

Time after Pentecost
September 21, 2025
Facebook live
10am Worship

Grateful

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE **LORD**

Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. We have "Busy Bags" for kids in the narthex, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, ...gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing — we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we have everything we need.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

GATHERING "Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

VERSE

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

CHORUS

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You know

(REPEAT VERSE)

1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Integrity Music)

GATHERING PRAYER

SONG "Let My Words Be Few"

VERSE

You are God in heaven
And here am I on earth
So I'll let my words be few

Jesus I am so in love with You

CHORUS

And I'll stand in awe of You
Yes I'll stand in awe of You
And I'll let my words be few
Jesus I am so in love with You

VERSE 2

The simplest of all love songs
I want to bring to You
So I'll let my words be few
Jesus I am so in love with You

(REPEAT CHORUS)

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SONG "All My Hope"

Verse 1

I've been held by the Savior
I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river
I ain't the same a prodigal returned

Chorus

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood

Verse 2

I'm no stranger to prison
I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same
That's why I sing

(Repeat Chorus) x2

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.

SONG "What A Beautiful Name"

VERSE 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

CHORUS 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

VERSE 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

CHORUS 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
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BRIDGE 1

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

BRIDGE 2

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

CHORUS 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

ENDING

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - Maasai 1-2-1- School Empowering Maasai Youth

Through Education. Helping them build a future. We're partnering with a Maasai community in Tanzania to create a quality school that is a road to hope and a future for the Maasai.

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

SECOND READING *The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL *Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

SONG "Old Rugged Cross"

VERSE 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best

For a world of lost sinners was slain

CHORUS

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

VERSE 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

(REPEAT CHORUS)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Brandi Vadis, Frank Fogg, Suzanne Till, Carol Bergdahl, Mike George, Carol Sobek, Diane Raines, Anita Vadis, and Stephan Cripps and family at the death of his father James Cripps.* Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way.

MISSION MOMENT ON MEXICO HOME BUILD - Matthew Hall

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG "In His Time"

VERSE 1

In His time in His time
He makes all things beautiful
In His time
Lord please show me ev'ry day
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say
In Your time

VERSE 2

In Your time in Your time
You make all things beautiful
In Your time

Lord my life to You I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you,
who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all
who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to
the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ± bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG "I'll Fly Away"

VERSE 1

Some bright morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

CHORUS

I'll fly away O glory
I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

VERSE 2

When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

(REPEAT CHORUS)

VERSE 3

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

(REPEAT CHORUS)

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THE DISMISSAL

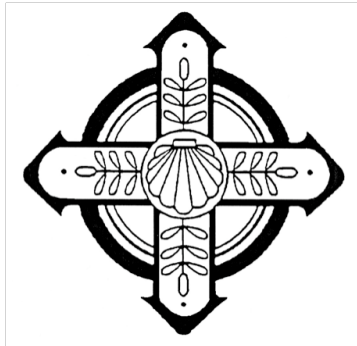
P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C: Thanks be to God.

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