



**Pilgrim**  
LUTHERAN  
**Church**

## Divine Service



**August 31, 2025**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

# Welcome

## Opening Hymn

### O God Beyond all Praising



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

# 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

### Humble Thyself

Humble thyself  
In the sight of the Lord  
Humble thyself  
In the sight of the Lord

And He shall lift you up  
Higher and higher  
And He shall lift you up

(Repeat)

### God So Loved

Come all you weary  
Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners  
Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love  
(Repeat)

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save

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Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
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Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting  
God so loved the world

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

### Proverbs 25

It is the glory of God to conceal things,  
but the glory of kings is to search things out.

3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;

5 take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,

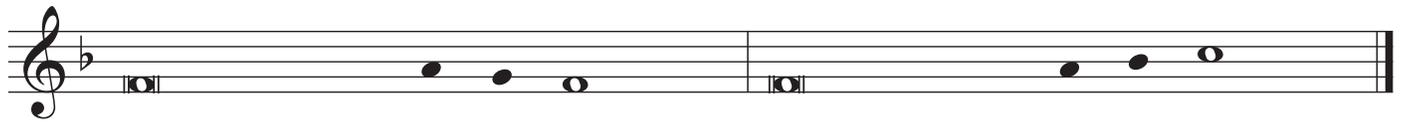
7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen  
 8 do not hastily bring into court,  
 for what will you do in the end,  
 when your neighbor puts you to shame?  
 9 Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
 and do not reveal another's secret,  
 10 lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
 and your ill repute have no end.

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

## Psalm Psalm 112

### Tone



### Refrain



Hap - py are they who de - light, \_\_\_\_\_ who de - light in the law of God.

### Refrain: Happy are they who delight, who delight in the law of God.

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who • fear the Lord  
 and have great delight in • God's commandments!

**2 Their descendants will be mighty • in the land;  
 the generation of the upright • will be blessed.**

### Refrain: Happy are they who delight, who delight in the law of God.

3 Wealth and riches will be • in their house,  
 and their righteousness will • last forever.

**4 Light shines in the darkness • for the upright;  
 the righteous are merciful and full • of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be gener- • ous in lending  
 and to manage their af- • fairs with justice.

**6 For they will nev- • er be shaken;  
 the righteous will be kept in everlast- • ing remembrance.**

### Refrain: Happy are they who delight, who delight in the law of God.

7 They will not be afraid of any • evil rumors;  
 their heart is steadfast, trusting • in the Lord.

**8 Their heart is established and • will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- • on their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands • fast forever;  
they will hold up their • head with honor.

**10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and • pine away;  
the desires of the wick- • ed will perish.**

**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: Happy are they who delight, who delight in the law of God.**

## **Second Reading**

### **Hebrews 13**

Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. 4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 9 Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. 10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. 13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. 15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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

# Gospel Acclamation

**Happy are they who delight, who delight in the law of God.**

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

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. 2 And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. 3 And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" 4 But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. 5 And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" 6 And they could not reply to these things.

7 Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, 9 and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

12 He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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:*

God, in your mercy, **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** – Pastor places bread in hands. Communicant dips bread in chalice held by Communion Assistant.

**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

#### The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table  
(Repeat)

Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden is light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden is light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

I know He has a place for me  
Oh what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden is light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
He says come just as you are to His table

## **Blessing**

# Closing Hymn

## If You but Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
serv - ice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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# Announcements

## That's Why We Praise Him

He came to live, live a perfect life  
He came to be the living word, our light  
He came to die, so we'd be reconciled  
He came to rise, to show His pow'r and might

That's why we praise Him that's why we sing  
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything  
That's why we bow down and worship this King  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything

He came to live, live again in us  
He came to be our conquering King and friend  
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love  
He came to go prepare a place for us

That's why we praise Him that's why we sing  
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything  
That's why we bow down and worship this King  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything

Halle hallelujah  
Halle hallelujah

That's why we praise Him that's why we sing  
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything  
That's why we bow down and worship this King  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything

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

# Serving at Worship Today

## **Preaching & Presiding**

Rev. Lew Upchurch

## **Director of Music**

Mary Harper

# Upcoming Events



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

## Pilgrim Giving



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## Bible App



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## Happening this Week

### **Sunday, August 31**

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

### **Monday, September 1**

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

### **Tuesday, September 2**

### **Wednesday, September 3**

### **Thursday, September 4**

### **Friday, September 5**

### **Saturday, September 6**



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**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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