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THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, October 22, 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: Sovereign Lord, your reign extends across time and space. You have created us in your own image and redeemed us by your grace through your Son. Grant that we may return to you what is yours, our entire selves given to your mission in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: We Gather Together.....RECLAIM No. 28

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in the newness of life.

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 45:1-7

Isaiah prophesies concerning an unlikely hero on behalf of Israel. God will call the Persian king Cyrus to the throne many years later, and through him Israel would be delivered from their enemies. All of this would happen unbeknownst to King Cyrus the Great, who was an unbelieving Gentile.

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of

Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 96:1-9

This psalm of praise recounts the wonderful deeds of the Lord. There was nothing but joy to be found in the psalmist's heart as he exalted the goodness and creativity of God, who is worthy to be praised.

R: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

R: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

C: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

R: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

C: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

R: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, come into his courts!

R: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul and his traveling companions, Silvanus (Silas) and Timothy, gave thanks for the Thessalonians because of their faithful works in the name of Christ. Paul reminded them of their chosenness and praised their efforts to love their neighbors and proclaim the good news of Jesus.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only

has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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 22:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: A Game of Chess

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of All Hopefulness.....RECLAIM No. 200

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: For the Fruit of All Creation *(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

Keyboardist: Kristin Litynski

Reader: Tony Miller

Ushers: Doug Mayer and Don Peterson

Greeters: Tony and Becky Miller

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	October 22	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Informational Budget Session
Monday	October 23	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	October 25	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	SALT Night Potluck
		6:30pm	SALT Night Worship
Thursday	October 26	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	October 29	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Annual Meeting

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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. 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 before the service begins or during announcements.

Gene and Vivian Ziegler invite you to join them for a **60th Anniversary Open House** next Sunday, October 29th from 2-5pm at the Rapidan Heritage Hall (55209 190th Street – Mankato). Come, help them celebrate God’s goodness in their lives. No gifts, please.

“The Table” Kicking Off: A new Young Adults Group ministry called “The Table” will launch next month. College aged students as well as young adults (in their 20s and 30s) are invited to join Pastor Aaron for a free meal, good conversation and intentional fellowship. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, November 5th at Jake’s Stadium Pizza (330 Stadium Road - Mankato) at 7:30pm. Spread the word, tell your grandkids, and join us!

If you have signed up to take part in RLC’s **SALT (Scripture and Life Together) Group** ministry please remember that our first annual potluck and worship night will be held this Wednesday, October 25th. Potluck supper will begin at 5:30pm. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Worship will follow at 6:30pm. Haven’t registered for a SALT group yet, but would like to? Talk to Pastor Aaron. There is still room for you!

The **Annual Meeting** of Resurrection Lutheran Church will be held next Sunday, October 29th following morning worship. Active and voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. An **informational session**, where questions will be taken on the budget, will be held this morning following worship.

You are invited to **wear red**, the liturgical color of the day, to worship next week, to celebrate Reformation Sunday. Red reminds us of the flame, fire and power of the Holy Spirit, who continues to lead and reform the Church of Jesus Christ even today.

All Saints Sunday worship is coming up on November 5, 2023. During worship we will remember those near and dear to us who have died in the past year and now rest from their labors in the blessed peace of heaven. If you would like to add a name to the All Saints Sunday litany for November 5th please call, text or email Pastor Aaron.

Birthdays this week: Ruth Heilman (24th)

Anniversaries this week: Gene and Vivian Ziegler (26th) & Dave and Rebecca Blum (28th)

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God,
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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