



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

30 August 2026

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PRELUDE & MEDITATION

WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING



OPENING HYMN – CH 198

Were You There

1.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(were you there)

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(were you there)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(were you there)

2.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
(were you there)

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(were you there)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
(were you there)

3.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

(were you there)

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(were you there)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

(were you there).

PASSING OF THE PEACE





SPECIAL PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Read by Sam Vasanth

Lord, you understand; remember me and care for me.

Avenge me on my persecutors.

You are long-suffering—do not take me away;
think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.

When your words came, I ate them;
they were my joy and my heart's delight,
for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty.

I never sat in the company of revelers,
never made merry with them;
I sat alone because your hand was on me

and you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unending & my wound grievous and incurable?
You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.
Therefore this is what the Lord says:
“If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me;
if you utter worthy, not worthless, words,
you will be my spokesman.
Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them.
I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you but will not overcome you,
for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the Lord.
“I will save you from the hands of the wicked
and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Then Jesus said to his disciples,

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Romans 12:9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon



RESPONSIVE HYMN – CH 569

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, Remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

**OFFERING
&
MEDITATION**



DOXOLOGY – CH 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
I believe 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 to the dead;
On the third day he rose again;

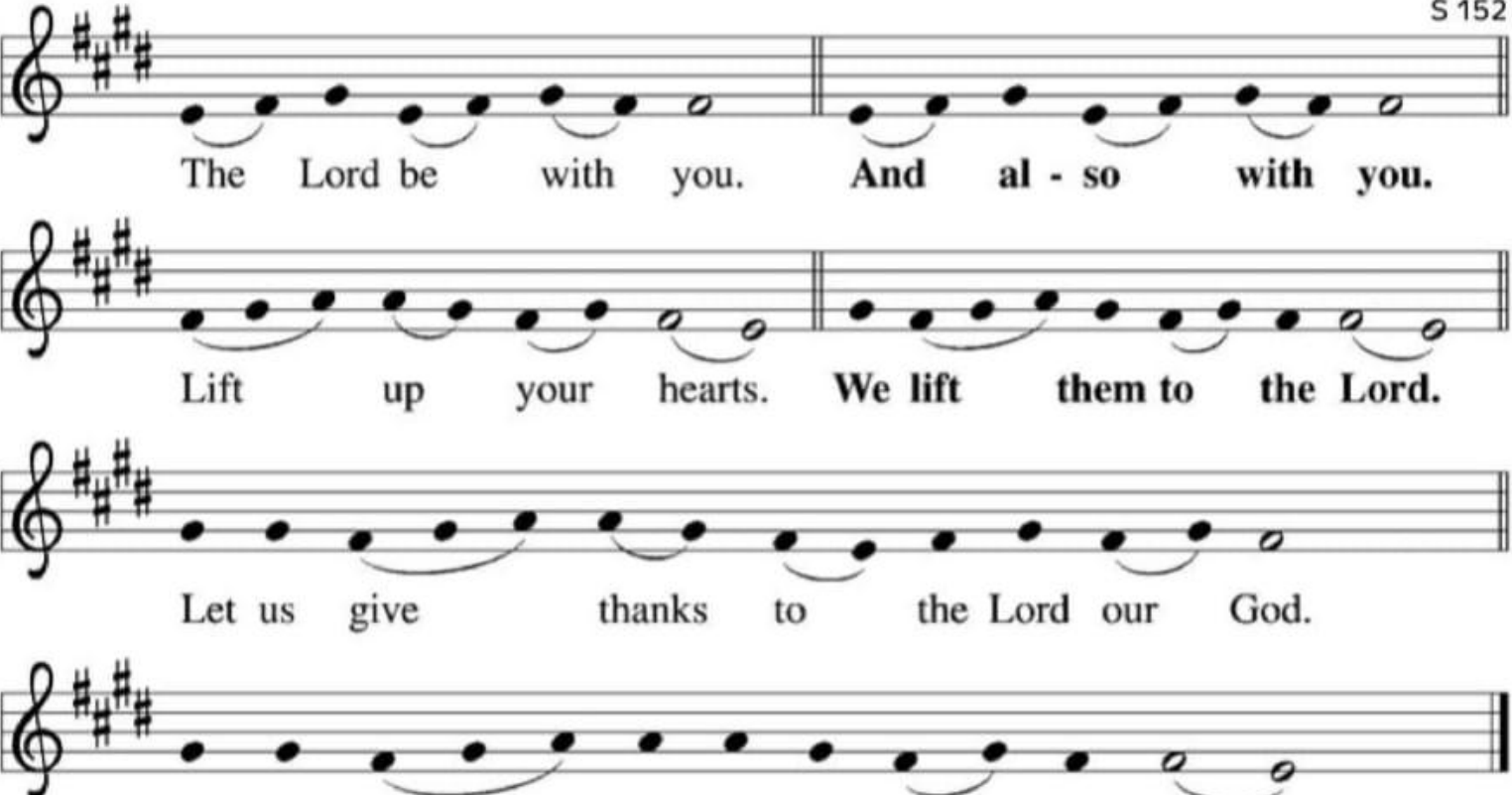
He ascended into heaven and is seated
At the right hand of the Father,
And will come again to judge The living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy universal church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen

Meal

*An offering is gathered, and the table is set. Assembly song or other music may accompany or follow the gathering of the offering. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. The gifts may be brought forward. An offering prayer may be said; the assembly responds **Amen**.*

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

COMMUNION AND MEDITATION





ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – CH 211

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

1.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him,
he had to walk it by himself.

2.

We must walk this lonesome Valley,
we have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
we have to walk it by ourselves.

3.

You must go and stand your trial,
you have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
you have to stand it by yourself.

BLESSING

**GO IN PEACE TO LOVE
AND SERVE THE LORD.**

THANKS BE TO GOD

Amen! אָמֵן



POSTLUDE

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