



Sunday August 30, 2026

14th Sunday After Pentecost

*As you enter, you are invited into a time
to silently reflect and center for worship*

***Services are live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook
each week. Welcome to all to view.***

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 655** *"Son of God, Eternal Savior" Vss 1-3*

GREETING

P/ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R/ And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

WORD

FIRST READING

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."

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
 nor did I rejoice;
 under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
 for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸ 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.
¹⁹ 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.
²⁰ 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.
²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.
 L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

PSALM

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
 I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
² **Test me, O LORD, and try me;
 examine my heart and my mind.**
³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
 I have walked faithfully with you.
⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**
⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING

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.

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ 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."
²⁰ 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." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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GOSPEL

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.”

Matthew 16:21-28

P/ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter. **R/Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ 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. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ 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.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ 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?

²⁷ “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. ²⁸ 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.”

P/ The Gospel of the Lord **R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 798** “Will You Come and Follow Me”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P/ Lord, in your mercy R/ **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: **ELW 692** *"We Are an Offering"*

OFFERING PRAYER:

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. **Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 our God. **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN **ACS 1071** *"In Sacred Manner"* (Vs 1 All, Vs 2 High Voices,
Vs 3 Reflective Organ Verse, Vs 4 Low Voices, Vs 5 All)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER :

Lord God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **ELW 710** *"Let Streams of Living Justice"* Vss 1-3

DISMISSAL

P/ Go in peace. Serve the Lord. R/Thanks be to God.

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