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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, August 25, 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: Merciful God, you bestow the riches of your grace upon your sons and daughters. Grant that we may faithfully serve you in this life and rejoice in your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: Church of God, Elect and Glorious - vss. 1,2,4 (*page 8*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus to forgive us. For Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live in righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and are held by the power of sin. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that the promise of Christ's forgiveness may live in your hearts through faith.

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: Isaiah 29:11-19

The vision of the Lord came to the prophet, but even the learned could not comprehend it. God's wisdom was hidden from even the wise and discerning. Israel had everything backward, said the Lord; should the potter ask the clay for advice, or the creator ask the creature for understanding?

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a

commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.” ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 14

The psalmist sang a solemn hymn of the children of man who had turned aside from God. All had become corrupt in their nature; no one called upon the Lord anymore.

R: The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.

C: The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

R: They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

C: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?

R: There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

C: You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.

R: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:22-33

Paul proclaimed that wives are to submit to husbands in the same way they submit to Jesus, head of the Church. Husbands have a greater task: love their wives in the way Christ loved the church. Jesus gave himself unto death for the church. Love between two married people is to be a sacrificial love.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as

the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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 7:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 7th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the

Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” ⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)—¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Clean Hands

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Word of God Incarnate (page 9)

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: How Firm a Foundation.....RECLAIM No. 191

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

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Ruth Heilman

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Tony and Becky Miller

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.

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!

Are you interested in learning the duties of the **financial assistant** here at RLC? 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.

Did you know? Resurrection Lutheran has a **mercy ministry fund** that is independent of our budget. This money is set aside to help individuals (members and non-members alike) who need emergency financial assistance. However, to keep this fund plished, donations are regularly needed. Are you wanting to contribute? See Vicki or Pastor Aaron.

There are multiple **fellowship opportunities** for men and women of the congregation coming up. Please take note of these events:

- RLC Men's Morning | [This Saturday](#) from 9:30am to 1:00pm (***sign up today!***)
- Augustana District Women of the Word Gathering | September 21st in Hutchinson
- KJLY's Men's Gathering | September 28th at Hosanna Lutheran

Are you interested in attending? Men should see Pastor Aaron for more information, and women should see Karen Jaeck.

Are you planning a trip to Minneapolis in the near future? Would you be willing to deliver RLC's Lutheran World Relief kits to Fridley? See Karen Jaeck for more details.

Birthdays this week: Helen Schauer (26th) and Helen Kurth (29th)

Anniversaries this week: Bruce and Donna Kraemer (31st)

Church of God, Elect and Glorious



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers the
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and




spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs,
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied,
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share,
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - ear - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine,
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old:



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age,
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you,
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	August 25	9:30am	Worship
Monday	August 26	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	August 28	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	August 29	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	August 31	9:30am	Men's Event
Sunday	September 1	9:30am	Worship

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