



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, September 29, 2024**

## 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: Good and steadfast God, in your Son we have been given the gift of eternal life and righteousness before you. Empower us to bring the knowledge of your Son to a world hungry and thirsting for mercy and righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN: *Soffly and Tenderly*.....RECLAIM No. 177

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Friends in Christ, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people, leading us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there are times when we have wronged our fellow sheep and wandered from our Shepherd. But we are not abandoned. Trusting in the goodness of our God and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit within us, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves, confess our sins, and seek God's ceaseless mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by the power of sin and have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger and outsider. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, hear this glad news: Jesus Christ has come so that you might have new and abundant life. In his name and by his authority alone, I forgive you all your sins. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 G major, 4/4 time. 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."

## CHORAL ANTHEM: Let Me Walk with Thee (arr: Sean Paul)

*O let me walk with Thee, my God. Show me the way that I should go.  
Place Thou my trembling hand in thine, and sweet communion with me hold.  
Sometimes the path I may not see, yet, Jesus let me walk with Thee.*

*I cannot, dare not, walk alone; the tempest rages in the sky,  
Thousands of snares beset my feet, thousands of foes against me rise.  
Speak "peace" and calm the raging sea. O Master, let me walk with Thee.*

*If I may rest my hand in Thine, I'll count the joys of earth but loss,  
And firmly, bravely journey on: I'll bear the banner of the cross.  
Till heaven's glorious gates I see, yet, Savior let me walk with Thee.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

*In the wilderness, the Israelites tired of the manna they were given to eat. They cried out in distress, and the Lord was incited to anger. Moses pled to let him die or to replace him as leader. God sent his Spirit on 70 men, including Eldad and Medad, who prophesied to remind Israel who was in control.*

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." <sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." <sup>16</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. <sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. <sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 104:27-35**

*The psalmist sang praises to the Lord who created all that exists and continues to care for it, right down to the smallest details.*

R: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**C: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

R: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

**C: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.**

R: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

**C: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

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

**C: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.**

R: Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND READING: James 5:1-12**

*James urges Christians to look out for one another, especially those who were lacking, and to share what they have — not like wealthy merchants who stockpiled riches and left the poor to go hungry. This is not just a call to generosity, but a window to a deeper spiritual relationship with the Savior.*

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. <sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You

have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. <sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

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 9:38-50

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. <sup>42</sup>“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt

has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## SERMON: We've Got Trouble

**HYMN OF THE DAY: I Need Thee Every Hour** (see back of the bulletin)

## 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.

## **CHORAL BENEDICTION: A Blessing** (arr: Michael Runyan)

*May the Lord always bless you and keep you.*

*May his face always shine upon you.*

*May you know his compassion and mercy.*

*May the Lord walk beside you forever.*

*May the Lord look upon you with kindness.*

*May the Lord fill your hearts with his peace.*

*May his love be forever within you.*

*May the Lord always bless you and keep you.*

## **SENDING HYMN: The Old Rugged Cross (vss. 1,3,4).....RECLAIM No. 139**

## **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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## **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Reader:** Helen Meschke

**Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Rebecca Blum

**Greeters:** Myrna Chamberlain and Karen Junker

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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. 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.

**Pastor Aaron will be gone** this afternoon through Wednesday evening attending the Annual LCMC Gathering and Convention in Marion, IA. There will be no activities here at RLC this week.

Throughout the month of October, Resurrection Lutheran will be holding a diaper drive on behalf of **Mankato Options for Women**, a life-affirming pregnancy center dedicated to helping women who are facing an unplanned or difficult pregnancy. The diapers we collect will be used in their baby store, designed to support mothers in the days, weeks and months after giving birth. Their greatest need in the baby store is diapers size 4,5,6 and 7 as well as pull-ups size 2T/3T and 3T/4T. Bring your diaper donations in with you to worship any Sunday next month!

The **Options for Women Gala** will be held Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Mayo Event Center downtown. Dinner will begin at 6pm. Scoops Ice Cream in Elysian has graciously purchased an entire table of 8 for Resurrection Lutheran members. Are you interested in attending and hearing more about the ways Options is changing lives in Mankato and beyond? Sign-up in the narthex today! These **free** tickets will be at a first-come-first-served bases.

A new **SALT (Scripture and Life Together) Group** season will begin next month! Are you currently attending one of Resurrection Lutheran's small groups? Would you like to join one? Now is the time! SALT groups meet monthly for the purpose of growing deeper relationships within our faith family, sharing our joys and concerns with other Christians, and fellowshiping over God's Word. Registration forms are out on the Welcome Center desk. Both current SALT group members and new attendees should fill out a form and return it by Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. SALT Night, where we'll share a potluck meal together and meet our small groups, will be held on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Birthdays this week:** Tony Miller (2<sup>nd</sup>), Lee Young (3<sup>rd</sup>), Barb Riessen (4<sup>th</sup>), Rachel Sovacool (4<sup>th</sup>), Victor Kurth (5<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries this week:** Kevin and Sandy Leffel (4<sup>th</sup>)



# I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;  
2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;  
3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,  
4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.  
temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.  
and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.  
O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

## Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!