

10th Weekend after Pentecost
August 1-2, 2026
Holy Communion

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE (w/ *ANTHEM INCLUDED at LW*)

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
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PASSING OF PEACE**

CALL TO WORSHIP "SURELY THE PRESENCE"
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace_.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings.
I see glory on each face.
Surely the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,
- C** we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.
- P** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
- C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul"

- 1 When peace like a river / attend - eth my way, /
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
* whatever my lot, / thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Ref. It is well / with my soul, / it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 3 He lives, oh, the bliss / of this glo - rious thought; /
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
* is nailed to his cross / and I bear it no more. /
Praise the Lord, / praise the Lord, O my soul! (*Refrain*)

GREETING

- 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.

ANTHEM (*SOUTH CAMPUS ONLY*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray together.
- C** Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE/ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you,
we lift_ high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

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LESSON OF THE DAY

Romans 9:1-5

The lesson begins:

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open_ now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE

We will build our lives upon God's love.

**It is a firm foundation and we will put our trust in Him
Alone and we will not be shaken_.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- 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.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P** With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

- P** Lord, we pray for your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Heavenly Father, as our children and grandchildren begin a new school year, we entrust them into Your loving hands. Fill their minds with wisdom, their hearts with kindness, and their spirits with courage. Surround them with Your protection, guide them in their learning, and bless them with friendships that uplift and encourage. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer

- P** We thank you heavenly Father, for your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** God, please comfort all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity and bless the work of Hope's Food Pantry. Have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit, (*and those who grieve especially*)... Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Lord, we ask that instill in this congregation a spirit that bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY "PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY"

Praise to you, O God of mercy; thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly; thanks be to you forever!

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 him thanks and praise

- P** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**Holy Holy Holy Holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might_,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosannah_ in the highest.
Bless'd is He who comes in Your name_,
Hosannah_ in the highest!**

- P** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

☞ Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

☞ Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

☞ As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(SPOKEN)*

☞ 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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THE COMMUNION is given and received.

(w/ ANTHEM at CENTRAL, & OPTIONAL HYMN INCLUDED)

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

- 1 On what has now been sown/your blessing, Lord, bestow;/
the pow'r is yours alone/to make it sprout and grow.
*O Lord, in grace/the harvest raise,/and yours alone shall be the praise!
- 2 To you our wants are known,/from you are all our pow'rs;/
accept what is your own/and pardon what is ours.
*Our praises, Lord,/and prayers receive/
and to your word a blessing give.

DISMISSAL

- A** Let us go forth, to know Christ and to make Christ known,
C Caring for one another and serving our community.

POSTLUDE

Thy Word

Words and Music by
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line starts on a whole note G4, followed by a half note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine" written above the staff.

1. When I feel a - fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -
2. I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

The third system introduces two vocal lines. The first line is for the first verse, and the second line is for the second verse. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern.

side me. Noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me
wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You

The fourth system continues the two vocal lines. The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes.

to the end.
to the end.

The fifth system concludes the piece. It features a final vocal line and a piano accompaniment that ends with a double bar line. The word "D.C. al Fine" is written above the staff.