

St. Luke Lutheran Church

"Energized by God's Love"

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Setting VII
August 30, 2026**



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!

God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.

Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty
in the church office.



Sunnyvale Community Services
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

SERVING US THIS MORNING

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Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth
Eucharist Assistant: Kirk Autsen & Sue Hutchins
Altar Guild: Wendy Callahan, Debbie Ryan, Wenchan Ma, Shirley Loo, Denise Tsang & Tim Tsang
Greeters: Don & Loretta Merry (Front Door), TBD (Side Door)
Sunday School: Danae Moreno & Emily Bradshaw
Worship Team: Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac
Background Worship: Beth Stauter
Organist: Beth Stauter
Choir Director: Chris Frye **Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac
Tech Team: Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Ethan Tan, Jordan Mandac, Madeleine Gan, Scarlett Marquez, Tim Ambrose, Tim and Denise Tsang
Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

WELCOME CHRISTA GARCIA

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Beth Stauter

WELCOME

Grant Hannon

PRELUDE

“CANTILENE”

Beth Stauter

(From Handel's Third Sonata for Flute)
(Arr. By Van Denman Thompson)

GATHERING HYMN

“SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR”

ELW #655

INVOCATION

(music found on page 175)

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

[C] And also with you.

KYRIE

[C] Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

(music found on page 176)

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH ANDY WADSWORTH

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless

Psalm 26:1-8

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

[OT] Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

[NT] *Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.*

[OT] For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

[NT] *I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.*

[OT] I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

[NT] *I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,*

[OT] singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

[C] LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

2nd Reading – Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not

resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 179)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia! Alleluia!**

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – Matthew 16:21-28

Read by Christa Gracia

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Christa Garcia

HYMN OF THE DAY “WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME”

ELW #798

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(*universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] Merciful God,

[C] **Receive our prayer.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

MEAL

Read by Pastor Peggy White

The Great Thanksgiving

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(music found on page 181)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God,

God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,

God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] 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.

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found on page 182)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

COMMUNION SONG ***“AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)”***
(By Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash)

**Led by Andy
Wadsworth**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN ***“WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT”***

ELW #659

BENEDICTION

[P] Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

[C] **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE:

“SING OUT”
(By Mary Beth Bennett)

Beth Stauter