

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, July 24, 2022

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. These opening sentences shift our attention away from ourselves and the distractions of the world onto the one whom we gather to hear from through His precious Word and Sacraments.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. How good it is to celebrate God's presence and sing praise throughout each day!

C: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

P: Our God builds up his people! The brokenhearted are healed, the hungry are fed, the prisoners are freed, the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

C: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

P: Nature sings of God's goodness — clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small. Our God sustains the world with his ceaseless love.

C: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God! Let us worship him! Amen!

GATHERING HYMN: Sweet Hour of Prayer.....RECLAIM No. 9

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

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: 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 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. God, Fa - ther we will raise your name; we wor-ship and a - dore, We
2. Sing, "Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ be praise. The
3. O glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi-rit ev - er be! God,



bless and praise and give our thanks; your mer - cry we im - plore.
lamb of love from hea'vn a - bove, re - dee - mer of our race.
bring your life a-midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: Heavenly Father, you wait with love and delight for us to open our hearts and lives to you in prayer. Lavish us with your presence; teach us to call upon you at all times in

praise, thanksgiving, and need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: You Are Mine (*by David Hass*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-33 (ESV)

Soon after Abraham received the promise of a son, the Lord saw the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham asked God to reconsider wiping out the cities if there could be found fifty righteous persons among them.

²⁰Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave,²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord.²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”²⁶And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.”³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.”³²Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”³³And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 138 (ESV)

The psalmist gave thanks to the Lord for his goodness and mercy. He sang praises to the God most high for his steadfast love and faithfulness to his servant.

R: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

C: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

R: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

C: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

R: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

C: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

R: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

C: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 (ESV)

Paul continued his encouragement to the Christians in Colossae, reminding them that their lives are rooted in Jesus. Therefore, they should make sure that no one leads them astray by a false gospel. It is through Jesus' death and resurrection that believers are raised to a new life.

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis- dom from on
high, O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O
Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the ra diance that
from the hal-lowed page, a lan - tern to our
foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 11th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’” ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if

his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: "I'll Leave the Light On"

HYMN OF THE DAY: Seek Ye First (see back of the bulletin)

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

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

1 We give thee but thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

THE APOSTLES' 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.

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

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 other gesture of peace.

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.

CHOIR BENEDICTION: A Blessing (arr: Michael Runyan)

SENDING HYMN: Nearer, My God, to Thee (vss. 1-4).....RECLAIM No. 255

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Seek Ye First

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!