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## Divine Service

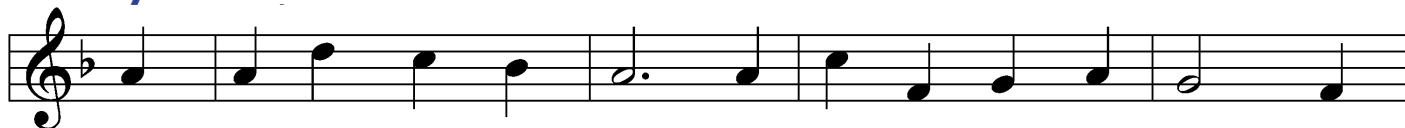


**June 21, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

# Welcome

## Opening Hymn

### O God My Faithful God



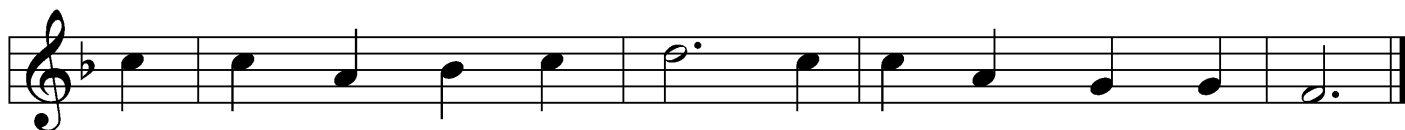
1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

# 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

## Psalm 19

May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You pleasing to You  
May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You my God

You're my Rock and my Redeemer  
You're the reason that I sing  
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes  
Ev'ry hour ev'ry moment  
Lord I want to be Your servant  
I desire to be a blessing  
In Your eyes in Your eyes  
May the words of my mouth  
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## 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

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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)

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

### Jeremiah 20

7 O LORD, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;

you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.

8 For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

9 If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"

there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,

and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

10 For I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!

"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.

"Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him."

11 But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

12 O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,

let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

13 Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

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

# Psalm

## Psalm 69 *Spoken Responsively*

7 Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

**8 I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my | mother's children.**

9 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**10 I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

11 I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a by word among them.

**12 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

13 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:  
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**14 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

15 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

**16 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

17 Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

**18 Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.**

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

## Second Reading

### Romans 6

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## Gospel

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

5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 21 Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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

## Sermon

**Rev. Erick Sorensen**

# 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 the Church

*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 Songs

### Just as I Am

Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God I come I come

I come broken to be mended  
I come wounded to be healed  
I come desperate to be rescued  
I come empty to be filled  
I come guilty to be pardoned  
By the blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed with open arms praise God  
Just as I am

Just as I am I would be lost  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought  
And now to glory in Your cross  
O Lamb of God I come I come

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I come guilty to be pardoned  
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# 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 -  
ser - vice 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

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

## Postlude

### Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord  
He is holy and just  
By His power we trust in His love  
Great is the Lord  
He is faithful and true  
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord  
And worthy of glory  
Great is the Lord  
And worthy of praise  
Great is the Lord  
Now lift up your voice  
Now lift up your voice  
Great are you Lord  
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Great are You Lord  
And worthy of praise  
Great are You Lord  
I lift up my voice  
I lift up my voice  
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# Serving at Worship Today

## **Preaching & Presiding**

Rev. Erick Sorensen

## **Director of Music**

Mary Harper

## Upcoming Events



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

### **No Sunday Morning Bible Studies**

June 21 – July 12

### **No Wednesday Bible Studies**

June 24 and July 8

### **No "Pause and Pray" Table**

June 23

### **Combined Service with First Lutheran Venice at Pilgrim**

July 5

### **"Paws and Pray" Pet Blessing**

August 29th

### **Other Announcements:**

- Still looking for someone to help out on the soundboard
  - Still an open Church Council Chair position for church members:
- Outreach Ministry

## 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!



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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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