



**Pilgrim**  
LUTHERAN  
**Church**

## Divine Service



**September 22, 2024**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

# Opening Hymn

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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# 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

## Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant humble and meek  
Lord let me lift up those who are weak  
And may the prayer of my heart always be  
Make me a servant make me a servant  
Make me a servant today

## Good to Me

### Verse

I cry out  
For Your hand of mercy to heal me  
I am weak  
I need Your love to free me  
Oh Lord my rock  
My strength in weakness  
Come rescue me oh Lord

### Pre-Chorus

You are my hope  
Your promise never fails me  
And my desire  
Is to follow You forever

### Chorus

For You are good for You are good  
For You are good to me  
For You are good for You are good  
For You are good to me

### Ending

I cry out  
For Your hand of mercy to heal me  
Come rescue me oh Lord

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# First Reading

## Jeremiah 11

18 It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

19 But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

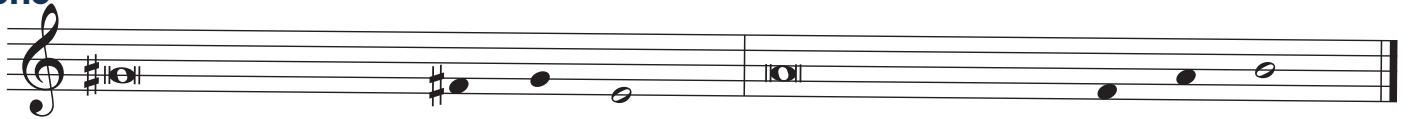
20 But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

## Psalm

### Psalm 54

#### Tone



#### Refrain



**Refrain: Lord, you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

1 Save me, O God, • by your name;  
in your might, de- • fend my cause.

**2 Hear my • prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words • of my mouth.**

3 For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have • sought my life,  
those who have no re- • gard for God.

**4 Behold, God • is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sus- • tains my life.**

**Refrain: Lord, you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

5 Render evil to those who • spy on me;  
in your faithful- • ness, destroy them.

**6 I will offer you a • freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O Lord, for • it is good.**

7 For you have rescued me from • every trouble,  
and my eye looks down • on my enemies.

**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: Lord, you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

## Second Reading

### James 3

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8a Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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## Children's Message

**Gemma Rodriguez**

# Gospel Acclamation

**Lord, you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

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

30 [Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." 32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" 34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." 36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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,  
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 Intercession

*Following each prayer petition:*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## 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

### Great Are You, Lord

#### Verse

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

#### Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

#### Verse

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#### Chorus

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It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

#### Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord  
(Repeat)

# Blessing

## Closing Hymn

### Lord of all Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## Announcements

## **Our God**

### **Verse 1**

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You

### **Verse 2**

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

### **Chorus**

Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God

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### **Chorus**

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God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God  
(Repeat)

### **Bridge**

And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
(Then) what could stand against

**Chorus**

Our God is greater  
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God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God  
(Repeat)

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

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# Serving at Worship Today

## **Preaching & Presiding**

Rev. Lew Upchurch

## **Director of Music**

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## **Greeters**

## **Ushers**

## **Acolytes**

# Upcoming Events



**Learn more about all upcoming events at [pilgrimsm.org/calendar](https://pilgrimsm.org/calendar)**

## Pilgrim Giving



Your faithful financial stewardship is as important as ever. We will be creating cards with QR code to access online giving.

## Serve at Pilgrim



Interested in serving at Pilgrim? Scan the QR code or go to <https://pilgrims.org/serve-at-divine-service/> to complete an information form. We will contact you when trainings are scheduled for various service opportunities.

## Bible App



Scan this QR code to download a Bible app and access scripture, devotionals, and more right from your phone!

## Happening this Week

### **Sunday, September 22**

Bible Study, 9:00 am  
Divine Service, 10:00 am

### **Monday, September 23**

Alpha Prayers, 9:00 am  
*Online*  
*Contact Barbara P. to join.*

### **Tuesday, September 24**

### **Wednesday, September 25**

### **Thursday, September 26**

### **Friday, September 27**

### **Saturday, September 28**



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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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