



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, July 30, 2023

### PRELUDE

*Please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew*

### 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: Almighty God, through your Son's death and resurrection you draw all creation into your eternal reign. Grant us the grace to recognize the signs of your reign that surround us every day and the faith to proclaim your coming kingdom to those who have yet to experience your mercy and grace; 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: **Come, Let Us Praise the Lord** *(see back of the bulletin)*

### 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, full of compassion, slow to anger, 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

*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 five staves of music in a 6/8 time signature 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 high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like *div.* and *unis.*

S, A

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

*God declared the Israelites a holy people, his treasured possession. They were chosen — not because of their great multitude or power and might, but because of God's love and faithfulness to the covenant he made with their ancestors.*

<sup>6</sup>“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 125**

*The psalmist wrote that those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people.*

R: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**C: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

R: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

**C: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

R: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-39**

*Paul drives home the immensity of the gospel in his poetic recounting of the power of the love of God in Christ Jesus over all things in creation, including death. God's power makes everything work together for the good of those who love him, thus fulfilling his purposes for humanity.*

<sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many

brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:44-50

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a

net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## SERMON: It's Nonsensical

## HYMN OF THE DAY: What Wondrous Love.....RECLAIM No. 254

### 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: Blessed Assurance.....RECLAIM No. 190**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Reader:** Ruth Heilman

**Ushers:** Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

**Greeters:** Dave and Helen Schauer

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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](http://www.lcmc.net).

**Tithes and Offerings:** Thank-you for your generous financial gifts to further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate is located in the narthex.

**Friendship Pad:** Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the friendship pad at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements. This allows us to fully appreciate those with us in worship and better connect with our guests.

The 2023 **Resurrection Lutheran Church Block Party** will be held on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm on the south lawn! This year we are adding a walking taco meal to the fun! Music will be provided by The Table Ministry, an Augustana District (LCMC) Church Plant in Sioux Falls, SD. Scoops Ice Cream of Elysian will also be dishing up some cool treats. A freewill donation will be accepted for the meal. Grab your lawn chair, invite a friend or neighbor, and join us for a relaxing afternoon under the trees!

Please be sure to **stop in the narthex** and pick up your August Newsletter, mid-year giving statements, and an updated Church contact list. All of these things are on the tables along the east wall of windows by the Welcome Center desk.

**Birthdays this week:** Joyce Roust (2<sup>nd</sup>)

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## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	July 30	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	July 31	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	August 1	11:00am	E/E/O Committee
Wednesday	August 2	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Book/Video Discussion
Thursday	August 3	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	August 6	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

# Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

C G/B C Am Cmaj7 F C G7 C G

1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his  
 2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com- pare, the  
 3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess; the  
 4 Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts; his

C Am Am7 D D/C G/B C G/B D7 G C F Bdim/D

great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your  
 deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de-  
 great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-  
 ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are

C G/B C F/A C/G F E Am Dm/F C/G G7 C

songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.  
 crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.  
 seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.  
 best; and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926- ); para. Psalm 95  
 MUSIC: John Darwall (1731-1789)

DARWALL'S 148th  
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