



Pilgrim
LUTHERAN
Church

Divine Service



September 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Hymn

When Our World is Rent by Violence



1 When our world is rent by vio - lence and our lives are
2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must
3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es and our hopes fade
4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance
beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten
like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing
tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture



turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our
and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our
and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our
where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion



lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.
lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!
lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!
is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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

How Long?

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way
How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises
How long?

'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns
How long?

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on great that cloud of witnesses!
How long?

'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!

Ever Be

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be
You pledge Yourself to me and it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
(REPEAT)

You Father the orphan
Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness
And Your strength becomes our own
You're making me like You
Clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes
For You will have Your bride

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name and it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
(REPEAT)

You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
And it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
(REPEAT)

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...
O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Amos 6

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!

2 Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,

3 O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?

4 "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,

5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

6 who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

7 Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

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

Psalm

Psalm 146

Tone



Refrain

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

Refrain: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

1 Hal- • lelujah!

Praise the Lord, • O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long • as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I • have my being.

3 Put not your • trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there • is no help.

**4 When they breathe their last, they re- • turn to earth,
and in that day • their thoughts perish.**

Refrain: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob • for their help,
whose hope is in the • Lord their God;

**6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that • is in them;
who keeps promis- • es forever;**

7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to • those who hunger.
The Lord sets the • captive free.

**8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who • are bowed down;
the Lord • loves the righteous.**

9 The Lord cares • for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way • of the wicked.

**10 The Lord shall • reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. • Hallelujah!**

**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: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14 to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes

on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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

Children's Message

Gemma Rodriguez

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

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

19 "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers— so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' 29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.' "

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

Let Us be Known By Our Love

Let us be known by our love
In every word in every deed honor the Son
Let our light shine in every eye
Let us be known by our love

For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love

Let us be known by our joy
In every home in every heart sing to the Lord
Let our life show goodness and hope
Let us be known by our joy

For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love

Let us be known by our peace
In every town in every tribe Jesus is king
Let us go forth heal and restore
Let us be known by our peace

For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love

Blessing

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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Announcements

My Life Is In You

My life is in You Lord
My strength is in You Lord
My hope is in You Lord
In You it's in You
My life is in You Lord
My strength is in You Lord
My hope is in You Lord
In You it's in You

I will praise You
With all of my life
I will praise You
With all of my strength
With all of my life
With all of my strength
All of my hope is in You

My life is in You Lord
My strength is in You Lord
My hope is in You Lord
In You it's in You
My life is in You Lord
My strength is in You Lord
My hope is in You Lord
In You it's in You
In You

*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

Pilgrim Giving



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Bible App



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Happening this Week

Sunday, September 28

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

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

Wednesday, October 1

Thursday, October 2

Friday, October 3

Saturday, October 4



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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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