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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, June 11, 2023

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: *The Lord Is My Defense* (by Kathie Duncan)

When my heart is weary, the Lord is my defense.

When I can't see clearly, the Lord is my defense.

When my friends don't understand, the Lord is my defense.

When fear weakens my hand, the Lord is my defense.

Refrain: *The Lord is my defense. The Lord is my defense.*

Here no harm can come to me, the Lord is my defense.

When somebody slanders me, the Lord is my defense.

When a mem'ry hinders me, the Lord is my defense.

When I cannot hide my heart, the Lord is my defense.

When the condemnation starts, the Lord is my defense. *Refrain*

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: Holy God, every time we gather around your Holy Word, we receive the healing that brings salvation and eternal life through your Son. Grant that we, having received your healing grace, may go forth to be signs of your mercy for the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult.....RECLAIM No. 184

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

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

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of four staves of music in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). 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". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like "div." and "unis."

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

God promised Abraham that he would bless Abraham with many descendants. In so doing, God would bless all nations through Abraham and his offspring. Abraham trusted in God's promise.

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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 9:9-13

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: This Rabbi Picks You

HYMN: Chief of Sinners though I Be (vss. 1,2,4,5).....RECLAIM No. 187

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Gift of Love *(arr. by Hal Hopson)*

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed. By this we worship and are freed.

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

HYMN: O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate *(see back of the bulletin)*

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Karen Jaeck

Greeters: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Don Peterson and Doug Mayer

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.

Be sure to keep bringing in your spare coins and cash for the **coin war** benefitting Echo Food Shelf! Collection jars are out in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE: Back by popular demand, the Garms Family Singers will return to Resurrection Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 24th at 3:00pm. Put this date on your calendar and start spreading the word to your family and friends!

The **Center for English Language Programs** at MSU is seeking families to host Japanese students in their homes while these students are engaged in academic life here in Mankato for 3 weeks, from August 19th through September 9th. For more information, pick up a flyer on the Welcome Center desk or email Ben Robinson at benr@usahomestays.org.

Birthdays this week

Thomas Fu (15th)

Anniversaries this week

Victor & Helen Kurth (12th), Bob & Karen Spiegler (15th), Tony & Becky Miller (17th)

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	June 11	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	June 12	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	June 13	6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	June 14	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	June 15	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	June 18	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main,
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors,
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time,
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own,
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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