

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, September 11, 2022

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you haven't already, please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew.

9/11 Remembrance Litany

September 11, 2001 was a morning we will never forget as an American family. 2,976 people lost their lives at the World Trade Center in New York, at the Pentagon building in Washington, DC, and on Flight 93, which crashed in a Pennsylvania field. 21 years later, we pause to remember that day of horror and pray for those left scarred by those terrible events.

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

C: Amen.

P: We remember the first time we heard the news. We recall the first time we saw those images. We remember the way our thoughts and prayers were with those families who lost loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today. Oh God of Comfort - though the years have passed, you are faithful still.

C: Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.

a time of silent reflection and prayer for bereaved families

P: We remember those who survived. We recall their heart-breaking stories. We remember that their lives are forever scarred by those moments. Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today. Oh God of Healing - though the years have passed, you are faithful still.

C: Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.

a time of silent reflection and prayer for survivors

P: We remember the pain we felt. We recall the bereavement and bitterness of the aftermath. We remember that you are a God of redemption and restoration. Help us forgive those who caused so much trauma, and that we may find release in that forgiveness. O God of forgiveness - though the years have passed, you are faithful still.

C: Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.

a time of silent reflection and prayer for forgiveness

P: We remember that you love the world. We recall you sent your Son to bring reconciliation and salvation. We remember your Spirit inhabits your Church. Help us bring your comfort and peace to all. Oh God of hope - though the years have passed, you are faithful still.

C: Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: God Bless Our Native Land *(see back of the bulletin)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

As an assembly of sinners, we come before God each Sunday morning to admit our faults, failures, and guilt. The word of absolution speaks the Gospel into our ears and assures that because of Christ's death at Calvary, every one of our sins is covered.

P: The psalmist writes: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the path everlasting." We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about the mistakes we make. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God:

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: **Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. It is true that we have sinned. But it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God He says, "your sins are forgiven."

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF GLORY

These words are a response to the gracious and steadfast mercy of God, who pours out his love on undeserving sinners. Together we lift our voices in a song of praise to the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for the gift of salvation and new life.



1. God, Fa - ther we will raise your name; we wor-ship and a - dore, We
2. Sing, "Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ be praise. The

3. O glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit ev - er be! God,



bless and praise and give our thanks; your mer - cy we im - plore.
lamb of love from hea'vn a - bove, re - dee - mer of our race.
bring your life a - midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-24 (ESV)

In response to those who were called to shepherd his people, but didn't, God declared through the prophet that He would be the judge between sheep and sheep, rams and goats. He would rescue those that have been scattered and be their shepherd himself.

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their

shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:169-176 (ESV)

The psalmist sang of God's deliverance in a time when he had gone astray from the Lord. Now he will never forget the Lord's commandments and asks that God would seek him.

R: Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word!

C: Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

R: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

C: My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

R: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

C: I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.

R: Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me.

C: I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

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SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (ESV)

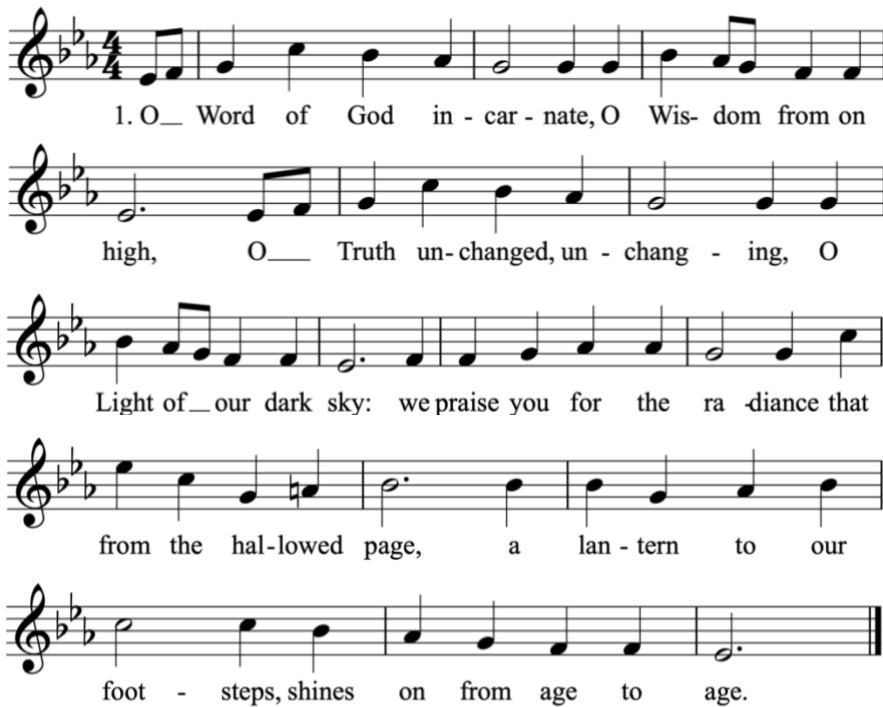
In Paul's letter to his young friend Timothy, he reminds him that Christ came for the lost and sinners so that they might be saved — identifying himself as the foremost of sinners. Christ's perfect patience is displayed in those who believe.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1. O_ Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis- dom from on
high, O___ Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O
Light of_ our dark sky: we praise you for the ra - diancance that
from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern to our
foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-10 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 15th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: It's Outrageous!

HYMN OF THE DAY: Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....RECLAIM No. 211

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

C: And also with you.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words Lord, in your mercy. Respond by saying Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us, not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: What Wondrous Love.....RECLAIM No. 254

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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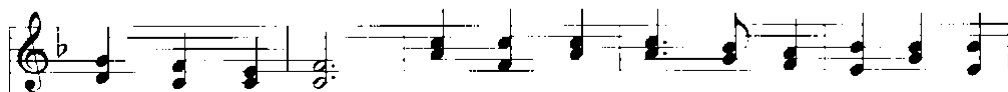
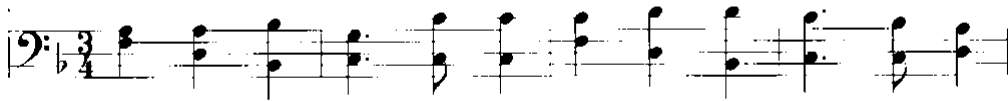
THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	September 11	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	September 12	10:00am	Morning Prayer
		11:00am	Book Discussion
Tuesday	September 13	6:00pm	Budget Committee Meeting
Wednesday	September 14	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	September 15	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	September 18	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

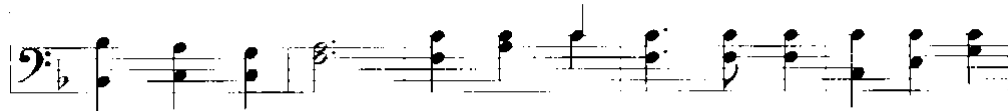
God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land! Firm may she ev - er stand
2 For her our prayers shall rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Ru - ler of
On him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with



wind and wave, Do thou our coun - try save By thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

