

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, October 23, 2022

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. These opening sentences shift our attention away from ourselves and the distractions of the world onto the one whom we gather to hear from through His precious Word and Sacraments.

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

C: Amen.

P: The world knows darkness. Shadows of doubt and fear cloud our lives. Yet Christ beckons us into his light.

C: Come, Lord Jesus, lead us. Bring us to your brilliant and majestic glory.

P: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord our God and King! Glorious and powerful is the God of all creation!

C: In reverent awe, we worship our God.

P: The Lord our God is King over all things for all eternity, all people and places.

C: In reverent awe, we praise our God.

P: The God who said, "Out of darkness the light dawns!" is the same God who made light shine in our sinful hearts;

C: to show his radiant glory in the face of Christ. His light shines in the darkness!

GATHERING HYMN: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain.....RECLAIM No. 188

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 declares that the God who created us – who loves and redeems us – searches us and knows us completely. So we come to God as one from whom no secrets

are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Even sin and death are not obstacles between us and God. So let us confess our faults that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses and taking our sins to the cross. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: Merciful God, all of humanity stands in need of your gracious forgiveness. Preserve us from shallow self-righteousness and make us humble of heart that we might live lives that show forth the fruits of genuine repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 4:1-15 (ESV)

The sons of Adam and Eve grew up to be working men. When it was time to give an offering to the Lord, one gift was accepted and one God had "no regard" for. In jealousy, Cain — the farmer — killed his brother, Abel — the shepherd. Sin had gotten the best of the elder son.

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 5 (ESV)

The psalmist lamented those who were scheming against him. These same ones rebelled against the Lord, so the psalmist pleaded that they would be found guilty.

R: Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning.

C: Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

R: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

C: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

R: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

C: You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

R: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

C: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

R: For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

C: Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

R: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

C: For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (ESV)

In Paul's final words to Timothy, he lamented that at first no one came to his side — no one but the Lord. He spoke of his impending death but looked forward to the coming Day of the Lord. He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear

it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the 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 - dian - ce that
from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern to our
foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 18th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

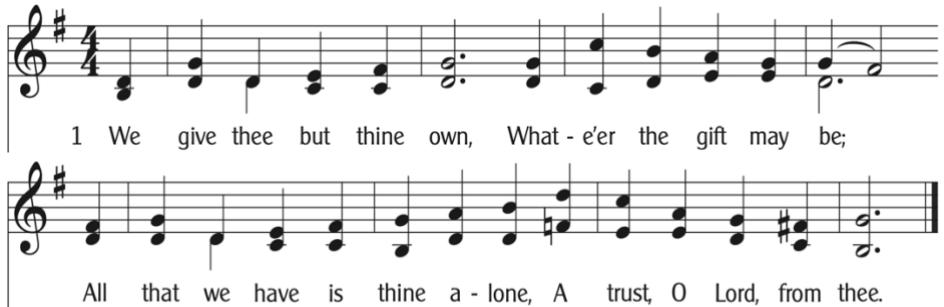
C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: The Distance

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord Jesus, Think on Me.....RECLAIM No. 178

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: On What Has Now Been Sown (*see back of the bulletin*)

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	October 23	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Pre-Annual Meeting Information Session
Monday	October 24	10:00am	Morning Prayer
		11:00am	Book Discussion
Wednesday	October 26	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	October 27	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Friday	October 28	9:00am	WOW Clean-Up Day
Sunday	October 30	9:30am	Reformation Sunday Worship
		10:30am	2021-2022 Annual Meeting

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Mike Youngerberg

Greeters: Dave and Helen Schauer

Keyboardist: Kristen Litynski

Ushers: Ron and Susan Brooks

Tech Team: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you

stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!