



Pilgrim
LUTHERAN
Church

Divine Service



August 25, 2024
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn

Lord of Our Life



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, star of our
2 See round your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing, see how your
3 Lord, you can help when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; Lord, you can
4 Peace in our hearts, our trou - bled thoughts as - suag - ing, peace in your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: hear and re - ceive your
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing. Lord, while their poi - soned
save when dead - ly sin as - sails us; and, in the day when
church, where kin - dred souls are rag - ing, peace, when the world its



church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
ar - rows they are hurl - ing, you can pre - serve us.
hell it - self ap - palls us, grant us your peace, Lord:
end - less war is wag - ing, peace in your heav - en.

Text: Matthäus A. von Löwenstern, 1594–1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799–1855, alt.
Music: ISTE CONFESSOR, Poitiers *Antiphoner*, 1746

Confession and Forgiveness

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage 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

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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

The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Songs of Praise

Only You

Verse 1

No one but You Lord
Can satisfy the longing in my heart
Nothing I do Lord
Can take the place of drawing near to You

Chorus

Only You can fill my deepest longing
Only You can breathe in me new life
Only You can fill my heart with laughter
Only You can answer my heart's cry

Verse 2

Father I love You
Come satisfy the longing in my heart
Fill me overwhelm me
Until I know Your love deep in my heart

Chorus

Only You can fill my deepest longing
Only You can breathe in me new life
Only You can fill my heart with laughter
Only You can answer my heart's cry

No Other Gods

Verse 1

The God of the heavens
The Ancient of Days
The God of our fathers
And God of my praise
The Alpha Omega
Beginning and End
Forever and ever
Your kingdom will stand
We come to bow before You now
We come to lay our lives down

Chorus

We will have no other gods before You
Nothing on earth will compete for Your throne
You are the sov'reign I Am
And You'll reign in our hearts alone
We will exalt You on high forever
King of all kings and the Lord of all lords
We will have no other gods before You

Verse 2

Our Maker Creator
Before time began
Messiah and Savior
Redeemer and Friend
Our Rock of Salvation
So faithful and true
We give all the glory
And honor to You
For You alone are worthy
Of our never-ending love

Chorus

We will have no other gods before You
Nothing on earth will compete for Your throne
You are the sov'reign I Am
And You'll reign in our hearts alone
We will exalt You on high forever
King of all kings and the Lord of all lords
We will have no other gods before You

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Joshua 24

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2a And Joshua said to all the people, 14 "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.

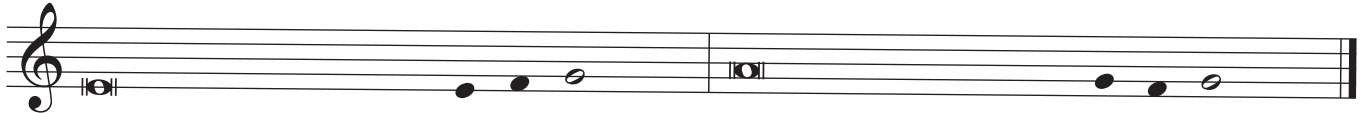
He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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

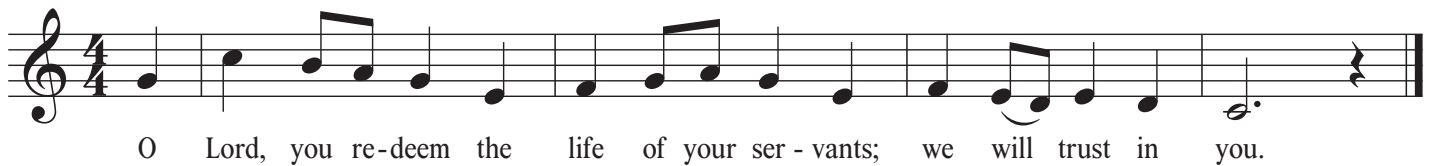
Psalm

Psalm 34

Tone



Refrain



Refrain: O Lord, You redeem the life of your servants; we will trust in you.

15 The eyes of the Lord are up- • on the righteous,
and God's ears are open • to their cry.

**16 The face of the Lord is against those • who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them • from the earth.**

17 The righteous cry, and • the Lord hears them
and delivers them from • all their troubles.

**18 The Lord is near to the • brokenhearted
and saves those whose spir- • its are crushed.**

Refrain: O Lord, You redeem the life of your servants; we will trust in you.

19 Many are the troubles • of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers them from • every one.

**20 God will keep safe • all their bones;
not one of them • shall be broken.**

21 Evil will bring death • to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous • will be punished.

**22 O Lord, you redeem the life • of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will • not be punished.**

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son
and to the Holy • Spirit;
as it was in the be - • ginning,
is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

Refrain: O Lord, You redeem the life of your servants; we will trust in you.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6

10 Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Children's Message

Gemma Howsepian

Gospel Acclamation

O Lord, You redeem the life of your servants; we will trust in you.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

[Jesus said,] 56 "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." 59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" 61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65 And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. 67 So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Lew Upchurch

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 Intercession

Following each prayer petition:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Offering

The Sacrament of the Altar

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.

It is indeed our duty and our joy...evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed + is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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.**

O Lamb of God...

Ways to Commune

Intinction – Dipped bread placed into hands or directly in the mouth

Sealed Cups – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together)

Prayer – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest

Communion Song

My Heart is Yours

Verse 1

I give you my life
I give You my trust Jesus
And You are my God
And You are enough Jesus

Chorus 1

My heart is Yours my heart is Yours
Take it all take it all
My life in Your hands
My heart is Yours (Lord) my heart is Yours
Take it all take it all
My life in Your hands

Verse 2

I lay down my life
I take up my cross Jesus
For You are my God
Whatever the cost Jesus
O Jesus

Chorus 1

My heart is Yours my heart is Yours
Take it all take it all
My life in Your hands
My heart is Yours (Lord) my heart is Yours
Take it all take it all
My life in Your hands

Chorus 2

And all to Jesus I surrender
All to You I freely give
Oh I will ever love and trust You
In Your presence I will live
(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

My heart is Yours my heart is Yours
Take it all take it all
My life in Your hands
My heart is Yours (Lord) my heart is Yours
Take it all take it all
My life in Your hands

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Announcements

I Will Trust in You

Verse 1

When I can't see You I know You're here
When I can't feel You I will not fear
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

Verse 2

And when the battle is close at hand
I know You're with me to help me stand
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

Chorus

I will not be afraid
I will not be afraid
I will trust in You
I will trust in You

Verse 3

And when the darkness is closing in
And I am running against the wind
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

Verse 4

'Cause when I'm standing upon that shore
And all the battles they have gone before
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

Chorus

I will not be afraid
I will not be afraid
I will trust in You
I will trust in You

*Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used Holy Communion Cups as you
leave the Sanctuary*

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Happening this Week

Sunday, August 25

Bible Study, 8:30 am
Divine Service, 10:00 am

Monday, August 26

Alpha Prayers, 9:00 am
Online

Contact Barbara P. to join.

Tuesday, August 27

Wednesday, August 28

Thursday, August 29

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31



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Called by the Holy Spirit,
**we are an intergenerational community of
worship and service**
that invites the people of
Santa Monica and beyond
**to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ
through Word and Sacraments.**

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