

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026 9:00AM

Order of Worship

Worship For Life liturgy

(maroon Hymnal Supplement, located on shelf below the ELW large red hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn- ELW #879 vs. 1, 3, 4 For the Beauty of the Earth

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole (Worship For Life folder)

Prayer of the Day-

**Gracious God,**

**You teach us to share—food, love, water, air, intellect, and so much more. It is the miracle of our lives—the essence of our connection on this planet. As we worship today, help us remember all the ways we are loved by you and can love and care for one another. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise- Rise Up With Him (Worship For Life folder)

Reading: Romans 12:9-21 NRSVUE

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> 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." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28 NRSVUE

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, 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. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> 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."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> 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?

<sup>27</sup> "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. <sup>28</sup> 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."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day- ELW #808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Prayers of the People- (response to 'Lord, in your Mercy' is 'Hear our prayer.')

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

Offertory Response- I Will Give Thanks to the Lord (Worship For Life folder)

P: Let us pray.

**All: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them as what we have to offer today and please move us with mercy to continue sharing our gifts with love. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer- **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution

Music during Distribution- This Do in Remembrance of Me (Worship For Life folder)

Communion Hymn- ELW #659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Post Communion- You Are Lord (Worship For Life folder)

Post Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn- ELW #547 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Musicians:

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Sherry Johnson- Pianist

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Bread Bakers: Carolyn Niehoff, Jackie Erlandson, Paulette Emberson

Audio/Visual Team: The Walkes

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Sunday Morning Hospitality Time (Coffee & Donuts): Janell Benish

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