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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, October 15, 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: Bountiful God, you set a table before us and nourish us with the bread of life, your Son, Jesus. Send us out with joyful thanksgiving to share this bread of life with others. Keep us in your grace until we feast at last at the banquet that is to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak.....RECLAIM No. 267

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

L: Friends in Christ, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people, leading us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there are times when we have wronged our fellow sheep and wandered from our Shepherd. But we are not abandoned. Trusting in the goodness of our God and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit within us, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves, confess our sins, and seek God's ceaseless mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

L: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by the power of sin and have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger and outsider. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

L: People of God, hear this glad news: Jesus Christ has come so that you might have new and abundant life. In his name and by his authority alone, I forgive you all your sins. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



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. san - na in the high - est. *unis.* 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: Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord provided a feast for his people on his holy mountain, rescuing them from their enemies and providing comfort for those who grieved. He covered their shame and put an end to death for all time. We can rejoice in his salvation!

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all

faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

The Lord shepherds his people into green pastures of safety and comfort. The psalmist confesses that God provides for all human need, from material and physical to emotional and spiritual.

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

R: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-13

In Paul's final words to the believers in Philippi, he encouraged them to be joyful in the Lord no matter what they may be experiencing. He left them with an exhortation to pray rather than to worry, and to think only of the things that are true, honorable, and worthy of praise.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every

circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him

into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: A Parable of the Unexpected

HYMN OF THE DAY: What Feast of Love (*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 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: O Master, Let Me Walk.....RECLAIM No. 229

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: Wendy LaFavor

Reader: Ruth Heilman

Ushers: Dave and Helen Schauer

Greeters: Brad Matthes and Kevin Leffel

Communion Set Up: Victor and Helen Kurth

Communion Assistants: Michal Clobes and Helen Meschke

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	October 15	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	October 16	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	October 18	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	October 19	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	October 22	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Informational Budget Session

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.

Gene and Vivian Ziegler invite you to join them for a **60th Anniversary Open House** on Sunday, October 29th from 2-5pm at the Rapidan Heritage Hall (55209 190th Street – Mankato). Come, help celebrate God’s goodness in their lives and marriage. No gifts, please.

Footnotes Trauma Foundation invites you to their charity fundraiser “An Evening of Magic and Inspiration” on Friday, October 20th at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College. The featured performer will be magician Daniel Jaspersen. Tickets are \$15 per individual or \$20 per couple and include a 5:30pm meal and the 6:00pm show. You may pay for tickets at the door or see the poster in our narthex for more information on pre-ordering them. Proceeds of the event will go to support sexual abuse survivors and military veterans in the Footnotes trauma recovery program.

“The Table” Kicking Off: A new Young Adults Group Ministry called “The Table” will launch next month. College aged students as well as young adults (in their 20s and 30s) are invited to join Pastor Aaron for a free meal, good conversation and intentional fellowship. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, November 5th at Jake’s Stadium Pizza (330 Stadium Road - Mankato) at 7:30pm. Spread the word, tell your grandkids, and join us!

If you have signed up to take part in RLC’s **SALT (Scripture and Life Together) Group** ministry please remember that our first annual potluck and worship night will be held on Wednesday, October 25th. Potluck supper will begin at 5:30pm. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Worship will follow at 6:30pm. Haven’t registered for a SALT group yet, but would like to? Talk to Pastor Aaron. There is still room for you!

The **Annual Meeting** of Resurrection Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, October 29^h following morning worship. Active and voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. An **information session**, where questions will be taken on the budget, will be held next Sunday, October 22nd following worship.

Birthdays this week: Michelle Pilgrim (Today), Dave Schauer (16th), and Becky Miller (21st)

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
- 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
- 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

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