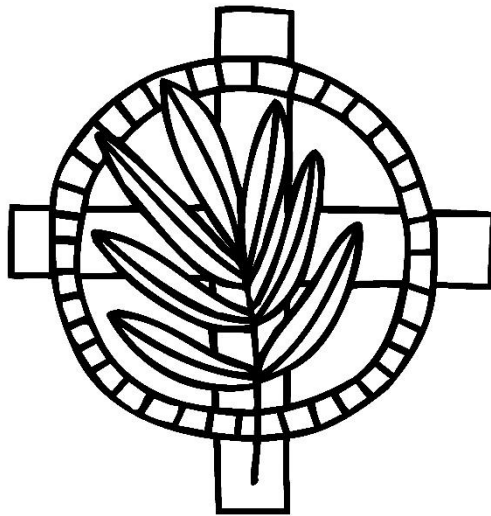


Hollywood Lutheran Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 30, 2026



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in god's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.



Welcome To Worship

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to offer God's Word of Love, Grace, Mercy, and Justice to our homes, congregation, city, and all creation.

Welcome—we're glad you're here. Take a breath, settle in, and participate at your own pace; let the congregation and bulletin guide you. Join us after the service for refreshments—we'd love to meet you. If you're not feeling well, please consider wearing a mask so we can keep one another safe.

Visitors are invited to complete the attendance card in the pew and share any prayer requests or concerns. Sing as you're able—just praise, no need to be perfect. Children are a joyful part of worship; their sounds are welcome, and crayons and coloring sheets are available in the narthex. We celebrate Holy Communion today—all are welcome, with wine, grape juice, and gluten-free bread available.

The rainbow candelabra on the altar serves as a reminder of this community's inclusive and intentional welcome to the **LGBTQ+** community.

The Paschal candle at the entrance to the sanctuary symbolizes the welcoming light of Jesus Christ and has traditionally been a sign of Christ as the Light of the World.

Join us after the service for refreshments in Hoick Hall. We look forward to meeting you.

In Today's Liturgy

Minister: Ted Goulet, Lay Leader

Assistant Minister: Tom Scott

Lector: Phyllis Lundine

Organist: Michael Anderson

Cantor: Phyllis Lundine

Plants and Flowers are given to the glory of God.

PRELUDE

Michael Anderson

The congregation is invited to stand as they can or feel comfortable.

Welcome, This Morning Worship Service Begins With
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O god, we thank you for your son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our savior and lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In (elw 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
And of the ✝ Son,
And of the holy spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your holy spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of god and of one another.

Most merciful god,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty god, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake god forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the holy spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

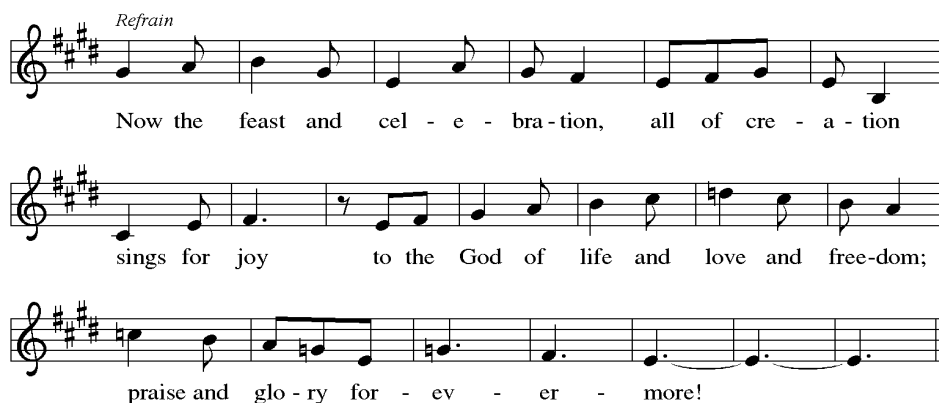
Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Now The Feast And Celebration (Elw 167)



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

The congregation is invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of god's hand upon him and god's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

O LORD, you know;

remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

in your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult.

your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked

and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

Refrain (R): Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

Test me, O LORD, and try me;

examine my heart and my mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful. *R*

I have hated the company of evildoers;

I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, o LORD,

that I may go in procession round your altar,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

LORD, I love the house in which you dwell

and the place where your glory abides. *R*

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans.

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of god, word of life.

Thanks be to god.

You are invited to stand, as you are able or as you feel comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, o Lord.

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the son of the living god” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

SERMON

Ted Goulet, Lay Leader

You are invited to stand, as you are able or as you feel comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be thou my vision (elw 793)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith.

Merciful god, **Receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters.

Merciful god, **Receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence.

Merciful god, **Receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit.

Merciful god, **Receive our prayer.**

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love.

Merciful god, **Receive our prayer.**

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come.

Merciful god, **Receive our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray for today?

We invite prayers from the congregation to be shared.

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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to be seated.

The usher will now pass the offering plate.

Special Music by Michael Anderson

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of

all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy god, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the lord our god.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

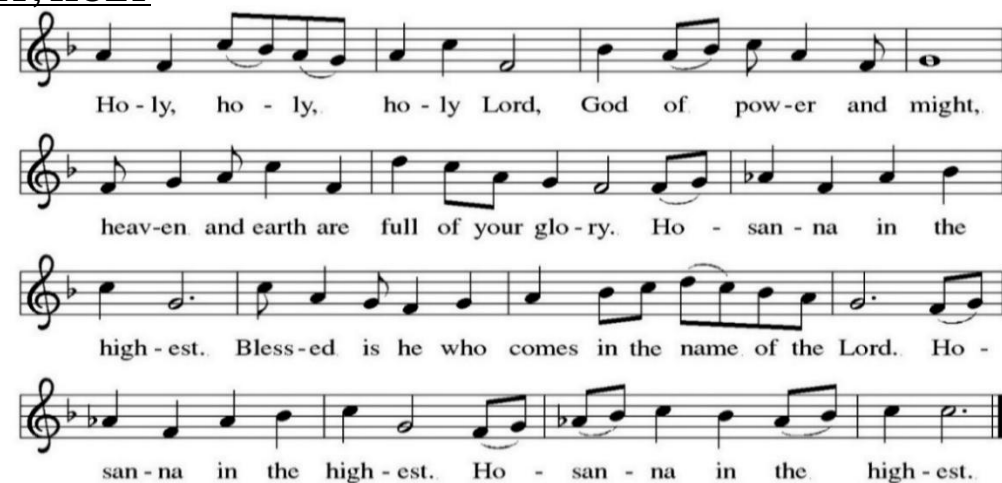
PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful god, Through our Savior Jesus Christ;

Who on this day overcame death and the grave, And by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our lord jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed
for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are they who are called to His table."

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



You are invited to stand, as you are able or as you feel comfortable.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious god, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through jesus christ, our savior and lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

The god of steadfastness and encouragement
Grant you to live in harmony with one another,
In accordance with christ jesus.

Amen.

The god of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
So that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy spirit.

Amen.

The god of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

In Thee Is Gladness (elw 867)



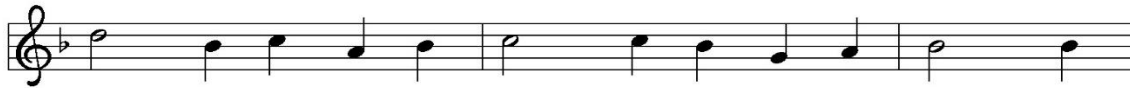
1 In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my
2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can



true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his



break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es



and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to god.



HOLLYWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH **105th Year**

We are a welcoming congregation of the Southwest California Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, committed to serving our community with faith, compassion, and hospitality.

Contact Us: Email: hlcchurch.office@gmail.com
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HLC Schedule:

Worship Service — Every Sunday @ 10:00 AM
Food Pantry Delivery — Mondays 8:00 AM
Food Pantry Distribution — Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Please offer your prayers throughout the week for the following individuals:

Special Prayer:

God of peace, we humbly pray for your mercy. Guide the leaders of all nations with wisdom and compassion, that they may choose peace over conflict. Hold close families who are separated, comfort those who are afraid, and protect all who are caught in violence and uncertainty. Provide for their daily needs and keep them safe. Remind us that we are one human family, and fill every heart with hope, courage, and the assurance that no one is alone.

Healing:

Tanya, John Curley, Lorene Yaros, Irene Yaros,
Charlette Johnson, Lee Nelson, Vallery Steward, Bill
Richards, David Conrad, Scott Aries, Amara Olivera,
Jeffrey Forbar, Roy Mariano

Healing & the Strength in the Fight Against Cancer:

Anna Harris, Ashlyn, Jennifer Yates, Jaha Blackwell,
Debra Lande

Hope & strength:

The Douglas Family, Wilke Family, Haddad Family
For all military people who are deployed or serving.

Wholeness and well-being:

Marie Sorensen, Adelina, Deborah An Monahan,
Thomas Richardson

Trust in God's mercy:

Kat Nelson, Tamara Olivera & Alonzo Perez De Arre,
Zakaria, Karin Garcia, Arvik Rostamians

In Loving Memory, candles are lit in remembrance of:

Lucille Walker, Terry Douglas, Barbara "B" Wilke,
George Haddad

If you would like to add, update, or remove a name, please contact the church office at hlchurch.office@gmail.com or (323) 667-1212.

Names are generally kept on the list for one month, unless otherwise requested.

When Peace, like a River
It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.