



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, July 2, 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: Merciful Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom and given us eternal life. Set us free from the power of sin and death, and send us forth to serve and welcome others, seeing in them the presence of your Son; 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: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty.....RECLAIM No. 46

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Called and gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness. Our merciful father, who brings life out of death and transforms us into new creatures through his redeeming word, knows the depths of our hearts. Let us make a confession of our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Lord Jesus, Risen Savior,

C: We come to you in sorrow for our faults and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Although in Christ our light has come, we too often prefer the darkness of sin. Forgive us, fill us with your Spirit and free us from the shackles of our failings. Give us once again the joy of your salvation and make us instruments of peace and love in the world. Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines around you. In the name and by the authority of your Savior, Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your troubled spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until the day he comes again.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

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 in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the vocal line, starting with a soprano (S) and alto (A) part. 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 second staff is a piano accompaniment. The third staff is a vocal line for a different part, starting with a mezzo-soprano (div.) and a tenor (unis.) part. The lyrics are: "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 fourth staff is a piano accompaniment. The fifth staff is a vocal line for a different part, starting with a mezzo-soprano (div.) part. The lyrics are: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamics.

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. unis.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophets Jeremiah and Hananiah disagreed over the nature of what was coming for the exiles and what was the true path to peace. While Hananiah predicted a rapid and easy peace, Jeremiah insisted that peace will only come through Israel's repentance and God's forgiveness.

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied

come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:153-160

The virtues of following God’s laws and precepts are extolled as the psalmist asked for God’s reviving power in his life.

R: Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

C: Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!

R: Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

C: Great is your mercy, O Lord; give me life according to your rules.

R: Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

C: I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.

R: Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love.

C: The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 7:1-13

Paul used the analogy of marriage to explain to the Roman Church what it meant to have died to the law through the body of Christ and now belong to Christ. The Law is holy and not sin, but knowledge of the law is what brings about an awareness of our sinfulness.

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive,

so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.
⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."
⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.
⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.
¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.
¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.
¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.
¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

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 -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:34-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds

his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life – vs. 1,3,4,6 (back of 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.....RECLAIM No. 189

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 through song.

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, Saviour 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: Battle Hymn of the Republic.....RECLAIM No. 272

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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.

We welcome **Rev. Julie Smith** to Resurrection Lutheran and thank her for leading worship this morning. Pastors Aaron and Sarah will return from vacation tomorrow.

Choir rehearsal will resume this Wednesday at 5:30pm. Come, sing with us!

On Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30pm Pastor Aaron will begin leading an 8-week **book/video discussion** on *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi. Join us as Nabeel describes his dramatic faith journey from Islam to Christianity. Each session will include a video teaching from the author. Reading the book is not required to participate in the discussion, but it will enrich your experience. *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* may be purchased at Barnes & Nobel, on Amazon, or Pastor Aaron can help you order it.

Women of the Word will begin working hard at collecting items for our hospice kits this month. There will be a list on the WOW bulletin board, updating you on where we are at on attaining the items. Refer to the WOW article in the July Newsletter for more information.

Birthdays This Week

Connor Eccles (7th)

Anniversaries This Week

Don and Bev Peterson (8th)

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Julie Smith

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Mike Youngerberg

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Don Peterson

Greeters: Don Peterson and Michal Clobes

Communion Set Up: Ron and Sue Brooks

Communion Assistants: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

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| Sunday | July 2 | 9:30am | Worship |
| | | 10:30am | Fellowship |
| Wednesday | July 5 | Noon | Lectionary Lunch |
| | | 5:30pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | July 6 | 8:00am | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday | July 9 | 9:30am | Worship |
| | | 10:30am | Fellowship |

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

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