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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, June 25, 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: Almighty God, we have been united with Christ so that we may walk in newness of life. Marked with the cross of Christ, grant us the faith to live a life of steadfast obedience to your will especially in the face of opposition; 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: *When Peace Like a River*.....RECLAIM No. 224

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

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

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: Jeremiah 20:7-13

The prophet Jeremiah spoke emotional words to the Lord, saying, "You have deceived me!" He was mocked in public for proclaiming the Word of the Lord and struggled to stick with his calling from God. God would not let him go, however; the Lord came to his aid and put his enemies to shame.

⁷O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become

for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 91:1-10

The psalmist sang of the protection and care of the Lord, who sheltered him from his enemies. In the shadow of the Lord there is refuge, and by His hands he delivers his servant from destruction.

R: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C: I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

R: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

C: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

R: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

C: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

R: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

C: You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

R: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

C: no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Paul warned the Roman Christians to look out for those among them who would put temptations in their path. Stick to what is good and innocent, and thereby you will faithfully serve the Lord.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to

God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus 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 10:5a; 21-33

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “²¹Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Misplaced Expectations

HYMN OF THE DAY: Thy Holy Wings (vs. 1,2,5).....RECLAIM No. 76

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: On Our Way Rejoicing *(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!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Reinhard Riessen

Greeters: Reinhard and Barb Riessen

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Don Peterson and Gene Meschke

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.

Pastors Aaron and Sarah will be on vacation from this Tuesday, June 27th through Monday, July 3rd. Pastor Julie Smith will lead worship next Sunday.

The Church Council is pleased to announce that **Nancy Heinze** has been unanimously voted into membership here at Resurrection Lutheran Church! Please join in helping Nancy feel at home among us.

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, complete with friendships, investigations, and supernatural dreams along the way. Each session will include a video teaching from the author. 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.

Women of the Word will begin working hard at collecting items for our hospice kits this month. There will be a list on the WOW bulletin board, updating you on where we are at on attaining the items. Refer to the WOW article in the July Newsletter for more information.

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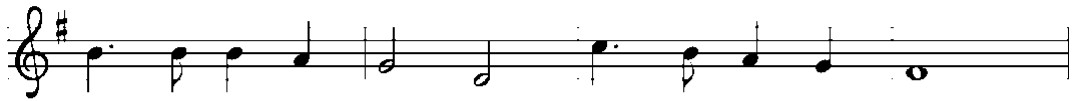
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Pastor Aaron's office hours are Wednesdays from 1-3pm

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	June 25	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	June 26	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	July 2	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

On Our Way Rejoicing



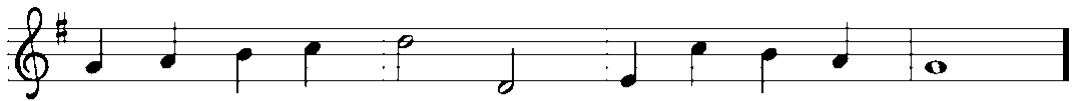
1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe;
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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