schoon **11** – Greg Harder **12** – **13** Alexa Rogalla, Larry Haugen, Randy Jorde **14** – **15** - **16** – Barb Horien, Kristie Bjerklie, Don Howe, Rudy Borg **17** – Richelle Stegeman **18** - **19** – Gracie Vigen, Corey Teie, Michelle Little **20** – Jared Gustafson, Herb Skiple, Jennifer Johnson **21** – Gary Tischer, Bonnie Ornquist, Kris Mostrom, Richard Gilbert **22** – Jan Nordin, Nathan Nelson **23** – Josie Johnson, Juneal Peterson **24** – Nicolas Bjerken, Spenser Carlson, Kade Nelson **25** – Shari Holmes **26** – Janita McLean, Jane Aandal, JJ Cornelius **27** – Katrina Bugge **28** – Zach Myhrer, Bruce Walker **29** – Blake Bugge, Valerie Olson **30** – Shania Sele **31** – Hudson Miller

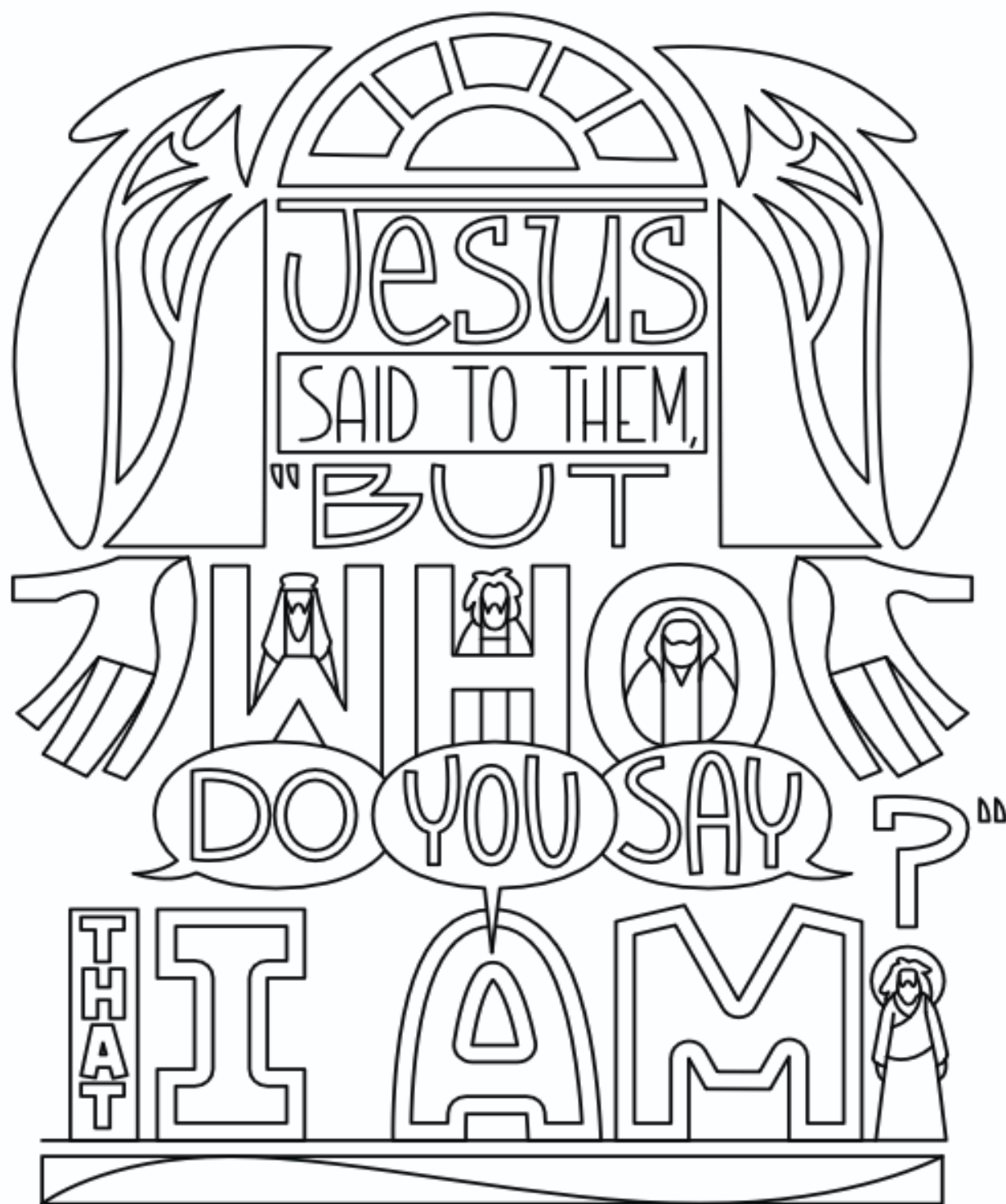
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Ressurrection

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Good

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True vine

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John

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Shepherd

Jesus

Door

Life

Believe

Light

Gate

Love

Footprints in the sand

One night I dreamed I
was walking along the
beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my
life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed
footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there
were two
sets of footprints,
other times there
were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because
I noticed that during the low
periods of my life,
when I was suffering from
anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,
"You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you,
you would
walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during
the most trying periods
of my life
there have only been one
set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most,
you have
not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,
"The times when you have
seen only one set of footprints,
is when I carried you."

