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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, August 18, 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: Life-giving God, you sustain us with the power of your Word and feed us with your Son's body and blood. Help us so to abide in him and he in us that we may live our lives in obedience to your will and service to others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *As We Gather at Your Table* (see page 8)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord, you know what was written about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins is real for all those who repent. So let us boldly approach God, trusting in his mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We daily fall short of your glory. We turn inward, ignoring the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Remember not the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the cross of Christ, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in his tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with his mercy. Like a loving Father, God runs to meet you this day. Hear the good news: our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has forgiven our sins and raised us to new life in the Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered the tribes of Israel to renew the covenant. They remembered all God had done from the time he called Abram. Each phase of the journey was recalled, remembering the faithfulness of the living God. Joshua called the people to choose the God they would serve in this new land.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and

serve the Lord. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 34:12-22

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, the psalmist wrote, but he turns his face from evildoers. The Lord delivers those who take refuge in him.

R: What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

C: Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

R: Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

C: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

R: The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

C: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

R: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

C: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

R: He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

C: Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

R: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:6-21

Paul instructed the Ephesians to treat others as they would the Lord. Children are to obey their parents. Fathers are called to discipline their children. Servants are charged with obedience as if they were serving the Lord himself. Walk as children of light, Paul said, because that's what you are.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with

them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for 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. Hal-le-lu-jah.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:51-69

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 6th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my

blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: This Doesn't Make Sense

HYMN OF THE DAY: Break Now the Bread of Life *(see page 10)*

OFFERING PRESENTATION



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 NICENE 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:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Save us, save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us, therefore, in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Jesus, Still Lead On.....RECLAIM No. 237

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

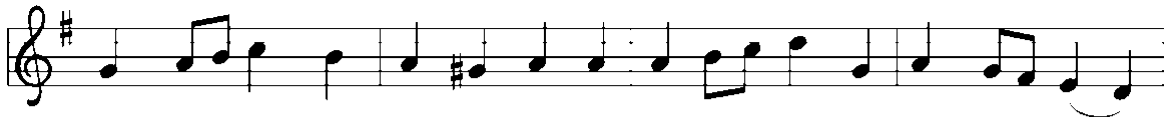
As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know. O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy.



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE. *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*. 1710

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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.

RLC will be holding a **men's event** on Saturday, August 31st from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Jeff Backer, who serves as Senior Pastor of St. Dymas Lutheran Prison Ministry inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, SD. A sign-up sheet can be found on the Welcome Center desk.

Women who would like to attend a **weekly Bible study beginning** next month should gather for a brief meeting in the Fireside Room Chapel after worship. We will be discussing what to study, and who will be leading.

Please join us on Saturday, September 21st as we take in the **Augustana District WOW (Women of the Word)** gathering in Hutchinson. We are bringing an offering from our group that will go towards "*The Sewing Project*" at Bishara Mission in Kerala, India, where destitute women are able to take classes in sewing to help earn a living. Once classes are completed, these women are gifted a treadle sewing machine. Your registration will be paid by our RLC WOW group and needs to be mailed by September 4th. See Karen Jaeck with questions.

You are invited to join us for **RLC's Backyard Bash** (formerly known as the Block Party) on Sunday, September 8th from 4pm to 6pm on the south lawn. Come to enjoy live music, Scoops ice cream, and walking tacos. A free will donation will be collected for the meal, benefiting our congregation's mercy ministry fund to help those in need. Bring your favorite lawn game and a chair to sit in for an enjoyable afternoon under the trees!

Kinship Radio presents their 1st annual "**Spearhead Summit: A Gathering of Faithful Men**" on Saturday, September 28th at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year's special guest is Michael Franzese. He is a former mobster from the Colombo crime family. He went from Godfather to God the Father. There will be music, ministry and breakfast. Call 800-810-5559 or go online to kinshipradio.org to register beginning Monday, August 26th.

Are you interested in learning the duties of the **financial assistant** here at Resurrection Lutheran? While Vicki has no intention of stepping away from her role, we are looking for someone who could be ready to step in should she need to be gone for an extended period of time. Ideal candidates would have adequate computer skills and basic accounting knowledge.

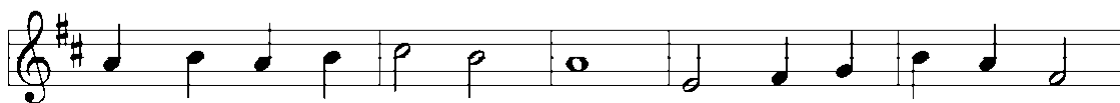
Birthdays this week: Karen Spiegler (20th) and Ruth Davidson (22nd)

Anniversaries this week: Reinhard & Barb Riessen (19th), Andry & Bako Ranaivoson (24th)

Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cued me. Give me to eat and live
touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con - cealed



I seek you, Lord: my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove: teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	August 18	9:30am	Worship
Monday	August 19	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	August 21	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	August 22	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	August 25	9:30am	Worship

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Tony Miller

Ushers: Dave and Rebecca Blum

Greeters: Reinhard and Barb Riessen **Communion Set-Up:** Ron and Sue Brooks

Communion Assistants: Carol Severson and Sharon Litynski