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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, November 19, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION and GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Gracious God, in baptism you pour out upon us gifts of eternal worth — faith, salvation, and the calling to serve as your witnesses in the world. Help us to deepen our baptismal life and respond with abandon to your gracious gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us *(back of the bulletin)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather for worship, let us first call to mind our faults and failings. We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Trusting, therefore, in God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins against God and one another:

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Forgive all our offenses, known and unknown, things done and things we have failed to do. Cleanse us from the power of sin by your Holy and life-giving Word. By your grace, draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism. In the mercy of Almighty God, Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Christ's name, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

S, A

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

div. san - na in the high - est. *unis.* Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

div. high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7-16

God's Word came to the prophet Zephaniah, and it was a judgment on the house of Judah. The Lord threatened to sweep away the entire tribe. Their idolatry of Baal incensed the Lord, who commanded them to be silent in his presence. The Great Day of the Lord was near, and it would be a day of wrath.

⁷Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house

with violence and fraud. ¹⁰“On that day,” declares the Lord, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.” ¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 90:1-12

The psalmist sang of the everlasting nature of God for whom a thousand years is like one day. Secret sins are brought to light in the sight of the God of the ages.

R: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

R: You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”

C: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

R: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

C: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

R: For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

C: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

R: For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

R: Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

C: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The day of the Lord will be like the sudden onset of labor pains of a mother ready to give birth. Paul urged his readers to keep awake, and not fall asleep, for the coming of the Lord is near.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 25th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁴"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at

once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: "What Kind of God?"

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

OFFERING PRESENTATION



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE NICENE 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:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF 2023-2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Save us, save us, Sav - ior of the
world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion
you have set us free. *div.*

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us, therefore, in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Rise, O Children of Salvation..... RECLAIM No. 231

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Karen Jaeck

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

Communion Set Up: Tony and Becky Miller

Communion Assistants: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements.

Thanksgiving Eve worship will be held at 6:30pm this Wednesday, November 22nd at Epiphany Lutheran Church (605 Parkway Avenue) in Eagle Lake. Together we will gather to give thanks and praise to the living Lord for his benevolent mercy and goodness. Pastor Sarah Deutsch (Pastor Aaron's wife) will preach, and Pastor Aaron will assist with liturgy. Next year, Thanksgiving Eve worship will be hosted here at Resurrection Lutheran.

The Mankato Riverblenders and Minnesota Valley Chorus present their annual yuletide concert **"Holiday Harmony"** to be presented on:

- Sunday, November 26th at 3pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mankato
- Sunday, November 26th at 7pm at the Church of St. Peter in St. Peter
- Saturday, December 9th at 7pm at the Waseca Community Education Center

Tickets are not required. A free will offering will be collected.

Advent and Christmas preparations are underway at Resurrection Lutheran Church! There are many ways for you to both get involved and be enriched this holiday season:

- Midweek Soup Suppers and Worship Services will be held on Wednesdays December 6th, 13th and 20th with soup being served at 6:15pm in the fellowship hall, followed by worship in the Fireside Room chapel at 7:00pm. If you would like to volunteer to bring soup, bread or dessert for one of these meals, please sign up in the narthex.
- During the four Sundays of Advent (December 1, 10, 17, and 24) we need volunteers to read our advent liturgy during worship and light the candles on the Advent wreath. This can be done by couples or individuals. Please sign up in the narthex.
- Volunteers are invited to gather here at Church on Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00am to help decorate our facility for the Christmas season. Join us!
- Resurrection Lutheran will be hosting a Christmas Banquet on Friday, December 8, 2023. Social hour will begin at 5:30pm with a banquet meal being served at 6:00pm. Sign-up in the narthex and indicate how many seats you would like reserved. A free-will donation will be taken the night of the event.

Portals of Prayer has been a favorite of generations of readers since 1937. Portals of Prayer is a publication of the Lutheran focused Concordia Publishing House. If you would like to start receiving this quarterly devotional beginning in January, please sign-up on the Welcome Center desk. The yearly subscription cost will depend on how many sign up in order to qualify for a bulk order, but it should range between \$10-\$15 dollars for the year.

Plants: If you love plants and would like to team up in caring for the many plants here in our Church facility, especially during the Winter season, please talk with Karen Jaeck.

Women of the Word is now collecting items for the **Christmas treat bags** we give to our 7 homebound members. There is a list of suggested items on the WOW bulletin board. It might be helpful and more fun to team up with someone. Kindly place your items in the WOW basket in the narthex. Contact Karen Jaeck with questions.

Birthdays this week:

Susan Jones (21st), Carolyn Rewitzer (22nd), Michelle Rippon (22nd) and Jonah Deutsch (25th)

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	November 19	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	November 20	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	November 22	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		6:30pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Sunday	November 26	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL. Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887