The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026 - 9:00 am

Rev. Bryan E. Drebes, Pastor **Zachariah Hastings, Director of Music**

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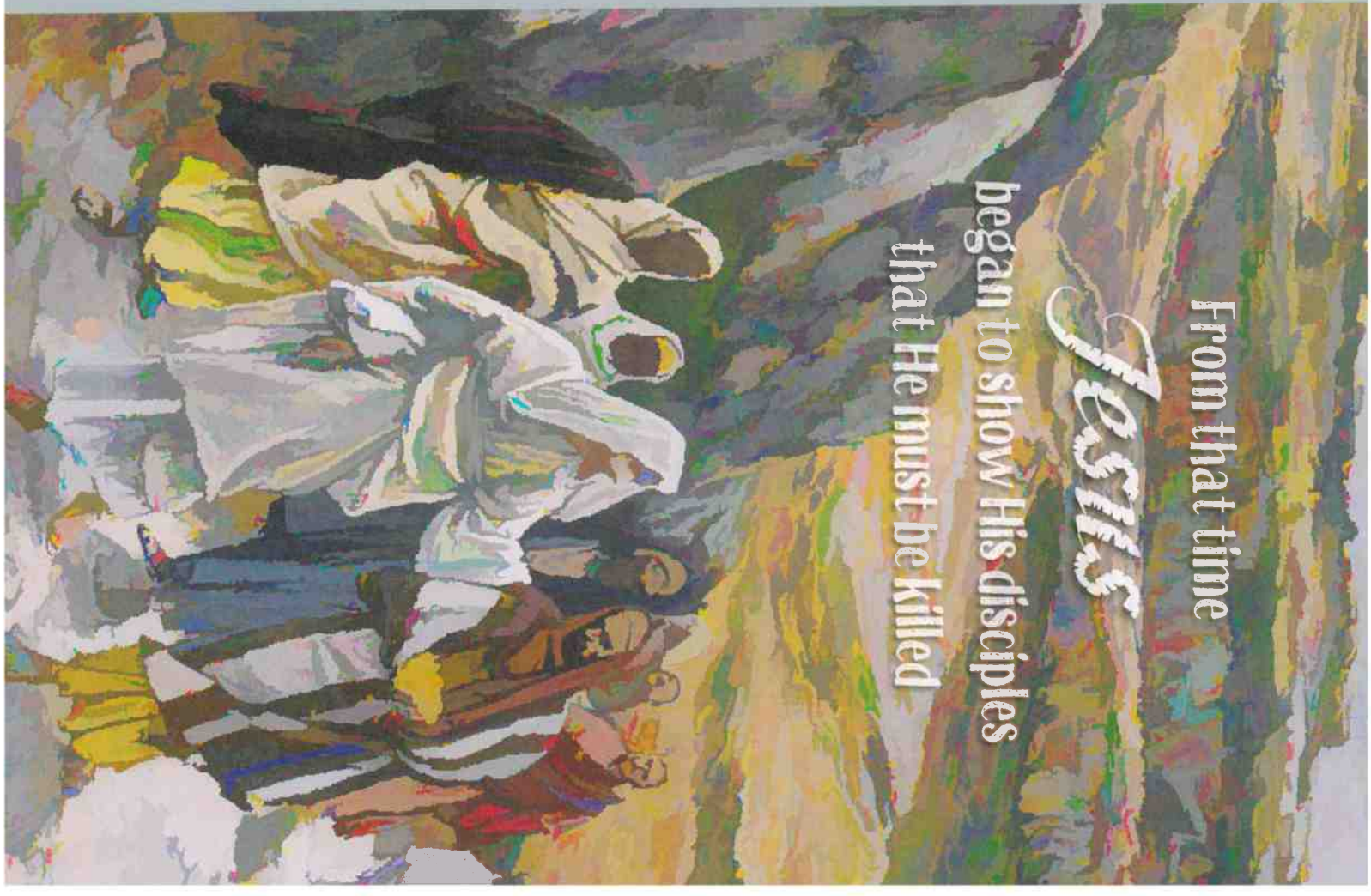

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WELCOME — We extend a cordial welcome in our Lord's name to all who worship with us at Pacific Hills. We greet our guests with the love and peace of Jesus and pray that our sharing of God's Word will enrich your faith and life in Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION — If you would like more information about Pacific Hills you may speak to an usher or elder or call the church office. You may also visit our website, *www.PacificHillsLutheran.org*, where you will also find our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*. To subscribe to our newsletter via email, contact: KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org.

NURSERY — Children are always welcome in worship! If a parent or guardian needs to step out with a child, a nursery is available in Room 112. Ask an usher for entrance.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS — Hearing assist units are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PHONES — We thank you for silencing your mobile device or turning it off during worship.

WORSHIP CARDS — We kindly ask our guests and members to complete a worship card located in the pew rack. The cards will be received by the ushers during the worship service. You may request a prayer or lift up a name by writing on the back of the card. First names will be read during the parish prayers.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF OUR LORD — We invite those who share with us in the fellowship of faith to come to the Lord's altar and receive, in the Holy Communion, the very body and blood of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus has given us His Holy Supper so that we might receive into our very lives His body and blood, under the elements of bread and wine, for the remission of our sins and thereby know in a physical, tangible way that we are forgiven and have eternal life through faith in Him.

Each who comes to the Table of our Lord should:

- Be a Baptized Child of God;
- Have received scriptural instruction in Christ's means of meeting us in this Sacrament;
- Examine themself by confessing their sins to God;
    a. 1 Corinthians 11:26-29
    b. Lutheran Service Book, p. 329
- Believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord from sin and death and who delivers us from the power of the devil;
- Desire the Holy Spirit's power to turn away from sin and live a Christ-like life; and
- Recognize the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood (under the elements of bread and wine) for the forgiveness of sins.

If you are uncertain or have questions concerning your participation, please ask to speak with an elder, our pastor or an usher. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Alcohol-removed wine is in the center of the tray. Children and adults desiring to receive a blessing should cross their arms while at the communion rail.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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Divine Service
Setting One

About the Cover: Jesus was heading to Jerusalem, where He would suffer, be killed, and rise again. Peter attempted to lead Him in another direction, but Jesus directed him and the other disciples to follow Him and take up their own crosses. However, the cross of Jesus was His alone to bear in order to bring us forgiveness. We follow Him by the gift of faith. Following Jesus means dying to ourselves, confessing our sins, and trusting that death in Him means resurrection life.

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

Opening Hymn

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

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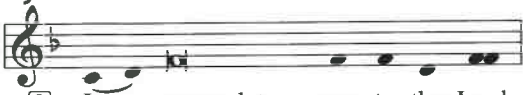
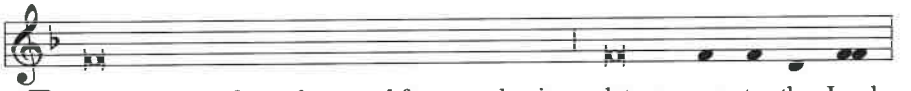
Kyrie

Mark 10:47



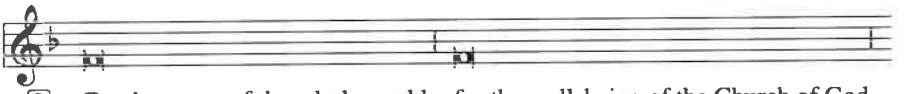
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mer - cy.**

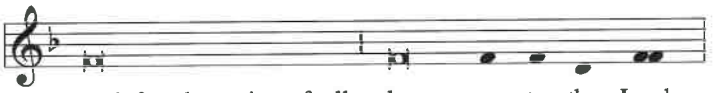


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mer - cy.**

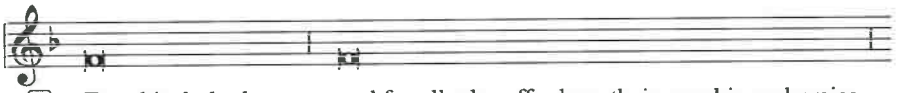


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
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 revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not 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,
declares the LORD.
[21]I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Cards are collected at this time.

Psalm

Psalm 26

[1]Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.
[2]Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind.

[3]For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,*
and I walk in your | faithfulness.
[4]I do not sit with men of | falsehood,*
nor do I consort with | hypocrites.

[5]I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,*
and I will not sit with the | wicked.
[6]I wash my hands in | innocence*
and go around your altar, | O LORD,

[7]proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,*
and telling all your | wondrous deeds.
[8]O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.

[9]Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,*
nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,
[10]in whose hands are evil de- | vices,*
and whose right hands are | full of bribes.

[11]But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;*
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.
[12]My foot stands on | level ground;*
in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.

Sit

Second Reading

Romans 12:9–21

[9]Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. [10]Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. [11]Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. [12]Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. [13]Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

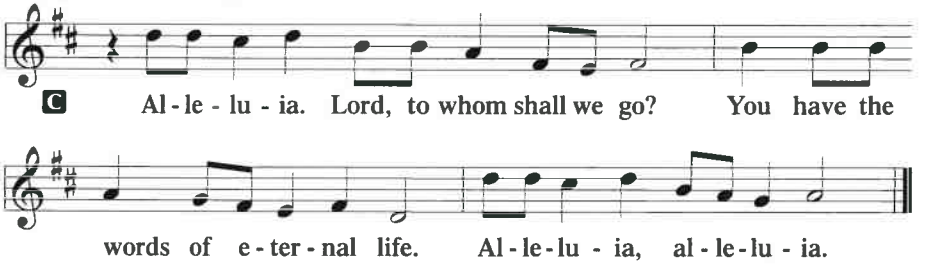
[14]Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15]Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. [16]Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. [17]Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. [18]If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [19]Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." [20]To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." [21]Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

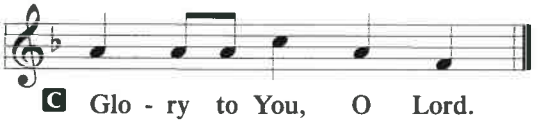
John 6:68



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

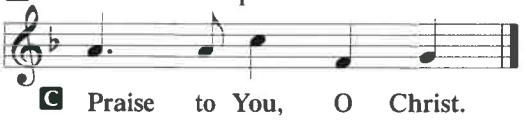
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



[21]From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer
many things from 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, "Far be it from you, Lord!
This shall 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 not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things
of man."

[24]Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and
take up his cross and follow me. [25]For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever
loses his life for my sake will find it. [26]For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world
and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? [27]For the Son of Man is
going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person
according to what he has done. [28]Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not
taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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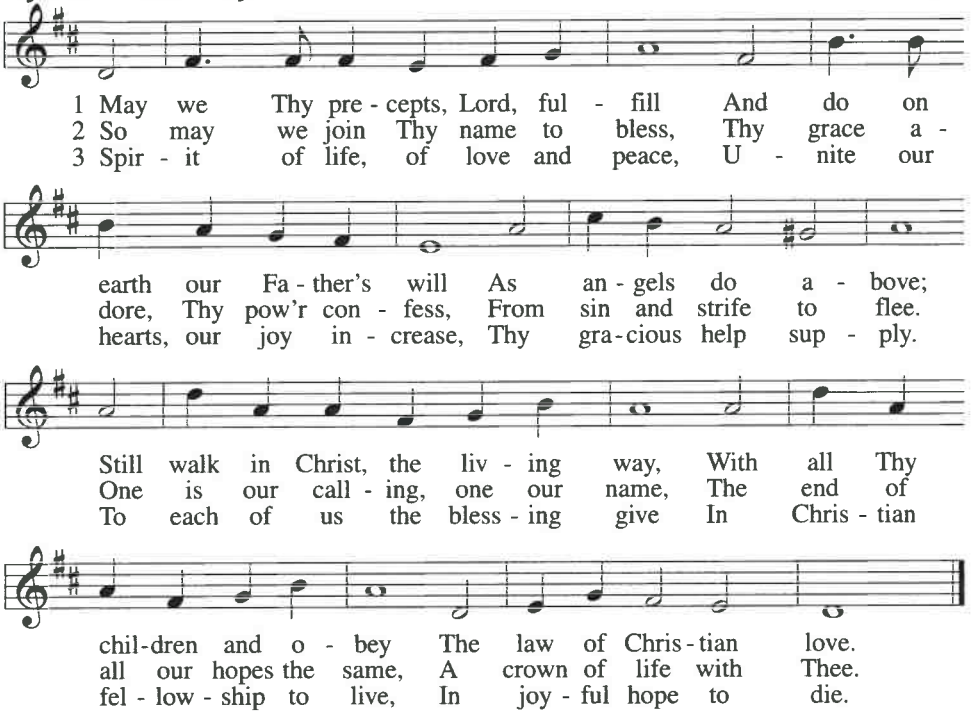
Hymn of the Day

698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



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Sermon

Glory vs. Cross
Matthew 16:21-28

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church - Prayer lists are available in the narthex.

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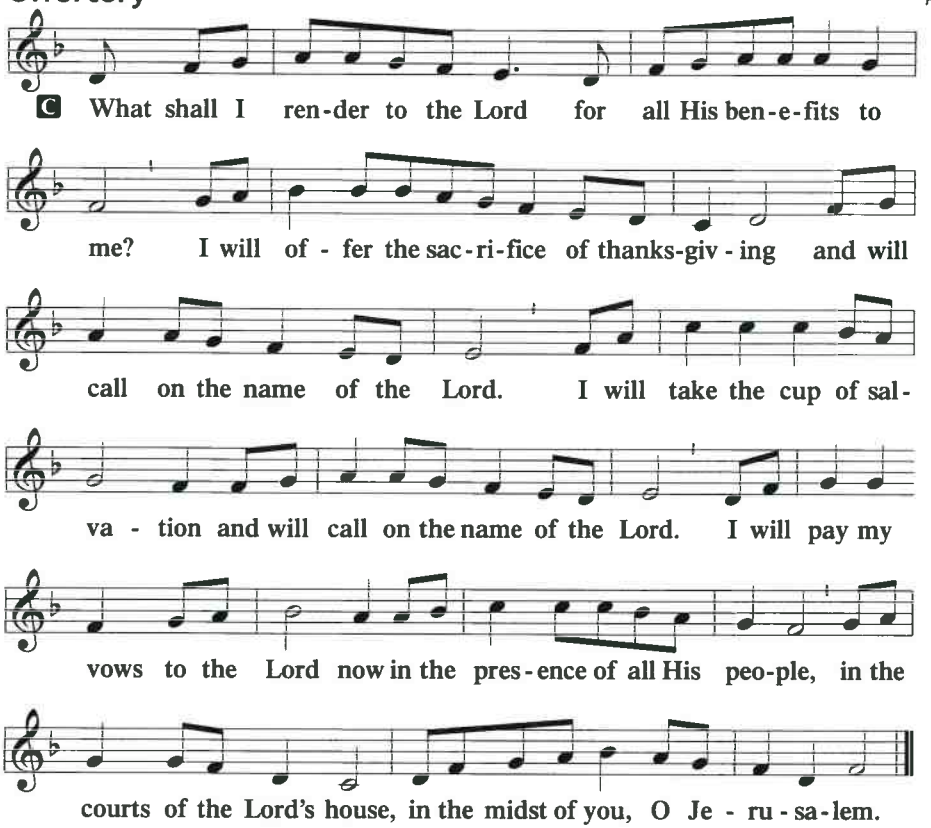
Offering

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C **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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

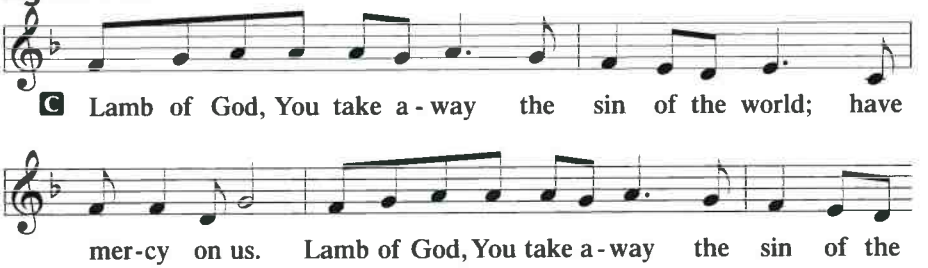
John 20:19

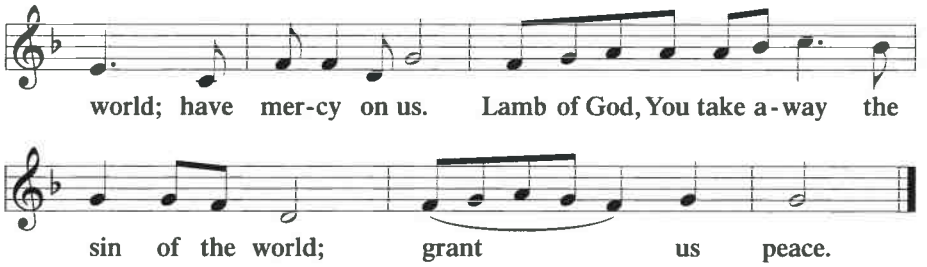
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29





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Distribution

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Distribution Hymn

861 Christ Be My Leader

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Distribution Hymn

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Stand

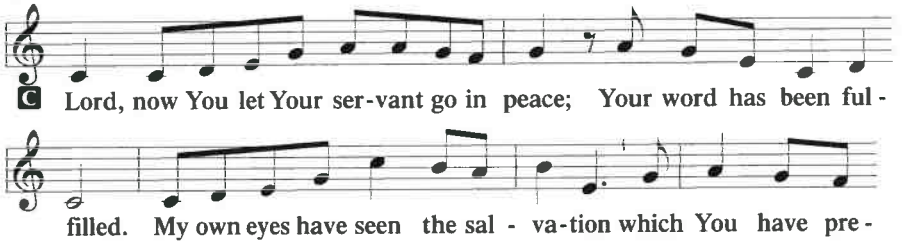
The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

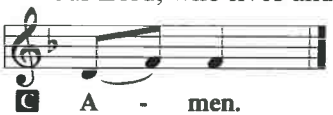
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Post-Communion Collect

[A] Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

Closing Hymn

661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War

1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.
2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave,
3 A glo-rious band, the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came,
4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,

His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?
Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save.
Twelve val - iant saints— their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.
A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joice, In robes of light ar-rayed.

Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um-phant o - ver pain,
Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor-tal pain,
They met the ty - rant's bran-dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.

Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol - lows in His train.
He prayed for those who did the wrong— Who fol - lows in his train?
They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol - lows in their train?
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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Postlude/Silent Prayer

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 6, 2026 - 8:00am and 10:30am Services

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 32:1-7
Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

Sermon
Rev. Glenn Meyer

This Week at Pacific Hills

Sunday August 30	9:00 am 10:15 am	Eucharistic Worship 5th Sunday Fellowship
Monday August 31	11:30 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Tai Chi (Acker Hall) Quilting (Rm 209) AA Meeting (Acker Hall)
Tuesday September 1	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Care Ministry Meeting (Rm 115) Pray, Knit & Crochet Group (Narthex)
Wednesday September 2	7:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (FarmHouse Cafe) Devotional (Zoom) Young Adult Group (Acker Hall) Women's Bible Study (Narthex) Confirmation Information Meeting (Acker Hall)
Thursday September 3	6:30 pm	Tai Chi (Acker Hall)
Sunday September 6	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Eucharistic Worship Education Hour with Pastor (Rm 114) Eucharistic Worship

Please stay after today's worship for 5th Sunday fellowship!

Bob Vandervort's Bible study group will resume on Sunday, September 13th at 6:00 pm via Zoom exploring and meditating on the books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. If you are interested in joining this study, please contact Bob at rvandervort84@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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Our Record of Response:

August 23, 2026

Attendance: 115

Last Week's Offering:

General Fund: $6,889.00 Missions: $90.00 Good Samaritan: $40.00

Year to Date Giving*:

General Fund: $253,802.45 Missions: $7,458.00 Good Samaritan: $9,164.00

* YTD Giving includes envelope offerings, e-offerings & capital fund contributions

Today's Service

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Holy Gospel	Matthew 16:21-28
Hymn of the Day	LSB 698 *May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*
Creed	Apostles' Creed
Distribution Hymn	LSB 861 *Christ Be My Leader*
	LSB 621 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
Closing Hymn	LSB 661 *The Son of God Goes Forth to War*

Presiding/Assisting This Day

Preaching & Presiding	Rev. Bryan Drebes
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Artist	Christine Kanter
Cantor	Sharon Vacanti
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Our Mission Statement
Share Christ † Serve Others

Church Office Hours
Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Lunch Break: 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

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