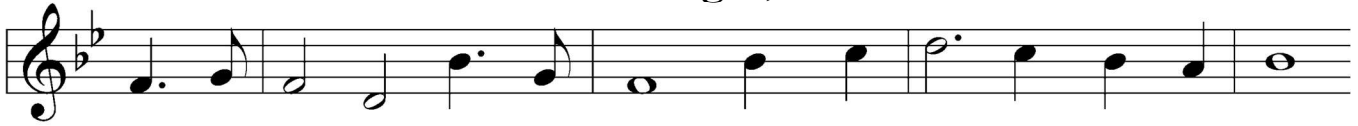


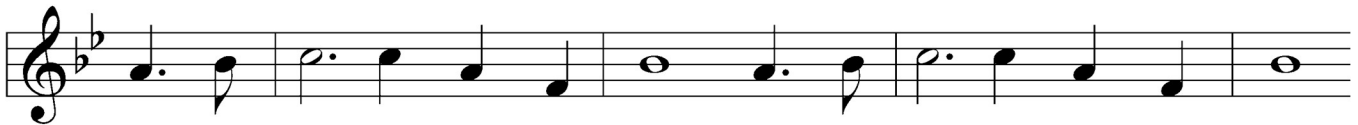
Pastor's Bible Study

July 15, 2026 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Read Isaiah 44:6-8:

1. How does this passage strike you?
2. What connections do you see from this passage and the first commandment?
3. What do you think about how God speaks about Himself?
4. Where does God point His hearers for comfort?
5. How does the image of God as “the Rock” connect with you?

Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43:

1. Do you relate with the servants’ questions in verses 27 & 28?
2. Does the master’s response seem adequate to you?
3. Who are the angels in this parable?
4. Is this parable still important for you today?

Read Romans 8:18-27:

1. For what and whom does creation wait?
2. For what and whom do we wait?
3. How does the Holy Spirit sustain us as we wait?

Devotional Thought:

At the close of this present age, the Son of Man will send His angels to gather all people. The law-breakers will suffer eternal punishment, and the righteous will enjoy the Father’s heavenly glory. Since all people are law-breakers, all deserve to be cast into the fiery furnace. Only those who have faith in Christ will escape this fate. They are declared righteous [Romans 3:21-26]. “He who has ears, let him hear” [43] (*adapted from TLSB, pg. 1610*).

Prayer:

Bless me, Jesus, with a believing heart, that I may remain a child of Your kingdom. Amen.