



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, August 13, 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, in the midst of the storms of life, Christ's presence brings eternal peace and calms our fears. Grant us peace through your Scriptures, then send us forth to be signs of Christ's peace in the world; 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: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*.....RECLAIM No. 6

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in the darkness, we lie and the truth is not in us. But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus washes away all our sin. Let us confess our faults to God, knowing that he will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: God who knows us,

C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. Forgive us our sins, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Hear the promise first given in Baptism: you are God's child; your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of heaven!

C: Amen.

## THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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



*S, A*  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
*div.* *unis.*  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
*div.*  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Job 38:4-18

*Job made his case to God, saying that he does not deserve to suffer in this way. God heard him out and then spoke the bold truth of who is in charge, citing the creation as God's design and handiwork of which Job had no part. These poetic words tell of the creative power and might of God.*

<sup>4</sup>[And God said] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when

the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? <sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 18:1-6**

*The psalmist praised the Lord for being his deliverer. Even though he was near death, when he cried out to God, he was rescued. The God of salvation was the psalmist's shelter from the storms of life.*

R: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

**C: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

R: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

**C: The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

R: the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

**C: In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.**

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-17**

*St. Paul taught the Roman Christians about faith in Christ, saying that if one believed from the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, that person would be saved. This good news went out to any who believed. Simply by calling on the name of the Lord, one is saved.*

<sup>5</sup>For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of

faith that we proclaim);<sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.<sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.<sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”<sup>14</sup>How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?<sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”<sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”<sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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 14:22-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.<sup>26</sup>But

when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

### **SERMON: Chaotic Waters**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: God Will Take Care of You** *(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.

### **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past.....RECLAIM No. 225**

### **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:** Rev. Julie Smith

**Usher:** Brad Matthes

**Greeters:** Victor and Helen Kurth

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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](http://www.lcmc.net). Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

The 2023 **Resurrection Lutheran Church Block Party** will be held this Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm on the south lawn! This year we are adding a walking taco meal to the fun! Pastor Erica Varcoe from The Table Ministry, an Augustana District (LCMC) Church Plant in Sioux Falls, SD will visit us. Scoops Ice Cream of Elysian will also be dishing up some cool treats. A freewill donation will be accepted for the meal. Grab your lawn chair, invite a friend or neighbor, and join us for a relaxing afternoon under the trees!

**Women's Bible Study** will begin in September with a series on Ephesians entitled, *"By the Will of God."* A group order for the study materials will be placed on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please let Karen McGregor know if you'd like a book. The cost will be \$10 per book.

The **Resurrection Lutheran Women of the Word** will meet on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The Global Health Ministry hospice kits will be assembled, and bandages rolled.

The 2023 **Augustana District Women of the Word Gathering** will be held Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The event is titled, "Faith Over Fear" and will feature wonderful speakers, Bible studies, and fellowship. Registration forms can be found on the Welcome Center desk and are due by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Anniversaries this week:** Reinhard and Barb Riessen (19<sup>th</sup>)

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## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	August 13	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	August 14	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	August 16	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Book/Video Discussion
Thursday	August 17	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	August 19	4:00pm	Block Party
Sunday	August 20	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

# God Will Take Care of You

*He cares for those who take refuge in Him. Nahum 1:7*

1. Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;  
2. Thro' days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
3. No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

Be - neath His wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.  
When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.  
Lean, wea - ry one, up - on His breast, God will take care of you.

## *Chorus*

God will take care of you, Thro' ev-'ry day, o'er all the way;

He will take care of you, God will take care of you.