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LUTHERAN
Church

Divine Service



September 7, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

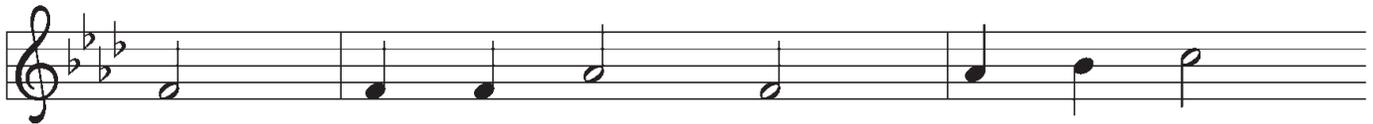
Welcome

Opening Hymn

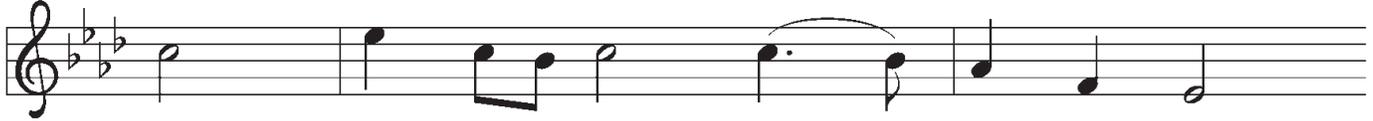
O God Beyond all Praising



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
for you the Lord en - dured the cross
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
to save your soul from death and hell.
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.

Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

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

Jesus, You have Called Us

Jesus You have called us
Come follow me
Take up your cross
Deny yourself and live
Jesus I am willing
Though I am weak
I'll trust You
And I'll go where You lead

I will follow
I will follow
I will follow
Where You lead

Jesus You have shown us
How we should live
In sacrifice
Humility and love
Jesus I am willing
Though I am weak
I'll follow You
With Your Spirit in me

I will follow
I will follow
I will follow
Where You lead

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated
Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry power as You choose

Here am I all of me
Take my life it's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour
At Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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

Psalm

Psalm 1

Tone



Refrain

Hap - py are they who trust, who

trust in the Lord.

Refrain: Happy are they who trust, who trust in the Lord.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel • of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats • of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law • of the Lord,
and they meditate on God’s teaching • day and night.**

Refrain: Happy are they who trust, who trust in the Lord.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that • do not wither;
everything they • do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so • with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind • blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when • judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council • of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the way • of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall • be destroyed.**

**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 trust, who trust in the Lord.

Second Reading

Philemon 1

1 Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker 2 and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow
soldier, and the church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love
and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, 6 and I pray that
the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing
that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love,
my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

8 Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required,
9 yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also
for Christ Jesus— 10 I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my
imprisonment. 11 (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to
me.) 12 I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. 13 I would have been glad to
keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment
for the gospel, 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your
goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. 15 For this perhaps is why
he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, 16 no longer as
a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but
how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. 18 If he has
wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19 I, Paul, write this
with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self.

20 Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I
say.

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

Children's Message

Gemma Rodriguez

Gospel Acclamation

Happy are they who trust, who trust in the Lord.

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

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

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

My Heart is Yours

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

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

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

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

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)

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

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone



- 1 Must Je - sus bear the cross a - lone and all the world go free?
- 2 The con - se - crat - ed cross I'll bear till death shall set me free;
- 3 Up - on the crys - tal pave - ment, down at Je - sus' pierc - ed feet,
- 4 Oh, pre - cious cross! Oh, glo - rious crown! Oh, res - ur - rec - tion day!



No, there's a cross for ev - 'ry - one, and there's a cross for me.
and then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.
joy - ful, I'll cast my gold - en crown and his dear name re - peat.
Ye an - gels, from the stars come down and bear my soul a - way.

Text: Thomas Shepherd, 1665–1739
Music: MAITLAND, George N. Allen, 1812–1877

Announcements

Nobody Else But You

I offer up my song
To nobody else but You Lord
My praises all belong
To nobody else but You

I offer up my heart
To nobody else but You Lord
Surrender ev'ry part
To nobody else but You

My heart cries out for more of You
My soul cries out for more of You
My life is under Your command
My heart cries out for more of You
My soul cries out for more of You
My life is under Your command
Your mighty hand

I offer up my song
To nobody else but You Lord
My praises all belong
To nobody else but You

I offer up my heart
To nobody else but You Lord
Surrender ev'ry part
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My heart cries out for more of You
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My life is under Your command
My heart cries out for more of You
My soul cries out for more of You
My life is under Your command
Your mighty hand

I offer up my life
To nobody else but You Lord
A living sacrifice
To nobody else but You
(Repeat)

*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

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Bible App



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Happening this Week

Sunday, September 7

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

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

Wednesday, September 10

Thursday, September 11

Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13



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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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