

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, July 3, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AN INDEPENDENCE DAY LITANY

P: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts. For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

C: We thank you, Lord.

P: For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

C: We thank you, Lord.

P: For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

C: We thank you, Lord.

P: For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,

C: We thank you, Lord.

P: For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

C: We thank you, Lord.

P: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

C: We thank you, Lord.

P: For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

C: We thank you, Lord.

P: For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

C: We thank you, Lord.

P: Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

C: We pray to you, Lord.

P: That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

C: We pray to you, Lord.

P: That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

C: We pray to you, Lord.

P: That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

C: We pray to you, Lord.

P: That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,

C: We pray to you, Lord, and now hear our prayer. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies.....RECLAIM No. 271

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. 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: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, you know what was written about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins is real for all those who repent. So let us boldly approach God, trusting in his mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We daily fall short of your glory. We turn inward, ignoring the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Remember not the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the cross of Christ, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in his tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with his mercy. Like a loving Father, God runs to meet you this day. Hear the good news: our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has forgiven our sins and raised us to new life in the Holy Spirit!

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. To you a-lone God's on - ly Son, the lamb of
2. Who takes a-way the sins of all, have mer - cy
3. For you a-lone the ho - ly one, and you a -



G - od the cho - sen one; to you a - lone our
Lo - rd and hear our call; who sits at God's right
lone the wor - thy one; with God the spi - rit



heav'n - ly King, the mor - tals and the an - gels sing.
hand on high, have mer - cy Lord and hear our cry.
e - ver near, oh keep us, Lord from guilt and fear.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14 (ESV)

Isaiah proclaimed the Word of the Lord as an allegory in which God's people are like a mother who has given birth to a son. A blessing has been offered, and all who love Jerusalem may rejoice with her and nurse at her consoling breast.

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; ¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.” ¹²For thus says the Lord: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. ¹³As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones

shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 66:1-7 (ESV)

This hymn contains a blessing for those who are humble in heart toward the Lord. Those who have chosen their own evil ways will reap the harsh punishments of the Lord.

R: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

R: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

C: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

R: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

C: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,

R: who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 (ESV)

St. Paul instructed Christians to watch out for each other when it came to temptation and sin. Share with one another the good things you have received, he taught, and do not grow tired of doing good to everyone.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So

then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. ¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-20 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. ¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. ¹⁶"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me." ¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt

you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: The Kingdom Comes Near

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lift High the Cross (vss. 1,2,4 and 5).....RECLAIM No. 269

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

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

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

THE NICENE CREED

Having heard the Word of God, we respond with these words. By confessing one of the Church's most ancient and historic creeds, we express our unity in the faith; the same faith the universal body of Christ has confessed throughout countless generations of believers.

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please take a few moments to greet those around you with a handshake, hug, wave, smile or gesture of peace.

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

THE HYMN OF TRIUMPH

With the company of all heaven and earth we join the angel choir in the ongoing and eternal worship of the Lamb Jesus who was slain and now comes to join our meal of bread and wine with his body and blood, forgiveness and grace, peace and love.

Unison



1. This is the feast of vic - to - ry We share with him
2. Wor - thy is Christ who has been slain; whose blood has set



who set us free Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!
us free a - gain. Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



The lamb of God who once was slain. A - rose and now

Then sings with all the hosts of Light with blessings, ho -



gives life a - gain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
nor, pow'r and might. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized, have been instructed properly, and trust God's Word are welcome to communion, where our Lord is present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and life. If partaking in the Lord's Supper, please indicate this on the friendship pad at the end of your pew.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Battle Hymn of the Republic.....RECLAIM No. 272

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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