



“God is Love.” 1 John 4:8

**La Jolla Lutheran Church**

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*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

May 21, 2023



WELCOME

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS TODAY!

Today we welcome Dr. Michael Lodahl, Professor of Theology and World Religions at Point Loma Nazarene University.

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Tracey Marino

*Talk to God about your week. Invite the Holy Spirit to be with you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

**“This is the day the LORD has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24**

*Please stand*

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; Thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most  
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; Thy  
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; All

bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -  
jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove Thy  
laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see 'Tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

*Please Be Seated*

## ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

**Leader:** Lord, we gather today to give you thanks and praise on this 78th anniversary of La Jolla Lutheran Church.

We think back to those who first had a vision of a church in this place, to those who gave of their labor, their treasure, their time to make it happen. And to those who continue to bless our church.

We remember those who have served the church all these years in your wisdom, service, and mission. And so, we think of Bible study group leaders, clergy, choir directors, choirs, musicians, youth workers, Sunday School teachers, ushers, Council Members, committee members and many others who have served and provided leadership.

God of community, we remember the many church events and activities that have brought us together over the years. And for the gifts of friendship and fellowship we say thanks.

God of our present, we thank you for 78 years of following Jesus, for 78 years of ministry to and with this community, for 78 years of growing together in love. Amen.

WELCOME, GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (see last page)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

**O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because You, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy, there is forgiveness with You.**

**Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your peace remain within us as we follow you.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

WE WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING GOD'S WORD

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 NRSV

A Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

**C Before the mountains were brought forth  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

A You turn us back to dust  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**C For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past  
or like a watch in the night.**

A You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**C in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.**

A Turn, O Lord! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!

**C Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

A Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us  
and as many years as we have seen evil.

**C Let your work be manifest to your servants  
and your glorious power to their children.**

A Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

## SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-12 NRSV

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

*Please rise for the gospel*



## GOSPEL

John 14:1-10 NRSV

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Alleluia'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff.

*Please be seated*

P What is the mission statement of this congregation?

**C Empowered by the Holy Spirit  
we are a loving community  
that follows Jesus  
and seeks God's will  
in all we do.**

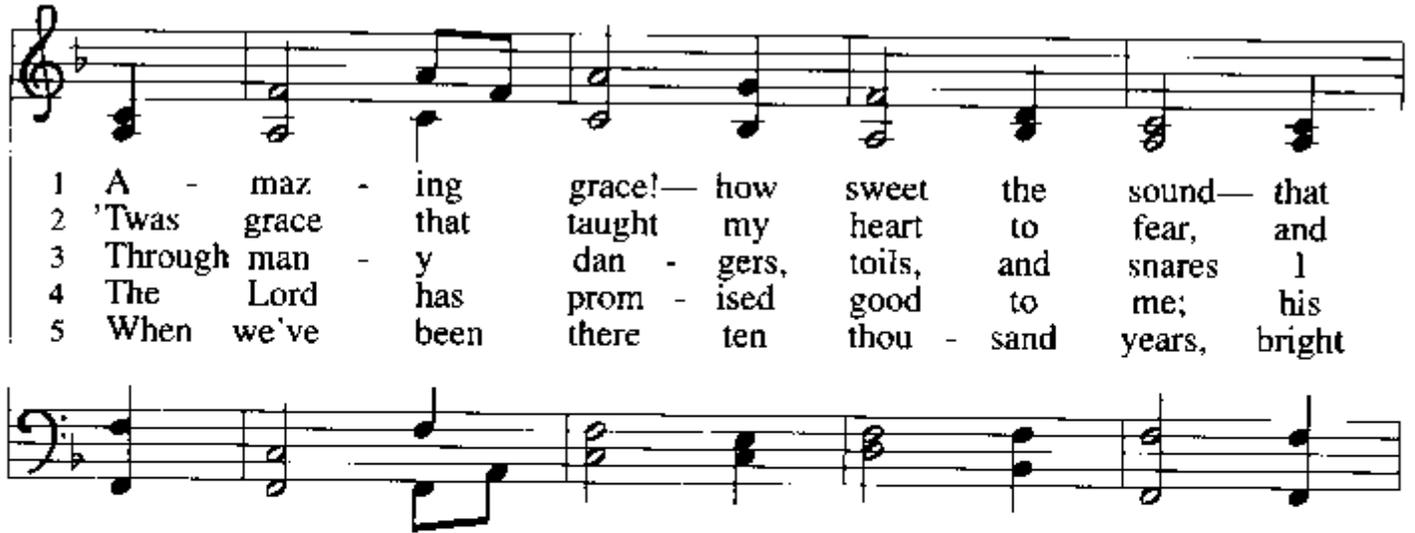
P What is the summary of that statement?

**C WE FOLLOW JESUS!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jill Waalen

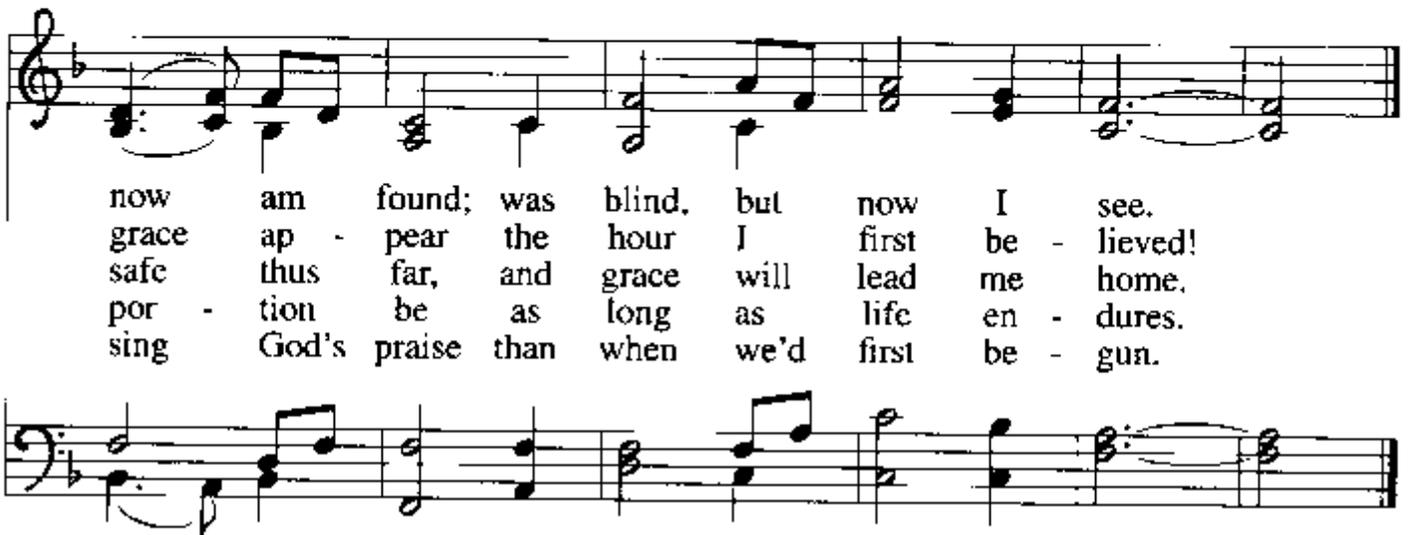
## Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y comc; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Song during Offering

The Power Of Your Love

Musical notation for the first system, consisting of a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody in the treble clef starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a quarter rest, and continues with quarter notes C5, B4, A4, and G4. The bass clef accompaniment consists of a steady quarter-note bass line: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1.

& Verse:

Musical notation for the second system, including the start of the verse. The treble clef melody begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a quarter rest, and continues with quarter notes C5, B4, A4, and G4. The bass clef accompaniment continues with the same steady quarter-note bass line. The lyrics are: 1. Lord, I come to You, 2. Lord, un-veil my eyes,

Musical notation for the third system. The treble clef melody continues with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a quarter rest, and then quarter notes B4, A4, and G4. The bass clef accompaniment continues with the same steady quarter-note bass line. The lyrics are: let my heart be changed, re - newed, let me see You face to face,

Musical notation for the fourth system. The treble clef melody continues with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a quarter rest, and then quarter notes B4, A4, and G4. The bass clef accompaniment continues with the same steady quarter-note bass line. The lyrics are: Flow-ing from the grace that I've found in The know-ledge of Your love as You live in

Musical notation for the fifth system. The treble clef melody continues with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a quarter rest, and then quarter notes B4, A4, and G4. The bass clef accompaniment continues with the same steady quarter-note bass line. The lyrics are: You. me. And Lord, I've come to know Lord, re-new my mind

the weak-ness-es I see \_\_\_\_\_ in me \_\_\_\_\_ will be stripped a -  
 as Your will un - folds \_\_\_\_\_ in my life \_\_\_\_\_ in liv - ing ev -'ry

way \_\_\_\_\_ by the pow'r of Your love. \_\_\_\_\_  
 day \_\_\_\_\_ in the pow'r of Your love. \_\_\_\_\_

*Chorus:*

Hold \_\_\_\_\_ me close, \_\_\_\_\_ let Your love sur

round \_\_\_\_\_ me; \_\_\_\_\_ Bring \_\_\_\_\_ me near, \_\_\_\_\_

draw me to Your \_\_\_\_\_ side. \_\_\_\_\_ And

as \_\_\_\_\_ I wait, \_\_\_\_\_ I'll rise up like the ea - gle, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ And I will soar with You- Your Spir-it leads me on in the pow'r of Your love. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Repeat to Verse (D.S. $\text{\textcircled{8}}$ )	2. Song ending
G	G
C/D	

## OFFERING

*If you would like to give by credit card, you can find a yellow Donate button at the bottom of our website, [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)*

## ATTENDANCE FORMS

*After the offering is collected, the ushers will come back to pick up worship registration forms. This form is the half-sheet in your program where you can identify your prayer requests.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

**A** 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:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

**C** **Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome to receive Christ present in the bread and wine/grape juice. Children who have not received instruction may come forward for a blessing.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### 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.**

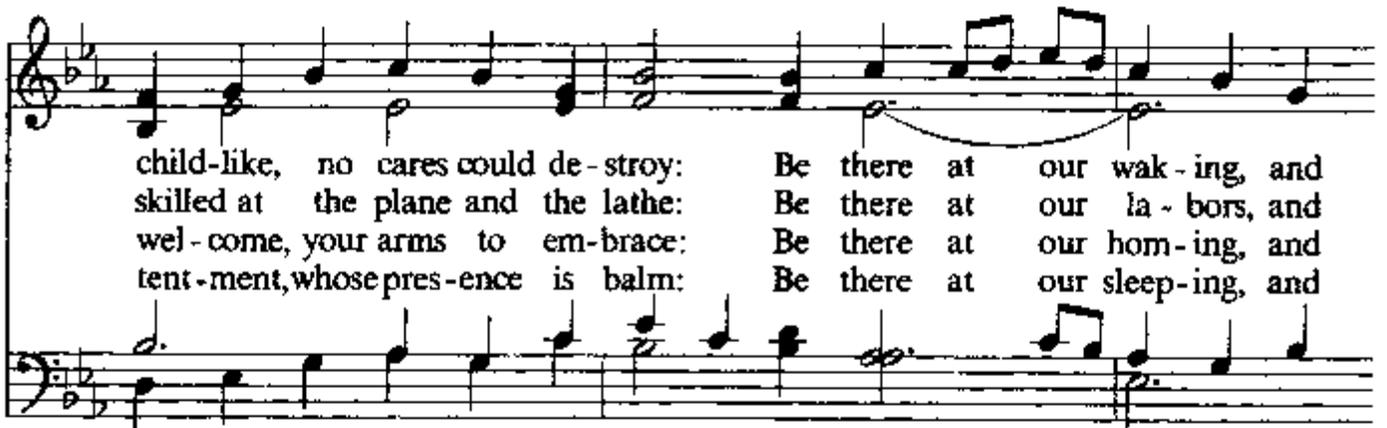
## MEDITATION SONG

*Please stand*

## Lord Of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ev - er  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is con -



child-like, no cares could de - stroy: Be there at our wak - ing, and  
skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our la - bors, and  
wel - come, your arms to em - brace: Be there at our hom - ing, and  
tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm: Be there at our sleep - ing, and



give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## BLESSING

**P** May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.

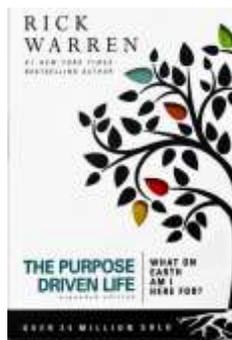
**C** Amen.

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God.

### La Jolla Lutheran 78th Anniversary Celebration: Today!

La Jolla Lutheran turned 78 years old on May 20th, so we are having a special celebration today during coffee hour!



### New Series in June:

We will be starting a new series in June based on the book, The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. You can pick up a copy at church now and begin reading!



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## **Events This Week**

*The link to all events on Zoom can be found at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)*

### **Sunday, May 21** *La Jolla Lutheran 78th Anniversary Celebration*

9:30 a.m. Worship / Fellowship Time / Bible Study

Cantor: Amy C Prayers: Carol H Reader: Sue M

Ushers: Mark and Julie S Coffee: Diane O

Communion Prep: Genie H

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Monday, May 22**

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

6:30 p.m. Book Club

### **Tuesday, May 23**

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Wednesday, May 24**

10 a.m. Volunteers

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Thursday, May 25** Birthday of Roman W

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Friday, May 26**

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Saturday, May 27** Birthday of Logan S

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Sunday, May 28** *Pentecost Sunday—wear red!*

9:30 a.m. Worship / Fellowship Time / Bible Study

Cantor: Sue M Prayers: Mark S Reader: Jill W

Ushers: Carol H and Doug S Coffee: Leslie W

Communion Prep: Leslie W

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)