

August 30, 2026

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21 ¹⁵O 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. ¹⁶Your 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. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore 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. ²⁰And 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. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21 ⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone

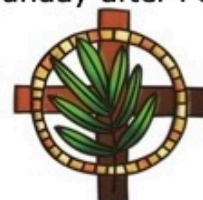
evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if 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." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28 ²¹From 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. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But 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." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For 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. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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Welcome Everyone !

We live and serve on land that for thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked. We live on the traditional territory of several Indigenous peoples, including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their continuing stewardship of this land and we also honour the heritage and gifts of the Métis people.

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Weekly Calendar:

Monday: Pastor's day off

Tuesday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Wednesday: Pickleball 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Rose City Quilters 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Pastor in Welland

Thursday: Pastor in Welland

Friday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Saturday: Pickleball 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week's service:

Scripture Reader Linda Borland
Prayers Marilyn Schultz
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week's service:

Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg
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Attendance Sunday August 23 - 12, one year ago 22.

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

Upcoming Events:

Psalm 26:1-8 – Tune: 675 O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

**Try me, O Lord; my ways pursue.
I have walked faithfully with you.**

Reader: Examine me and test me, Lord; judge my desires and thoughts, for your love is before my eyes. I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**I have lived with integrity.
I have walked with you faithfully.**

I do not keep company with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

**Lord, I your house with pleasure view.
I have walked faithfully with you.**

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wonderful deeds.

**Let me your truth and justice see.
I have walked with you faithfully.**

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood, whose hands are full of evil plots, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

**Save me from those who trouble me.
I have walked with you faithfully.**

As for me, I walk in my integrity. Redeem me and be gracious to me. In the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

**Lord, keep me trusting, good and true.
I have walked faithfully with you.**

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GATHERING

Gathering Hymn.....**ELW # 655**
“**Son of God, Eternal Savior**”
Prayer of the Day

WORD

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“**Glory to you, O Lord**”
Gospel.....Matthew 16:21-28
“**Praise to you, O Christ**”

Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....**ELW # 798**
“**Will You Come and Follow Me**”
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving....**ELW** page 152
Sanctus “Holy, Holy”...**ELW** page 153
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer.....**ELW** page 154
Lamb of God.....**ELW** page 154
Communion
Communion Hymns.....**659 & 466**
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....**ELW #548**
“**Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen**”
Dismissal: Go in peace, Live in hope.
“**Thanks be to God**”
