

We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord! May He bless our worship.

CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

Announcements



Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

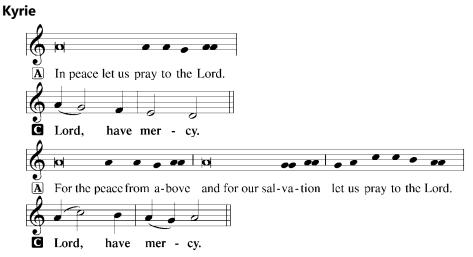
- \mathbb{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

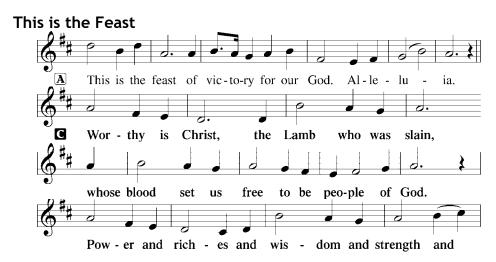
Confession and Absolution

- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word









Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray, Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit First Reading

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your 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. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

"If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And 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, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:9-20

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

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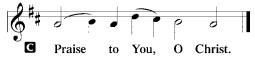


Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21-28 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter. G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit Children's Message

Sermon

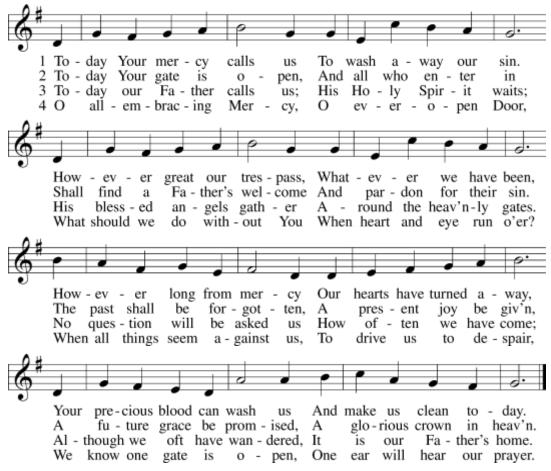
Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. Sit Hymn of the Day



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Two Ministry Update

Prayer of the Church Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (friend of Barbara Manske) Sara Gschwendtner (niece of Gale Paul) Carl Schubert Lee DeLeary (brother of Eric Peters) Sophie Szilagyi (neighbor of the Voelz) Tiara Bland (friend of Pak Family) Kathy Durocher (friend of Marilyn Schubert) Lisa Ciampa (friend of Tom and Helga Butz) Claire Fu (preschool family) Fred Martinez (friend of Julie Giron) Al Nelson Cheryl Adamec (gr-mother of Margo Adamec) Kim Diaz (friend of Kirk Butz) John Otten (student of Renee Ortiz) Betty Bordeaux (former preschool director)

Strength and Healing

George Beaty (cousin of Marlene Eich) Arlene Tom (mother of J Tom) Noel Hill (preschool family) Ted Pawloski (preschool family) Jane Kum (gr-mother of Jeremy Tom) Simon Rosenau (gr-nephew of G Rosenau) May Fynaardt (wife of Nathan Fynaardt) Alma Rich (mother of Leigh Ann Unger) Shirley Vogel Marilyn Schubert Eva Albes (preschool family) Shadman Shaker (son of Niloo Rad) Deborah Floor (sister of Pastor Rosenau) Andria Butz Galina Chtcherbak (mother of Oksana Hack) Judy Rainey (sister of Nancy Shurtleff) Monique Giron (sister-in-law of the Giron Family) Dimaris Diaz (friend of Kirk Butz) Barbara Manske **Rita Schaus**

Military

Mateo Casas (cousin of Steve Giron) Michael Lamb (cousin of Eric Peters) Alexandra Crosswait (family of Rosenaus) Gregory Spaulding (nephew of Stellings) Lori Stewart (friend of Julie Voelz) Marla Lichtsinn (friend of Tom Butz) Paul Massmann Don Bayley (friend of the Voelz/Schuberts) Robert Lingenfelter Ken Howe (neighbor of Sciarani's) Jerry Rose (friend of Julie Giron) Brandon Gekeian (relative of Irene Iverson) Marlayne Giron (sister-in-law of the Giron Family) Michael Held (father of Jeff Held) Bart Jessen (uncle of Barb Pak) Helen Edler (mother of Lauren Couch) David Ambler (brother of Jan Massmann) Tom Johnson (father of Ben Johnson)

Kris Cosain (cousin of Marco Adame) Janet Brewer (friend of Paul Massmann) Dan Armstrong (friend of Marlene Eich) Eli Lee (friend of Siekmann family) Nancy Nash (mother of Julie Giron) Mario Gonzales (uncle of Jose Lizarraga) Dorothy Schmidt (mother of Debbie Wienert) Ed Wathen (family friend of Girons) Ellen Waterstadt (family of Paul Massmann) Jerry Wednt (friend of Tom Butz) Pastor Graeme Rosenau Ruth Rosenau Mark Shurtleff Michael Beltran (family friend of Adames) Melissa Thomure (sister of Andria Butz) Jane Johnson (sister of Ruth Rosenau) Jeff Pierini (cousin of Kandie Schmehr) Laura Malone (friend of Julie Giron) Courtney Hensman (gr-daughter of Marilyn Byrne) Joy & Rohry Mangan (friend of Michèle Jensen)

Matt Grobelch (cousin of Michael Grobelch) Rob Bryant (Preschool Family) Jason Lizarraga (brother of Jose Lizarraga)

Mission Trip

Sam Held is traveling with Concordia Around the World this semester

Persecuted Church

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

Mental Health

All those struggling with mental health issues

Mission Field

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

Relief and Mission Organizations We Support

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

Stand

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

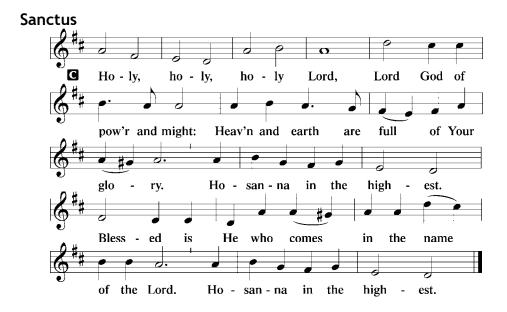
The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **People: Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **I**t is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

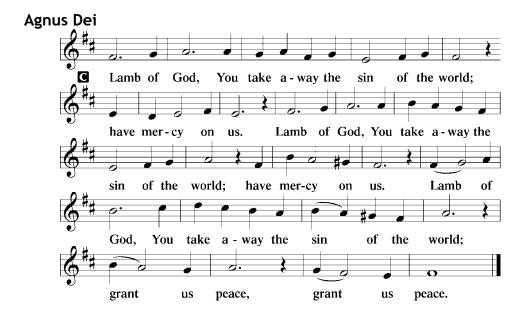
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

Pax Domini

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.



Sit Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.



That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred. Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to ev'rything.

 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed. 'Tis easy for our God, we know, To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low.

True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught. **Distribution Hymn**

The Lamb

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Post-Communion Collect

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

G And His mercy endures forever.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love towards one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen



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The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Participants in Today's Service

Acolyte: Miriam Barnes Lector: Kit Nagel Children's Message: Noël Fairchild

Weekly Announcements

Upcoming Baptism

September 10th at 8:00am – Octavius Faurot-Pigeon

Ladies Night Out September 21

Ladies of Light of Christ! Join us at Mimi's Café 4030 Barranca, Irvine from 6p-8p. Invite a friend to come along! Please RSVP by contacting:

Julie Voelz (949) 933-9170. There is also a signup on our website.

Bethlehem Handcrafts

Sunday, September 17th, Bethlehem Handcrafts will be selling their olivewood carvings. Proceeds go towards helping Christians working in Israel.

New Adult Ed: Understanding Spiritual Warfare

Mention spiritual warfare in certain Christian circles and they will conjure up for you images of epic battles involving demonic possession. However, that particular image of this topic is sorely limiting. In many respects, spiritual warfare is much more mundane, but at the same time more pervasive than we realize. Starting Sunday, Sept. 10 we will delve into this topic to get a better understanding of what Scripture says on this issue. We hope you will join us.

Choir Announcement – Reformation Season

As summer comes to an end, our church choir season is starting up! Similar to last year, the choir will not be active the entire year, but will only be active for three sessions: Reformation, Christmas and Easter. The Reformation session will take place from September 17th until October 29th. Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings in the sanctuary from 4:00pm-5:00pm. We will sing some Sunday morning services. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to come to rehearsal, and email <u>sophia.flores@eagles.cui.edu</u>.

Salvation Army Tour

We will be setting up a tour of the mission in September. More info to come. There will also be a representative from The Salvation Army who will also speak with us about their ministry on September 3.

Online Giving

Rebel Give has changed its name to Nucleus giving. You should notice no changes. Your automatic giving is still in place. If you have to sign into the Nucleus Giving site- use the same log in and password you used with Rebel Give. The new web address for Nucleus Giving is <u>https://my.nucleus.church</u>. You can start or continue to give by going to our website: Locirvine.com and either clicking "Giving" on the top menu or by clicking the Next Step icon on the bottom right on any page of our website.

Reading the Bible in a year.

Do you want to read the bible in less than a year? If you read four chapters a day, you will finish the bible in about 10 months. The readings will take between 25-30 minutes. You can read two chapters in the morning and two at night or two in the morning, one in the afternoon and one at night? Add your five minutes of prayer and you will be good to go. THIS CHALLENGE IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! Maybe now is not the time. You can build up to it. Try reading at least two chapters a day and you will be developing the discipline to get to this project. There is a reading guide to help you with this reading project. I recommend a Psalm a day and three chapters starting with Genesis 1. When you complete the book of Psalms, read one chapter from Proverbs and three chapters of where you are at the time. Don't be afraid to try this one. It is hard but it is doable. Look for the yellow card stock sheet on the counter as you enter the sanctuary.

Building Campaign Announcement:

Thanks to all who came to the **Thy Will Be Done** Lunch Launch of the \$6.5 million building campaign! You are invited to sign up for a home visit with members of the building committee. Why do a home visit? I'm glad you asked. We can discuss giving options, gift designations, ways to gift assets, legacy giving, and answer general building questions. Sign up by emailing Eric at the church office: (<u>churchoffice.loc@gmail.com</u>) Then you will be contacted by Mark Siekmann to schedule your visit. We look forward to the opportunity to visit with you! As always, please keep this project in your prayers. *Matt 6:10 Thy Will be Done*

September Reading Plan



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Friday	September 1	Isaiah 55	Saturday	September 16	2 Timothy 4
Saturday	September 2	Isaiah 56	Sunday	September 17	Titus 1
Sunday	September 3	Isaiah 57	Monday	September 18	Titus 2
Monday	September 4	Isaiah 58	Tuesday	September 19	Titus 3
Tuesday	September 5	Isaiah 59	Wednesday	September 20	1 Thess 1
Wednesday	September 6	Isaiah 60	Thursday	September 21	1 Thess 2
Thursday	September 7	1 Timothy 1	Friday	September 22	1 Thess 3
Friday	September 8	1 Timothy 2	Saturday	September 23	1 Thess 4
Saturday	September 9	1 Timothy 3	Sunday	September 24	1 Thess 5
Sunday	September 10	1 Timothy 4	Monday	September 25	2 Thess 1
Monday	September 11	1 Timothy 5	Tuesday	September 26	2 Thess 2
Tuesday	September 12	1 Timothy 6	Wednesday	September 27	2Thess 3
Wednesday	September 13	2 Timothy 1	Thursday	September 28	2 Peter 1
Thursday	September 14	2 Timothy 2	Friday	September 29	2 Peter 2
Friday	September 15	2 Timothy 3	Saturday	September 30	2 Peter 3

Sunday Youth Announcements

Summer Sunday School

Preschool-5th grade meets on Preschool Playground 6th-12th meets in the Fellowship Hall with Noël

Middle School Youth Group Sunday September 10th from 3-5pm

High School Small Groups

High school small groups will begin on September 10th at church from 6-7:30pm.

High School Beach Bonfire on October 1st

All 9th-12th grade students are invited to go to the beach on Sunday, October 1st from 4-7 pm. Please RSVP to the Evite.

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