

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026
9:30 a.m. Worship



Herrel, Edie Mae. Behind Every Shadow There is a Great Light

Como Park Lutheran Church, ELCA, RIC

Reaching out in Christ to a changing world.

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We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.

We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.

Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God’s boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.

We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.

~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church

Join Us in Celebrating Tom!

Following worship today, everyone is invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for cake and refreshments as we celebrate Tom Ferry's 28 years of music ministry at Como Park Lutheran. Please join us as we give thanks, share memories, and send Tom into retirement with our love and blessings!

This service will be broadcast live on YouTube
and recorded for later viewing:

www.youtube.com/c/ComoParkLutheranChurch



Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

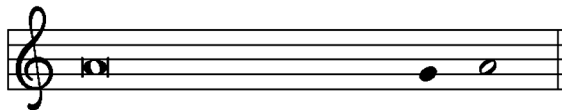
✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

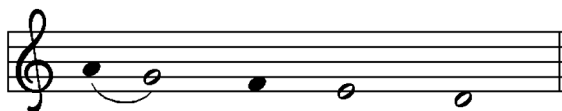
And also with you.

✠KYRIE

ELW pg. 147-148



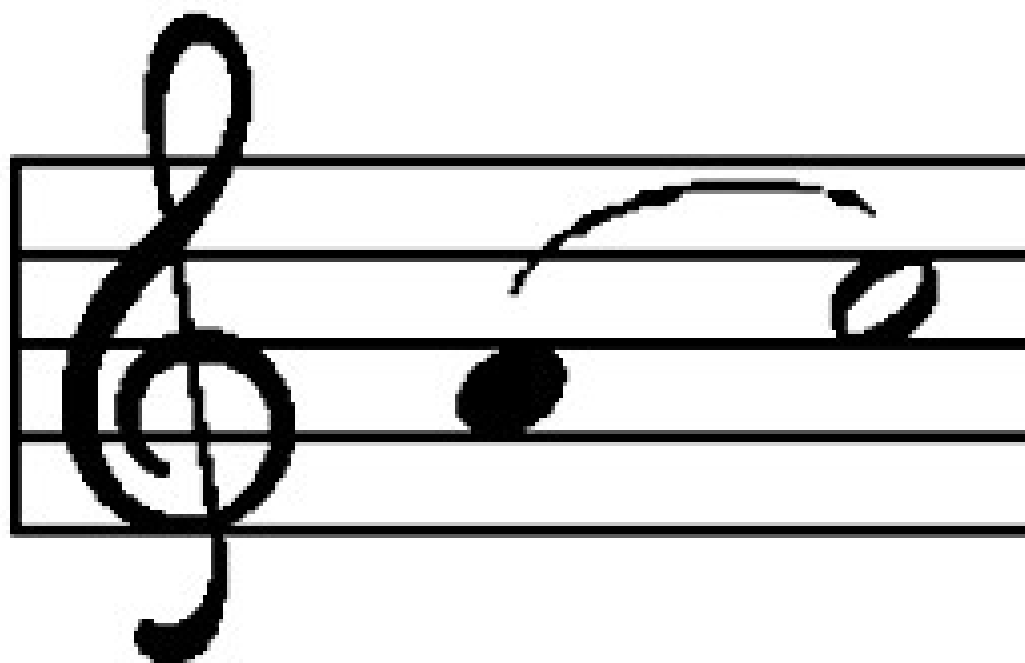
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord,

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✠THIS IS THE FEAST

ELW pg. 149-150

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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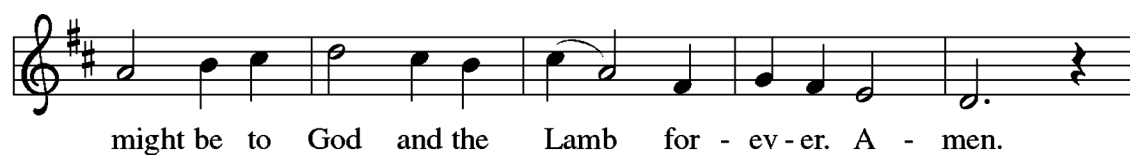


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM

Insert

Lochlan James Cahill

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8



¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

**²Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

**⁴I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

**⁶ I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

7 singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

**8 LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to

be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ 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." ²⁰ No, "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." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✠GOSPEL VERSE

ELW pg. 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mathew the Sixteenth Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ 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. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord!



'This must never happen to you.'" ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

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

²⁷ '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. ²⁸ 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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Ann Schmidt

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

SERMON

Pastor Peter Coen-Tuff

✠HYMN OF THE DAY

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

ELW 667

✠PRAYERS

... Lord, in your mercy,
... **hear our prayer.**

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

THE MEAL

OFFERING

Solfeggio in D Major, Johann Christoph Friedrich Bach, Wren Wietzke

Wistful by Christian Hohmann, Allison Steinmaus and Suvi Wietzke

*Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to **www.ComoParkLutheran.org** and clicking on the "donate" button.*



✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...

... Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. If you come forward and extend your hand, you will be served the bread. A gluten free option is available. If you do not extend your hand, you will be given a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are at the second station, and there is a basket for empty cups as you return to your seat.

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)

ELW pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

✠A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSINGS FOR TOM AND KATHY FERRY

THE SENDING

✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

✠CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Quintet No. 1, Mvt. 3.

Victor Ewald, ed. Robert King

Accent Brass

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Director of Music Ministry: Tom Ferry

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Doug Bradley - Trumpet II

Michelle Kahler - Horn

Paul Thomsen - Trombone

Jerry Sherohman - Tuba

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Time	9:30 AM
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Communion Asst 1	Tom Spivey
Communion Asst 2	David Harris
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Liturgist	Ken Purdham
Ushers	Family Team Weber
Welcome Desk	Janice Kragness
Bus Driver	Tom Spivey
Video Tech	Jeff Carnes

USHER TEAM

Family Team Weber: Elizabeth & Rocky, Douglas and Sasha

Please pray for...

Anders N.	Tyler F.
Kathy H.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Ruth R.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Gina K.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Gary (friend of Deb S.)	Mary C.
Heidi G.	Ginger F.
Betty H.	Duane B.
Charlie S.	Carol B.
Brita G.	... and all in need of prayers

We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.

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Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
... and all others who serve

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We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.

This week in worship, we pray for:

Dan & Meg Duncan
Walter & Kelli Duncan, Sofi
Astri Duncan & Jordan Bruss, Hazel, Virginia, August
Jennifer & Caleb Easler
Guy & Katie Eggers
Martin & Ann Ericson, Lars, Siri, Peder
Henry Ernst

Registration is now open for the 2026–2027 Sunday School year! Please register by Sunday, September 20, at bit.ly/cplcsundayschool

Even if your family has registered in the past or your information is already on file with the church, please complete a new form for this school year. Updated registrations help us plan class sizes, prepare materials, accommodate dietary or other needs, and verify current family and emergency contact information.

Sunday, September 20, is Rally Day and the first day of Sunday School classes. We will also celebrate a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship.

For questions, contact Sunday School Superintendent Kelly Whitstone at 651-435-4181 or sundayschool@comoparklutheran.org.



"Journey with Jesus" Hi Qi.

VISIT PROJECT HOME FAMILY SHELTER



Join Senior Ministries for a tour of Project Home, a family shelter serving families experiencing homelessness, on Thursday, September 10, at 12:30 p.m. The one-hour tour offers an informative look at how Project Home supports families in our community.

The visit is free and open to everyone, not only seniors!

The CPLC bus will leave the church at 11:00 a.m., with lunch at your own expense at Gabe's before the tour. Bus seating is limited, so please call the church office by Tuesday, September 8, if you would like a ride. Those providing their own transportation may meet the group at 1010 Bandana Boulevard West at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jonathan Nye, Senior Ministries & Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, at 612-839-2527.

AUGUST 30, 2026

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*What Wondrous Love
Is This*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who do you turn to for support when you are suffering or in pain?
- How does your faith in Christ help you when you are suffering?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 16:21-28.

In an era when we can do so many things to avoid or stop physical pain, it can be surprising that suffering is still very present. It is also an essential part of the Christian life because Jesus shows us that the way of his painful death on the cross gets at the heart of the Christian faith. Even if Peter knew Jesus was the Messiah, he still did not fully understand. Peter had to be humbled and corrected, and we do, too. God shows the depth of God's love from the cross of Christ. We are invited to join the great movement of divine love by caring, suffering, and celebrating Christ's victory over sin, death, and evil. Part of that celebration of Christ's triumph over death is our openness to the pain of the world. For the sake of love, we join in the suffering of others. It is the path of new life, the resurrected life, which allows us to see the kingdom of God at work through empathy, justice, and a desire to minimize the pain and suffering of others.

Discuss: How does knowing that suffering is an essential aspect of the Christian faith impact how you view life?

Pray: **Compassionate God, help us to see in Jesus' suffering and death the very path of life and love through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be courageous and help someone who is hurting or suffering?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Jesus' time, the cross was about death. It is not easy to understand or talk about Jesus' death on the cross. The cross is a Christian symbol. It reminds us that Jesus is with us through easy and hard times. We see crosses in many places in our lives. As a follower of Jesus, notice the number of crosses you see in your home and in the community. Each time you see one, be reminded of what it means.

Pray: **Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save me. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

**Please visit the Welcome Desk in the narthex
if you have any questions about our facility or upcoming events.**

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