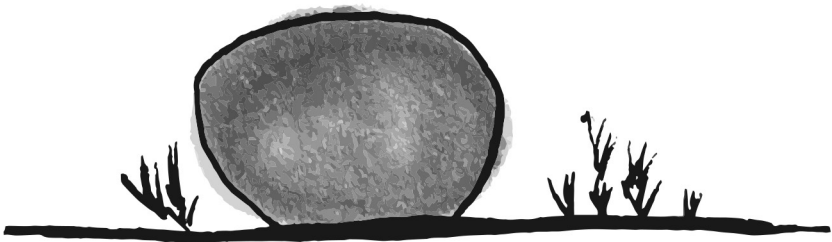




Sunday, August 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.



"Chips off the Old Block"

Pastor Erik Allen



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude	“Built On a Rock”	Wayne Wold
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Announcements

Song	Worthy is the Lamb
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Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 138)*

Song	My Jesus I Love Thee
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Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

please be seated

Lesson	Romans 12:1-8
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Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20
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Gospel Response

Children’s Message	Pastor Erik
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Sermon	“Chips off the Old Block”	Pastor Erik
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Hymn	Built on a Rock	ELW 652
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The Apostles’ Creed

please be seated

Offering

Offering Hymn	We Are an Offering	ELW 692
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Offering Prayer

Prayers of the Church *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray listed on the screen)*

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

please be seated.

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome. Those who do not wish to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

Blessing

Song

How Majestic Is Your Name

Dismissal

Postlude

"Andante"

John Stanley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers today are in celebration of Dick and Donna Ottos' 70th Wedding Anniversary! Prayers of joy and high-fives for our two love birds!

It's Sign Up Time!

Our annual God's Work, Our Hands is Sunday, September 13. Project and lunch signups available now in the Gathering Place and through Flocknote (if you don't get Flocknotes but would like to, email me leslie.french@kogcarmel.org).

Stop by the large bulletin board in the Gathering Place to sign up for projects and the small bulletin board by the entrance to sign up for lunch.

Blood Drive

The Blood Mobile will be in our Parking Lot next Sunday, August 30 from 9:30-12:30. There is a dire need for blood in Indiana right now. A link to sign up will be available Monday via Flocknote or you can just stop in! Please invite friends and neighbors!

Lands'End KOG Swag

We think it's time to show our KOG pride! We are working with Lands'End where you can choose from a variety of clothing which will include our KOG logo. Check your Flocknote from Saturday for step-by-step directions and a code for 25% off.

Prayer List

If you have loved ones you would like added to the prayer list, please let Pastor know or email Leslie. Your family/friends will be included in the prayers of the church for three weeks. Please share their name, their relationship to you and their specific prayer need. If you have a long-term prayer request, please email Leslie with details and they will be listed on the board in the office for our dedicated prayer warriors who pray for each of them throughout the week.

Fall Christian Ed Opportunities Coming Soon

The Men's Wednesday Bible Study from 8:30-10 begins September 16. The resource is The Wired Word which uses current events as lesson topics for each meeting. Relevant scripture is provided to guide the group's discussion in applying the lesson to our faith in today's world. There is no purchase necessary as each weekly lesson is emailed to participants in advance of the session. Meetings are held in the Cross & Crown area from 8:30 to 10:00. Come and join us as we dig into God's Word together!

WOW – (Women on Wednesday) starts back up on Wednesday September 16, meeting from 9:15-11:00 each Wednesday in the Parlor. Those new to and experienced with Bible Study are welcome. Feel free to bring friends, family and/or neighbors. We will be studying "Matthew, Together by Grace Bible Conversations" written by Pr. Amy Lindeman Allen. (*Yes, Pr. Amy is the wife of our dear Pr. Erik.*) If you have never studied with us before we look forward to walking with you through this study. Let either Becky Ellis – 317-460-4319 or Donna Frazier – 317-696-0236 know so we can order books. (both are textable phone numbers)

This Week's Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. Entrusted with God's word of reconciliation and mercy, the church goes forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

- Who do you say Jesus is—in your own plain and simple words?
 - Where do you already see that confession taking shape in your life, and where might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to live it more fully?
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