



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, July 9, 2023

PRELUDE

Please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew

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: Heavenly Father, Jesus bids us to come to him when we are weary, promising his yoke of love will be easy. Give us the grace to see that our true peace comes from assuming his yoke and serving you until we are at rest in him; 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: Day by Day.....RECLAIM No. 210

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The psalmist declares that the God who created us – who loves and redeems us – searches 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 THANKSGIVING

We sing a hymn of praise to God as a response to the proclamation of forgiveness

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music in a 4/4 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
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: Zechariah 9:9-12

When the Israelites exiles returned from Babylon, they found difficulties at home. In this hostile landscape, God pronounced his glorious vision of Israel's future: God would act on their behalf.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 145:1-14

The Lord is gracious and merciful, the psalmist wrote, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. This psalm of praise to the Lord extols the wonders of God's mercy and the works of God's hands.

R: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

R: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

C: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

R: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

R: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

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

R: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

C: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

R: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

C: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

R: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

C: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 7:14-25a

Paul described the conflict within him concerning following the law and giving in to sin: He does things that he does not want to do but is unable to do the good he would like to do. The flesh is held captive to sin, but the mind and heart are slaves to the law. We are rescued from this conflict by Christ.

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 11th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Yoked to Jesus

HYMN OF THE DAY: Just a Closer Walk with Thee.....RECLAIM No. 248

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 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: Children of the Heavenly Father.....RECLAIM No. 201

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: Ross Heilman

Ushers: Doug Mayer and Kevin Leffel

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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.

Women of the Word donations for the **Global Health Ministries hospice kits** are coming along nicely. The amount we can strive for, at this point, is 30. Here is a list of what we have collected so far:

- Towels - 15
- Toothbrushes - 17
- Fingernail clippers - 3
- Pillowcases - 20
- Vaseline - 11
- Kitchen household gloves (medium size) - 4
- Dove soap - 25
- Pick-style combs - 0

Thank-you for participating in this mission project for those in need!

On Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30pm Pastor Aaron will begin leading an 8-week **book/video discussion** on *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi. Join us as Nabeel describes his dramatic faith journey from Islam to Christianity. Reading the book is not required to participate in the discussion, but it will enrich your experience. *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* may be purchased at Barnes & Nobel, on Amazon, or Pastor Aaron can help you order it.

Birthdays This Week

Deb Thompson (10th), Gerri Bratsch (13th)

Anniversaries This Week

Jerry and Joyce Roust (14th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	July 9	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	July 10	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	July 11	11:00am	E/E/O Committee Meeting
		6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	July 12	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	July 13	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
		1:00pm	Joy For the Journey
Sunday	July 16	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship