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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, September 10, 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: God of grace, through your Son you have reconciled your creation to yourself. Still, we continue to find ways to divide and destroy the unity you intend for us. Preserve your church that, assured of Christ's presence among us, we may exemplify the peace and reconciliation that can only come from you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Earth and All Stars (vss. 1,2,5,6) – *see back of the bulletin*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus to forgive us. For Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live in righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and are held by the power of sin. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that the promise of Christ's forgiveness may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen!

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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is marked 'S, A' and the fourth staff is marked 'div.' and 'unis.'. 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.'

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Lord appointed the prophet Ezekiel to be a spiritual watchman over the people of Israel. If Ezekiel failed to warn them about their wicked behavior, he would be responsible for them. However, if the prophet were to warn them and they proceeded in their evil ways, he would not be held responsible.

7" So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his

way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 32:1-7

The psalmist sang praises to the Lord because he had experienced the wondrous forgiveness of the Lord. Blessed are those whose sins are not held against them!

C: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

R: **Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

C: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

R: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

C: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

R: **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

C: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 13:1-10

Paul explained to the Romans that there is no higher authority than God and that all in positions of authority are subject to Him. Therefore, humans are not to resist civil authority, for the civil authorities are God's servants for the good of the community.

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to

whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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 18:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and

throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Rejoicing Over You

HYMN OF THE DAY: Have No Fear, Little Flock.....RECLAIM No. 202

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: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing.....RECLAIM No. 54

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

Pastors: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch and Rev. Julie Smith

Reader: Helen Meschke

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Michal Clobes 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. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net.

Registration is open for **SALT (scripture and life together)** groups! Registration forms are at the Welcome Center desk. SALT groups are a chance to enter intentional relationship with a smaller body of people (6-8 people) from RLC, fellowship, and explore the Bible together.

Women's Bible Study will begin again this Wednesday, September 13th at 1:00pm with a SOLA Publishing series on Ephesians entitled, *"By the Will of God."*

Described by audiences as "Branson, but better" the tight-knit, top-notch, and real deal **Garms Family** is scheduled to return to Resurrection Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 24th at 3:00pm. The Garms Family bands together to love on people with live music, honest stories, and God's Word. Guitars, piano, drums, fiddle, banjo, upright bass, dobro, and mandolin make up the core band. All members are skilled vocalists—from soprano to deep bass—and they switch leads, trios and quartets. The family's teamwork, harmony, and love inspire all ages, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ leaves the impact. Invite others along with you to join us! A free will offering will be accepted.

Birthdays this week: Pam Eccles (15th)

Anniversaries this week: Bob and Carol Volness (11th)

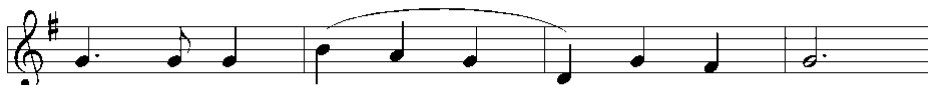
THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	September 10	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	September 11	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	September 12	11:00am	E/E/O Committee
		6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	September 13	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	September 14	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
		1:00pm	Joy For the Journey
Sunday	September 17	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing ar - my!
 Flow - ers and trees! Loud rus - tling dry leaves!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!



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Refrain

He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise him with a new song!

5 Classrooms and labs!
 Loud boiling test tubes!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Athlete and band!
 Loud cheering people!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

6 Knowledge and truth!
 Loud sounding wisdom!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Daughter and son!
 Loud praying members!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*