



Pilgrim
LUTHERAN
Church

Divine Service



September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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 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.

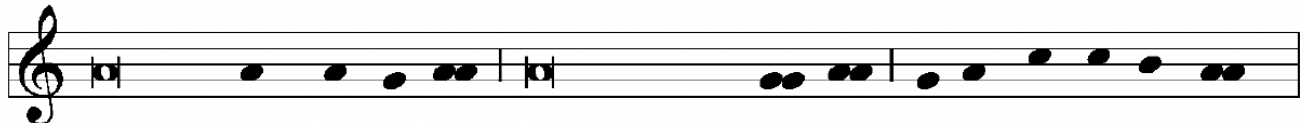
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



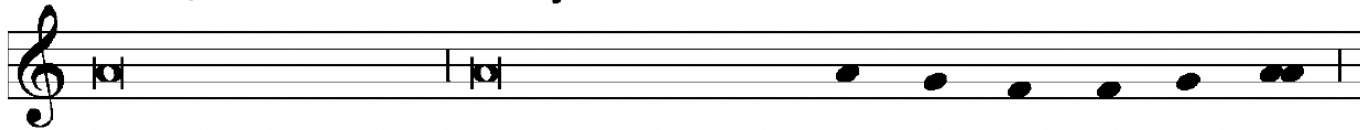
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



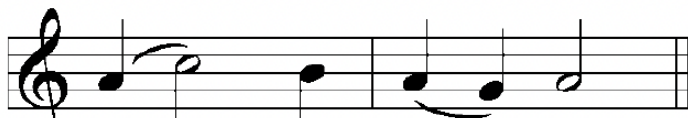
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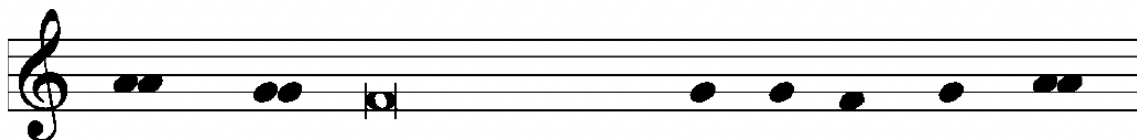
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Songs of Praise

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Mighty to Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again

I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
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Forever Author of salvation
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Jesus conquered the grave
(Repeat)

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...
O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 50

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 17 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did

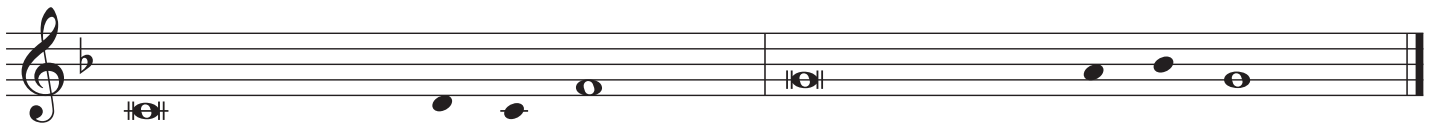
evil to you." ' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Psalm

Psalm 103

Tone



Refrain



The Lord is rich in kind - ness, a - bound-ing in com - pas - sion.

Refrain: The Lord is rich in kindness, abounding in compassion.

1 Bless the Lord, • O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's • holy name.

**2 Bless the Lord, • O my soul,
and forget not • all God's benefits—**

3 who forgives • all your sins
and heals all • your diseases;

**4 who redeems your life • from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast • love and mercy;**

Refrain: The Lord is rich in kindness, abounding in compassion.

5 who satisfies your desires • with good things
so that your youth is renewed • like an eagle's.

**6 O Lord, you provide • vindication
and justice for all who • are oppressed.**

7 You made known your • ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- • dren of Israel.

**8 Lord, you are full of compas- • sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in • steadfast love;**

Refrain: The Lord is rich in kindness, abounding in compassion.

9 you will not al- • ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- • ger forever.

**10 You have not dealt with us according • to our sins,
nor repaid us according to • our iniquities.**

11 For as the heavens are high a- • bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for • those who fear you.

**12 As far as the east is • from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- • sions from us.**

13 As a father has compassion • for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear • you, O Lord.

**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 is rich in kindness, abounding in compassion.

Second Reading

Romans 14

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11 for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes and I shall keep it to the end.

Gospel

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

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

Sermon

Pastor 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 the Church

Following each prayer petition:

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Offering

The Sacrament of the Altar

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

G And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

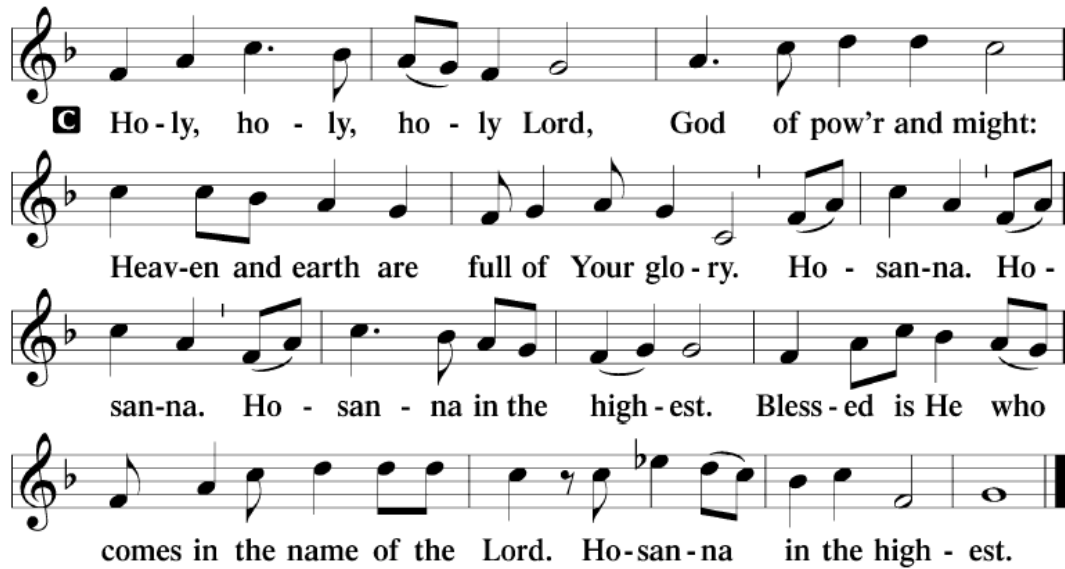
G We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed our duty and our joy.... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

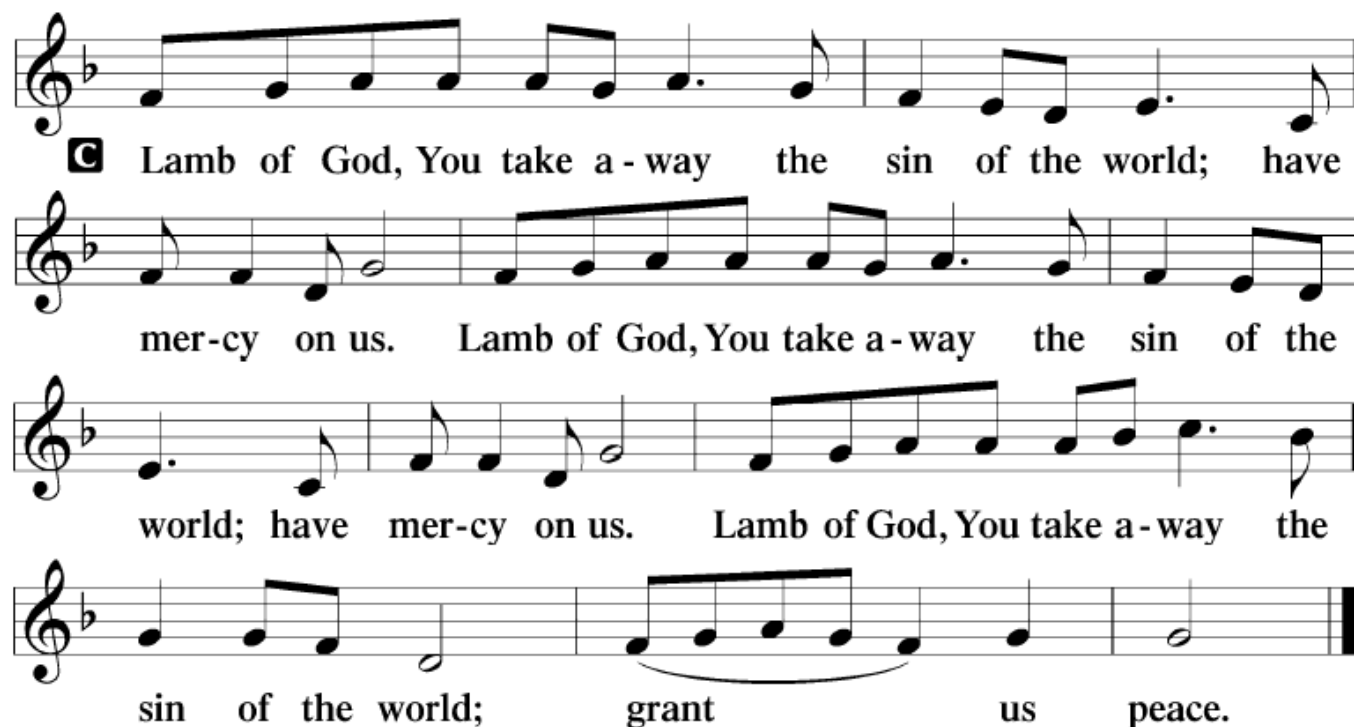
Christ will come again.

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.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 Thank You for Saving Me

Thank You for saving me
What can I say
You are my ev'rything
I will sing Your praise
You shed Your blood for me
What can I say
You took my sin and shame
A sinner called by name

Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord

For we know Your truth has set us free
 You've set Your hope in me
 Mercy and grace are mine
 Forgiven is my sin
 Jesus my only hope
 The Saviour of the world
 Great is the Lord we cry
 God let Your kingdom come
 Your Word has let me see
 Thank You for saving me

Great is the Lord
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 For we know Your truth has set us free
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Thank You for saving me
 What can I say

Blessing

Closing Hymn

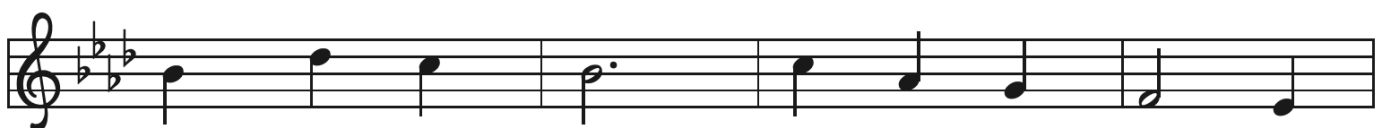
God's Work Our Hands



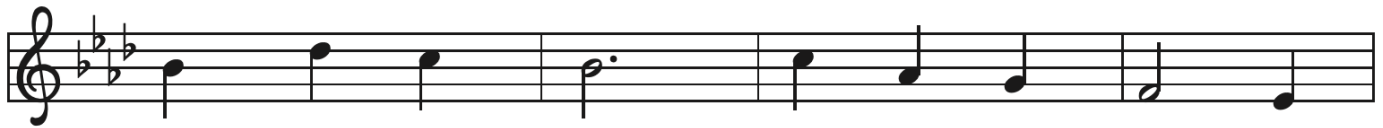
1	God's	work,	our	hands:	work - ing	to -	geth -	er,
2	God's	work,	our	feet:	trav - 'ling	to -	geth -	er,
3	God's	work,	our	voice:	sing - ing	to -	geth -	er,
4	God	is	at	work	in and	a -	round	us:



build - ing	a	fu -	ture,	re -	pair - ing	the	world,
fol - low - ing	Je -	sus	to	plac -	es	un -	known,
prais - ing,	pro -	claim - ing	to	all	who	will	hear,
seed - lings	are	sprout - ing	and	bread's	on	the	rise!



rais - ing	up	homes,	plant - ing	new	gar -	dens,
walk - ing	as	friends,	march - ing	for	free -	dom,
pray - ing	for	peace,	shout - ing	for	jus -	tice,
Washed and	set	free,	hum - bled	and	hon -	ored,



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feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Announcements

Postlude

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

*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

Pastor Lew Upchurch

Director of Music

Mary Harper

Upcoming Events



Learn more about all upcoming events at pilgrism.org/calendar

Sunday Morning Bible Studies (9–9:45am)

Wednesday Evening Bible Studies (6–7pm)

– No Wednesday Bible Study on 9/2

Pilgrim Giving



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

New Church Portal and Communications



This week pastor will be sending out the first of weekly emails to keep you updated and encouraged. Look out for those coming from his email. Also, look out for an email from either Chmeetings or office@pilgrism.org for login information for our new church management app. Be sure to check your junk/spam to see if it is in there. If you do not receive it by the end of this week, we may need to update your contact information; please contact Mathew Mulligan at office@pilgrism.org. **Note: The portal can be found on the website, but wait for the registration email before trying to login.**



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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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