

# HOLLYWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 14, 2024



## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them and to proclaim God's saving love.



## **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 are delighted you have come to worship. Relax, sing, and center yourself. Let the congregation and this bulletin guide you and follow along as you can. Join us after the service for refreshments. We look forward to meeting you. **Mask: we ask that if you aren't feeling well or have a cold or cough, please wear a mask. It takes a little effort from everyone to stay safe and healthy.**

### **Visitor**

Please complete the attendance card located in the pew. You may also include prayer requests, concerns, and other information you want the church to know. If you are interested in meeting with the pastor, learning more about our community, or becoming a member, please make a note on the card.

### **Music**

If you don't know a song, sing along as you can, and don't worry about getting it right. Just praise.

### **Children are Welcomed Here**

Children enrich our worship experience. The sounds of crying, laughing, and talking are welcome in our church; these sounds are a true gift and remind us of God's presence. Children may find crayons and coloring sheets helpful during worship; you can find some in our narthex.

### **Holy Communion**

The congregation will celebrate Holy Communion this morning. All are welcome, no matter their background. Wine, grape juice, and gluten-free bread are offered at the table.

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

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## **PRELUDE**

Michael Anderson

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able to 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, from you, come to all holy desires, all good counsels, and all works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also, that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **In Today's Liturgy**

**Minister:** Ted Goulet, Lay Leader

**Assistant Minister:** Karla & Bill Richards

**Lector:** Marie Sorensen

**Organist:** Michael Andersen

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Plants and Flowers are given to the glory of God

## GATHERING SONG

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)*



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**KYRIE**

(ELW p. 98)

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)

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

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

*The congregation is invited to be seated.*

**FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15**

A reading from Amos.

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah the southern kingdom called by God to speak to Israel the northern kingdom. God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13**

*Refrain:* I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. **R**

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and  
to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land. R**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway. R**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

A reading from Ephesians.

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ, we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW p. 142)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

King Herod heard of the disciples' preaching, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason, these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod, on his birthday, gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When

his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately, the king sent a soldier, of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Ted Goulet, Lay Leader

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 812)*



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

**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**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, laws are written, and customs are observed to protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

On the cross, your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to those in despair, and comfort to the dying. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All people praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. Gather us with all your saints in light in the fullness of time.

In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray for today?

*We invite prayers from the congregation to be shared.*

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

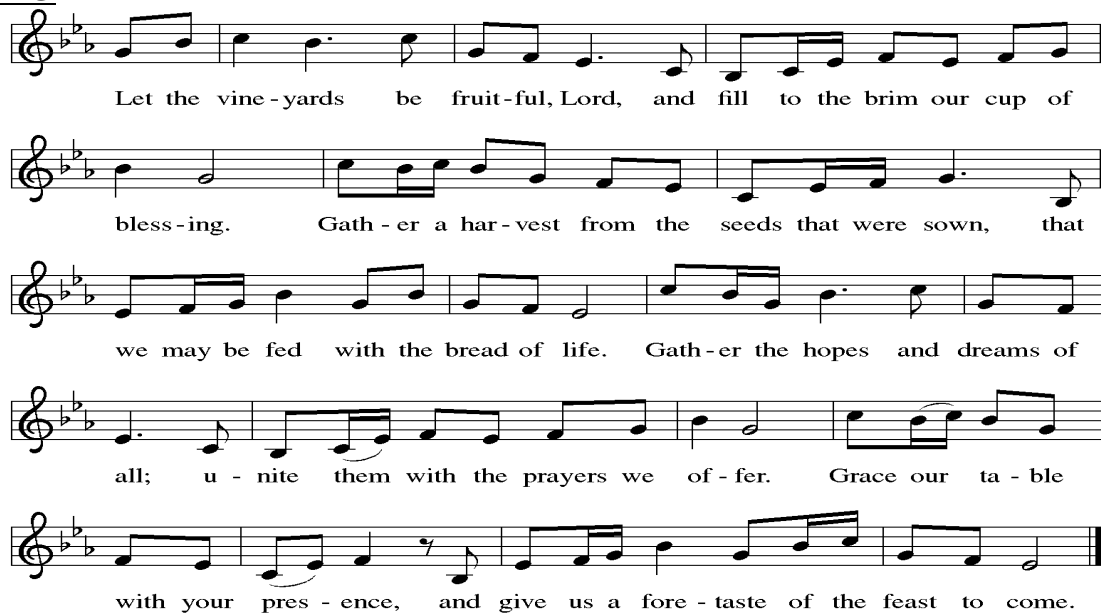
*The congregation is invited to be seated.*

Special Music by Michael Anderson  
*The usher will now pass the offering plate.*



## OFFERING

(ELW p. 144)



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.

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.**

**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.**

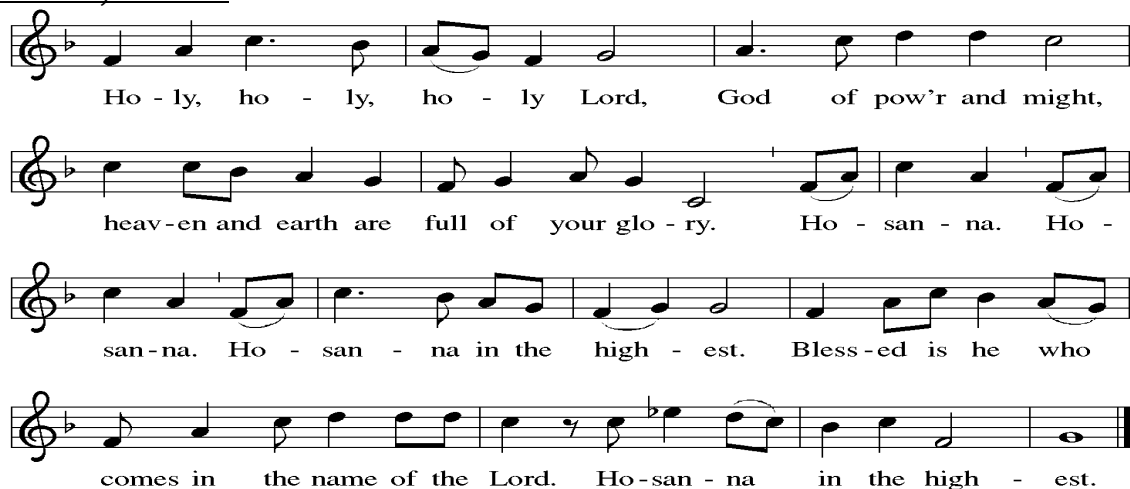
## PREFACE

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

(ELW p. 144)



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-  
san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able to or feel comfortable.*

### **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, 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.**

"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 SONG**

*(ELW p. 146)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able to or feel comfortable.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

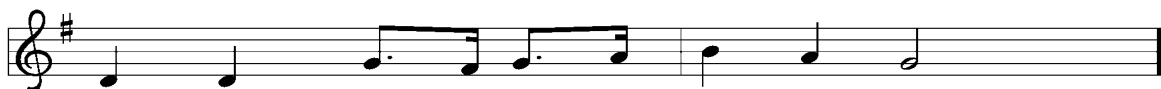
*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (ELW 774)*



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**



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

**Special Prayer:**

God of peace, give leaders of nations the wisdom to choose peace over war, dialogue over conflict. Comfort those who are in fear and are caught in the middle of the conflict.

**For healing:**

Paul Hohmann, Walter Cana's, Valerie Stewart

**For trust in your mercy:**

Sherry Bond & Family

**For wholeness and well-being:**

David Conrad, Esther Olsen, Bill Reid, Emmett Richards, Bill Lortz, Roy Stone, Javier Cruz

**For strength and healing in fighting cancers:**

Anna Harris, Robin Ardinger, Ashlyn (Raoul's niece), Jennifer Yates, Will Terry, Jaha Blackwell, Sam Gros, Debra Lande, Tim Pugh

**For hopefulness and strength:**

Adnan Aswad & Wagner Family, Marie Sorensen, Gwen Moreno & King Family  
For all people in the military who are deployed or serving our country.

**Memorial Candles are lit in memory of:**

Ron Aswad, Butch King

If anyone wants to add or re-add a name, please email or call our office. [hlchurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:hlchurch.office@gmail.com) (323)667-1212  
Names normally remain on our list for a month, or they're removed before by request.

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

Our congregation uses the paschal candle at the sanctuary's entrance as the welcoming light of Jesus Christ. In the same way that it has traditionally been utilized as light to the world.



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**103rd Year,**

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**Upcoming Calendar**

Food Pantry Delivery Mondays 8:00 am  
Food Pantry Distribution Wednesdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
(Mariposa Ministry Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month)  
Worship & Music Committee Meeting Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

**Special Dispensation**

Ted Goulet has been authorized by Bishop Brenda Boss of the Southwest California Synod, to preside at Holy Communion today.