



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, September 8, 2024**

## PRELUDE

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP:** Here I Am, Lord (*arr: Jack Schrader*)

## 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: Merciful God, from generation to generation your healing and life-giving power has been made manifest. Empower us to let the glory of your mercy and forgiveness shine through the light of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN: Word of God, Come Down on Earth (*back of bulletin*)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Called and gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness. Our merciful father, who brings life out of death and transforms us into new creatures through his redeeming word, knows the depths of our hearts. Let us make a confession of our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Lord Jesus, Risen Savior,

C: We come to you in sorrow for our faults and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Although in Christ our light has come, we too often prefer the darkness of sin. Forgive us,

fill us with your Spirit and free us from the shackles of our failings. Give us once again the joy of your salvation and make us instruments of peace and love in the world. Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines around you. In the name and by the authority of your Savior, Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your troubled spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until the day he comes again.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

## 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 -  
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.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

*The prophet proclaimed the Word of the Lord concerning the future judgment of all people. God promised to gather his chosen ones and return them to their homeland. To those who were anxious came a word of comfort and encouragement. God will come to save his people.*

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man

leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 146**

*The psalmist sang that the Lord is the one in whom there is salvation; he is faithful forever. Do not put your trust in princes who cannot save you or set you free.*

R: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

R: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

R: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

R: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

C: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

R: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

### **SECOND READING: James 2:1-10**

*James made it clear to his readers that it is inconsistent with faith in Christ to show favoritism to one person over another. This is especially true when it comes to paying attention to those who are wealthy or who have status over those who are poor and have nothing but themselves to offer.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the

kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

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: Mark 7:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>24</sup>And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech

impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## SERMON: Behind Enemy Lines

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Rock of Ages.....RECLAIM No. 226**

### 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

**HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King (vss. 1,2,5,7).....RECLAIM No. 20**

## 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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## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	September 8	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		4:00pm	Backyard Bash
Monday	September 9	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	September 10	6:30pm	Church Council
Wednesday	September 11	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		2:00pm	Worship Committee
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	September 12	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	September 15	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		6:00pm	"The Table" Young Adults Group

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to Worship!** Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Thank-you for your **tithes and offerings** to help further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate has been placed by the entrance doors into the Sanctuary for your convenience. Venmo users can scan the QR code found in the pew racks.

You are invited to join us for **RLC's Backyard Bash** (*formerly known as the Block Party*) this afternoon from 4pm to 6pm on the south lawn. Come to enjoy live music, Scoops ice cream, and walking tacos. A free will donation will be collected for the meal, benefiting our congregation's mercy ministry fund to help those in need. Bring your favorite lawn game and a chair to sit in for an enjoyable afternoon under the trees!

Did you know? Resurrection Lutheran has a **mercy ministry fund** that is independent of our budget. This money is set aside to help individuals (members and non-members alike) who need emergency financial assistance. However, to keep this fund plenished, donations are regularly needed. Are you wanting to contribute? See Vicki or Pastor Aaron.

**"The Table" Young Adults Group** will start up again for the school year next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>! We will meet at 6pm for a grill out at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg's home – 22 Restless Court, North Mankato. RSVP to Vicki or Pastor Aaron so we have an accurate headcount for food. Invite your friends and join us!

**Sunday School** kicks off TODAY after worship! The kids are invited to quickly enjoy a treat in the fellowship hall and then meet their teacher in the classroom.

**Women's Bible study** will begin again this Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the downstairs adult education classroom! Mark your calendars and join us!

**New Adult Forum Series:** What do Lutherans believe about Jesus? Salvation? Scripture? Marriage? What is biblical Lutheranism and how do these beliefs apply to the world we live in today? Come, discern these questions and ask more, as we reflect on basic biblical teachings and use language from Lutheran history and documents to uncover answers. This six-week series led by Pastor Aaron will begin this Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the downstairs adult education classroom.

**Birthdays this week:** Chuck Kindgren (13<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries this week:** Bob and Carol Volness (11<sup>th</sup>)

# Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing,  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Doug Mayer

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Ron Brooks

Greeters: Victor and Helen Kurth

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