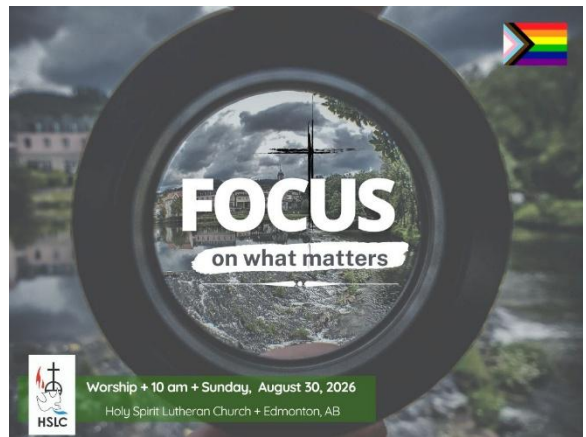




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August 30, 2026 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Service of the Word

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Welcome

Gathering Song “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*” (WOV 767)

Greeting

Kyrie – Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

Now the Feast - Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time

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.

Psalm 26:1-8 spoken responsively

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

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

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I 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 innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory 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 affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue 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 arrogant, 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 Instead, "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.

Gospel Verse - Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] 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 hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, 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."

Sermon

Song of the Day 'Day by Day' (ELW 790, WOV 746)

New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Susan K, Dorothea K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, Pr. Rod A, Darlene & Randy F, Anna E, Pathma D, Brenda K, Lasantha J, Margaret O, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Peace

Offertory “*Come to Me, All You Who are Weary*” Liturgy of the Beloved
Offering Prayer

Lord’s Prayer – Reconciling Works

Our Mother and Father, our beloved parent,
in whom we move and breathe and have our being,
the hallowing of your name shines forth
in the diversity of your children.

May your peace and love, justice and equality,
inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven.

Along with ourselves, grant that God’s beloveds who have been
marginalized might have their daily needs met—that they might
find gainful employment without discrimination;

that they might have access to medical care without fear;

that they might have their rights and lives protected,

and that they might find a loving community to belong to

and call their own. Forgive us for the ways

that we have fallen short and failed so many of your children.

Forgive us of the times we turned away, or did not care;

For the times we laughed or judged unique expressions

of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much,

or failed to hear as we forgive those who might have failed us.

Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of
injustice. But instead give us courage to stand up and stand
with your beloved children.

For your love and justice is to be made manifest
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Community Life

Sending Song ‘*Bind Us Together*’ (WOV 748)

Dismissal

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