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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, September 22, 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: Heavenly Father, you draw all humanity to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to divest ourselves of worldly ambition and teach us to serve and welcome all, especially the least among us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Morning Has Broken* (back of bulletin)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left

undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

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 two staves are for the Soprano and Alto parts, and the last three staves are for the Divisive (div.) and Unison (unis.) parts. 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 various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

The Lord revealed to Jeremiah the truth of the abandonment of the covenant law by Judah. God gave Jeremiah the wisdom he needed to prophesy to the exiles. His message was "Return to obedience to the Lord," even as Jeremiah's own people plotted to kill him for speaking God's Word.

¹⁸The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised

schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” ²⁰But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 54

The psalmist sang of God’s protection against his foes in this imprecatory psalm. Enemies have been thwarted, his life has been saved; God is his faithful helper.

R: O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

C: O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

R: For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.

C: Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

R: He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.

C: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

R: For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:10

James’ words are especially harsh to his intended audience, the twelve tribes of the diaspora. He chastised them for their covetous behavior, jealousy and vanity. They considered themselves wise, but were living unrighteously, rather than being humble servants of the Lord.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous

people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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 9:30-37

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶And he took a

child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: That's Pretty Great

HYMN OF THE DAY: Children of the Heavenly Father.....RECLAIM No. 201

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: Go, My Children.....RECLAIM No. 53

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: Karen Jaeck

Ushers: Kevin Leffel and Doug Mayer

Greeters: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

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.

It's time to renew our subscriptions to **Portals of Prayer**. If you are currently receiving this quarterly devotional, please indicate whether you want to renew your subscription or not on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you are not currently receiving Portals of Prayer, but would like to start in January, also see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Portals of Prayer is a publication of the Lutheran focused and biblically sound Concordia Publishing House.

VINE is hosting a renewal event for caregivers entitled "***Caring for the Caregiver: Nurturing Wellbeing & Resilience***" this Thursday, September 26th from 12:30pm–2:30pm at the Pioneer Bank Conference Room (1450 Adams Street, Mankato). Caregivers are welcome for lunch and a presentation by Dr. Jennifer Londgren, Associate Professor for MSU-Mankato Department of Health Science. Learn about stress management, self-care techniques and building a support network to maintain balance and thrive. Cost is \$20 at the door. Email joycek@vinevolunteers.org by tomorrow at 3pm to register.

Birthdays this week: Karen McGregor (25th)

Anniversaries this week: Ron and Sue Brooks (25th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	September 22	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Sunday School/Fellowship
Monday	September 23	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	September 25	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	September 26	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	September 29	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Sunday School/Fellowship

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass,
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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