



**Clairemont**  
Lutheran Church  
Iglesia Luterana

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 26, 2026**

**Prelude**      *Souvenir* – Marcel Dupré      Jonah Molina

**Welcome**

**Mission Statement**

**C:** Our mission is to welcome everyone, celebrate God's grace, and grow together as one church expressed in two languages.

**Kids Time**      Pastor Manuel Borbon

**Gathering Hymn**      *I've Got Peace Like a River* TFF 258      *(please stand)*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of The Day**

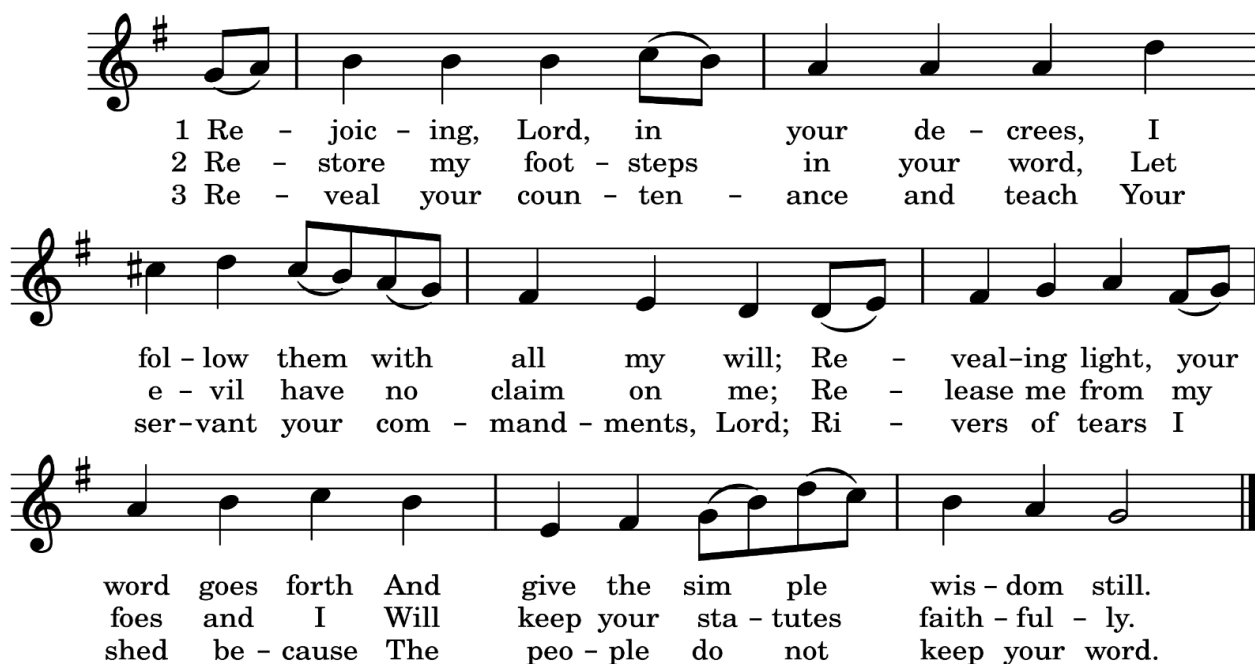
P: Beloved and sovereign God, **C: through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *(please be seated)***

## First reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you." Word of God, word of life.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: 119:129-136 (ELW 557)



1 Re - joic - ing, Lord, in your de - crees, I  
2 Re - store my foot - steps in your word, Let  
3 Re - veal your coun - ten - ance and teach Your  
fol - low them with all my will; Re - veal-ing light, your  
e - vil have no claim on me; Re - lease me from my  
ser-vant your com - mand - ments, Lord; Ri - vers of tears I  
word goes forth And give the sim - ple wis - dom still.  
foes and I Will keep your sta - tutes faith - ful - ly.  
shed be - cause The peo - ple do not keep your word.

**Second reading: Romans 8:26-39**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Word of God, word of life.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**      *Alleluia, setting 4 – ELW p. 151 (please stand)*

**Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

*Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord*

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good

into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

**Sermon** Pastor Manuel Borbon

**Hymn of the Day** *Be Still My Soul!* HFW 113 *(please stand)*

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayers**

R: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*After each portion of the prayers*

R: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

R: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

### **Offering**

**Special Music** *Here I Am, Lord* – Allen Pote Soloist: Reid Moriarty, Rise & Shine Choir,

## Offertory

### The Offering Prayer *(please stand)*

P: Loving God,

C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (setting four) ELW p. 152

Holy Holy, Holy (setting four) ELW p. 153

## Words of Institution

Thanksgiving acclamation ELW p. 153

### Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion *(please be seated)*

The Agnus Dei *Lamb of God, setting 4* – ELW p.154

## The Communion of Christ's People

Communion Voluntary *Improvisations* – Jonah Molina Jonah Molina

### Blessing after Communion

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

P: Compassionate God, C: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen

## Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C. Amen.**

## Announcements

**Sending Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* ELW 793

## Dismissal

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Jerusalem* – Hubert Parry      Jonah Molina

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### Serving Us Today

Pastor Manuel Borbon

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Organist: Jonah Molina

Rise & Shine Choir, Soloist: Reid Moriarty

Readers: Susan Gjerset

Communion Assistants: Gary & Aida Jaus

Welcome Team: Sandra Logan, Gary Lange, Kathy Reed

Offering Couriers: Gary Lange & Kathy Reed

AV: Lewis John TenHulzen, Annamarya Martinez, Mitchell Little

**All are Welcome!** As a community of faith, the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

**FIRST TIME HERE?** Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED** If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 7. Patience.

**Interfaith Shelter Network** will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, August 20, 2026. Celestial Nights 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala tickets are available to purchase on their website. All proceeds go to the Rotational Shelter and El Nido ("The Nest").

**CCSA Back to School:** We will support CCSA and provide fully packed backpacks. A flyer with the List of Needed Items will be in the Narthex. All donations including monetary donations need to be collected by July 26. Sunday, August 2, between services we will assemble backpacks. Please contact Heidi Acosta if questions, 858-373-8634. Thank you for your support.

**This week's Altar flowers were given to the glory of God** by Peggy Ritchie and Holly Boyle. "For the Love of a Garden"

