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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, September 15, 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: God of righteousness, you who restores voice to the mute and hearing to the deaf, by the guidance of your Spirit help us to tame our tongues, that our words may uplift our neighbors and glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Give to Our God Immortal Praise.....RECLAIM No. 12

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The psalmist declares that the God who created us – who loves and redeems us – searches and knows us completely. So we come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Even sin and death are not obstacles between us and God. So let us confess our faults that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses and taking our sins to the cross. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. 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." The score includes performance directions: "S, A" at the beginning, "div." (divisi) above the third staff, and "unis." (unison) above the fourth staff. The music concludes with a double bar line.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-10

God spoke to the exiles about their banishment saying it was only temporary. Through the prophet Isaiah the people heard the song of the Suffering Servant. This one is fully obedient to God, unlike Israel who ignored his will and wandered far from him.

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-9

The psalmist sang of God lending his ear to him as he cried for help. Though he suffered mightily, the Lord was listening and came to his aid. For this reason, he vowed to call on the Lord's name forever.

R: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C: **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

R: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

C: **Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

R: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: **The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

R: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

C: **For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

R: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

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SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

James warned those he wrote to that not many of them ought to become teachers, for teachers have a greater responsibility than others do. He asserted that they will be judged stringently for their behavior and the words that come off their tongues.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small

fire!⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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: Mark 9:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 9th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁴And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately

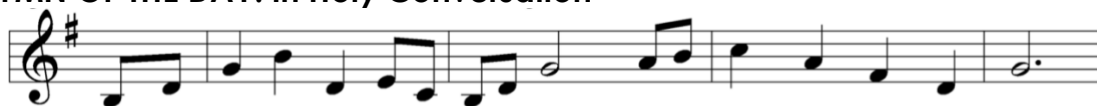
it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Messy Tension

HYMN OF THE DAY: In Holy Conversation



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,



And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - ced - es.
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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.

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

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Thank-you for your **tithes and offerings** to help further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate has been placed by the entrance doors into the Sanctuary for your convenience. Venmo users can scan the QR code found in the pew racks.

“The Table” Young Adults Group will start up again for the school year TODAY! We will meet at 6pm for a grill out at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg’s home – 22 Restless Court, North Mankato. RSVP to Vicki or Pastor Aaron so we have an accurate headcount for food. Invite your friends and join us!

Birthdays this week: Pam Eccles (Today), Reinhard Riessen (20th), Carol Volness (21st)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	September 15	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Sunday School/Fellowship
		6:00pm	The Table Young Adults Group
Monday	September 16	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	September 18	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women’s Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	September 19	8:00am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	September 22	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Sunday School/Fellowship