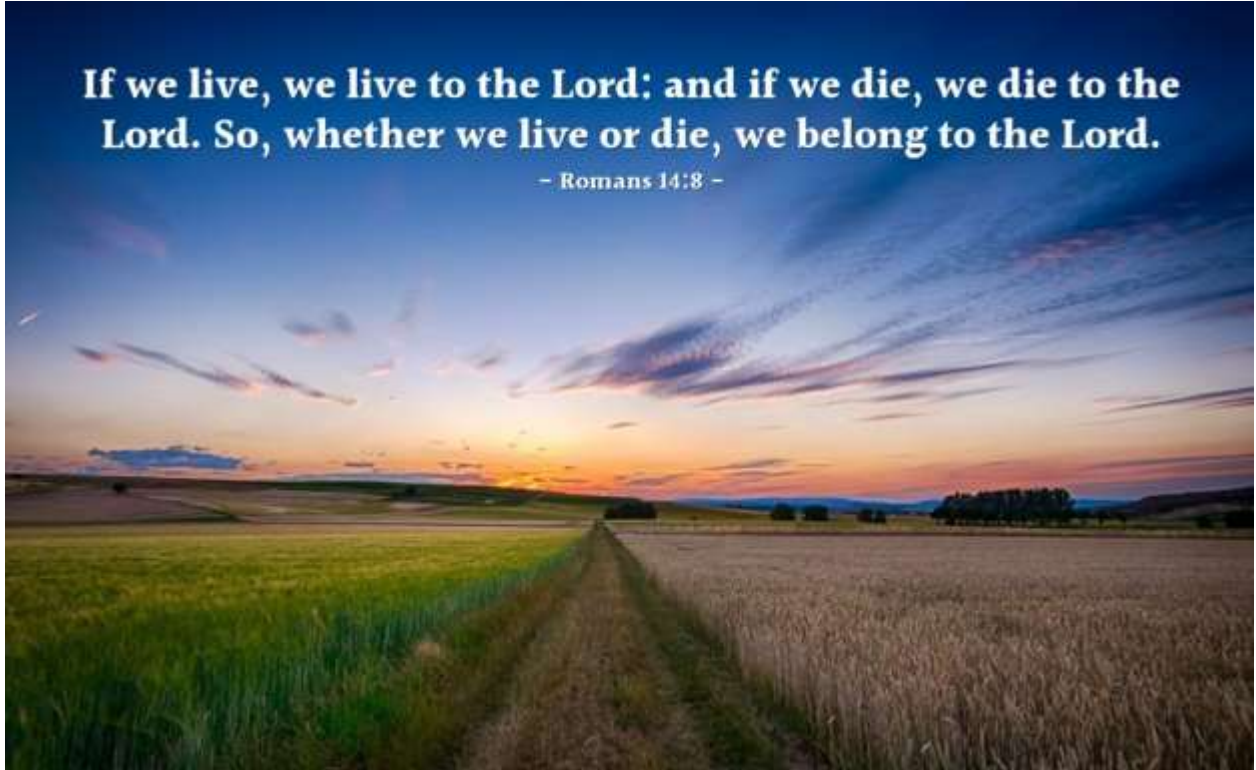


**If we live, we live to the Lord: and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.**

- Romans 14:8 -



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*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 17, 2023



WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS TODAY!

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

*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*

## All Hail The Power of Jesus Name



All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.

*Please be seated*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read Together)

**O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WELCOME, GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (see last page)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read Together)

**Dear Lord, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.**

**We lift up our hearts, minds and souls to experience your peace that only you can bring.**

**God of healing and wholeness, this precious moment in your presence and power grant us forgiveness, faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole through your love and forgiveness. Amen.**

WE WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 103:1-8 NSRV

A Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**C Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—**

A who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

**C who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

A who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**C The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

A He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

**C The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 14:7-12 NSRV

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Please rise for the gospel*



GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35 NSRV

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’



*Please be seated*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

# Just a Closer Walk With Thee

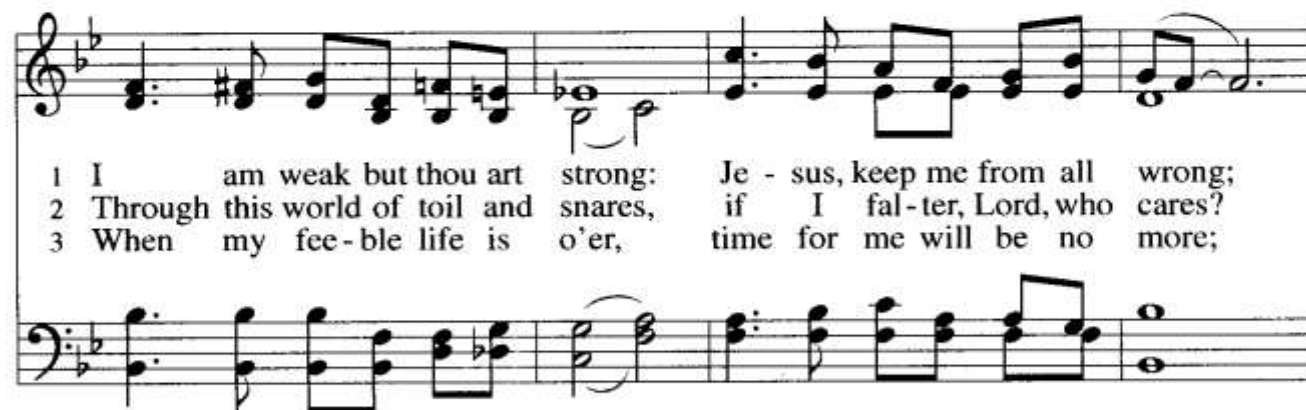
*Refrain*



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai-ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?  
3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



*Refrain*  
I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear . . Lord, none but thee.  
guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king-dom . . shore, to thy shore.



*Song during Offering*

**Lord I Lift Your Name On High**

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your prais - es.

5

I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

9

You came from heav - en to earth to show the way,

11

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

13

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

15

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

## 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.**

*Please stand*

# Shout To The Lord

A E F#m E D

My Je - sus, my Sa - vior, Lord, there is none like you.

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Shout To The Lord'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chord symbols A, E, F#m, E, and D are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'My Je - sus, my Sa - vior, Lord, there is none like you.'

D A D A F#m7 G D Esus E D

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

The second system of musical notation. Chord symbols D, A, D, A, F#m7, G, D, Esus, and E are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.'

A E F#m E D

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

The third system of musical notation. Chord symbols A, E, F#m, E, and D are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;'

D A D A F#m G D Esus E

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

The fourth system of musical notation. Chord symbols D, A, D, A, F#m, G, D, Esus, and E are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.'

A F#m D E A F#m

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

The fifth system of musical notation. Chord symbols A, F#m, D, E, A, and F#m are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise'

D Esus E F#m D

to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

E F#m A A F#m D

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

E A F#m D Esus E

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

F#m D E A

Noth-ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

## 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.**

### Musical Artists Coming to San Diego:

Blood Drive at La Jolla Presbyterian Church September 17 in San Diego, CA

Tourmaliners Concert at La Jolla Lutheran Church October 8 in San Diego, CA

Casting Crowns October 28 at the Rock Church in San Diego, CA

Chris Tomlin November 16 at Skyline Church in San Diego, CA

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## **Events This Week**

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

### **Sunday, September 17**

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

Cantor: Elaine H Prayers: Elaine H Reader: Gudrun A

Ushers: Carol H and Leslie W Coffee: Hartwig Family

Communion Prep: Leslie W

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

### **Monday, September 18**

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

### **Tuesday, September 19**

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

### **Wednesday, September 20**

10 a.m. Volunteers

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

### **Thursday, September 21**

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

### **Friday, September 22**

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

### **Saturday, September 23**

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

### **Sunday, September 24**

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

Cantor: Sue M Prayers: Diane O Reader: Elaine H

Ushers: Jacquelyn E and Brad V Coffee: Barbara I and Dale L

Communion Prep: Carol H

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





**The Tourmaliners Band! Live at La Jolla Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, October 8, 3 pm to 5 pm**

**Concert in the Parking Lot**

**Invite Your Friends and Mark Your Calendars!**

The Tourmaliners are a very popular San Diego 60s Surf Rock Band made up of several Christian members. Deven Berryhill is the leader of the band. He has led worship at La Jolla Lutheran. Deven's dad, Bob, is an original member of the surf rock band "Surfaris" that made the classic hit "Wipe Out."

We want to reach out to our community in a creative way and invite them to the free concert but also introduce them to La Jolla Lutheran Church and Jesus Christ.

We need lots of help with tasks from being a welcoming greeter, set up, take down, handing out invitation cards at the beach and more.

There are 14 people on our Concert committee and more are needed. If you are available to join us, please contact me.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan Hill

Cell 619-540-7227

