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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, September 17, 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: Steadfast God, your mercy is everlasting and your forgiveness boundless. As we gather together and receive your word of forgiveness in the gospel proclaimed and the meal shared, renew us in the gift of baptism that we may be signs of reconciliation for the world; 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: Blest Be the Tie That Binds.....RECLAIM No. 48

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The prophet Daniel declares: "To the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his ways, which he set before us by the prophets." And yet, in Christ, all obstacles between us and God have been removed. If death no longer stands in our way, our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins, that they may be washed away by God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: God of the promise,

C: We confess that we have turned from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your will and your ways. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn

us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus, the entirety of your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like "div." and "unis."

S, A

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

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

After the death of Jacob, Joseph's brothers continued to look out for themselves by coming up with a plan to procure Joseph's forgiveness for their prior betrayal of him. Joseph, despite what he had suffered, was able to see God at work for good, even when his brothers' intentions were evil.

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to

Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 103:1-12

The psalmist sang of the God of forgiveness and praised him for his ways throughout the history of Israel. God’s steadfast love covers our sins and brings justice for the oppressed, he sang.

R: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

C: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

R: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C: **who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

R: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

C: **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

R: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C: **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

R: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C: **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

R: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

C: **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Paul taught that people express their faith in ways that might be different from one another. One may eat meat while another refrains. One may observe a day as special while another sees it as any other day. This is done by faith; personal piety is not meant to be judged as we all live unto the Lord.

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not

the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times,

but seventy-seven times. ²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Forgiven and Free

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

OFFERING PRESENTATION

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



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.

CHOIR ANTHEM: I Love to Tell the Story (*arr: Greg Gilpin*)

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, Savior of the
world, for by your Cross and Resurrection
div.
you have set us free.

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: Awake, O Sleeper (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!

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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.

Registration is open for **SALT (scripture and life together)** groups! Registration forms are at the Welcome Center desk. SALT groups are a chance to enter intentional relationship with a smaller body of people (6-8 people) from RLC, fellowship, and explore the Bible together.

Described by audiences as “Branson, but better” the tight-knit, top-notch, and real deal **Garms Family** is scheduled to return to Resurrection Lutheran Church next Sunday, September 24th at 3:00pm. The Garms Family bands together to love on people with live music, honest stories, and God’s Word. Guitars, piano, drums, fiddle, banjo, upright bass, dobro, and mandolin make up the core band. All members are skilled vocalists—from soprano to deep bass—and they switch leads, trios and quartets. The family’s teamwork, harmony, and love inspire all ages, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ leaves the impact. A free will offering will be accepted.

Lectern Lunch and Choir **will not meet** this coming Wednesday. Pastor Aaron will be out of the office attending a cancer benefit for an extended family member in South Dakota.

Gentle Shepherd Ministries senior ministry will be having a volunteer training for new and current volunteers on Saturday, September 30th from 9am to 11:30am at Elevate Church - 191 North Victory Drive in Mankato. Jerry and Dorphia David along with David and Carrie Mauch will be the presenters. RSVP by September 27th at gsm@infaith.org or call (507) 327-1480.

The **dumpster** in the Church parking lot will be used to dispose of old, outdated and unwanted items that have accumulated in the Church. Anyone who is willing and able to help carry out items sometime in the next few weeks should meet after Church in the conference room. We will set up a time to get this project done.

Birthdays this week: Reinhard Riessen (20th) and Carol Volness (21st)

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	September 17	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	September 18	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	September 20	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	September 21	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	September 24	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
		3:00pm	Garms Family Concert