



RESURRECTION
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 | 9:30am

Welcome to worship! We gather to praise the resurrected Lord!

Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused body of believers who strive to follow Jesus and reach out to others in His name.

Welcome *and* **Announcements**

Prayer of the Day

P: We gather 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: Mighty God, your Son, Jesus, is the way, the truth, and the life. Sanctify us by your Holy Spirit that our lives may be pleasing to you and we may enter through the narrow door. Grant us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Reclaim No. 46

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

P: The prophet Daniel declares: “To the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his ways, which he set before us by the prophets.” And yet, in Christ, all obstacles between us and God have been removed. If death no longer stands in our way, our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins, that they may be washed away by God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: God of the promise,

C: We confess that we have turned from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your will and your ways. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus, the entirety of your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise

A song of thanksgiving for the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ

Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,

God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, Lord of lords, our King above.

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God who saw your creatures fall, Loved them still, and loved them all,

Gave your only Son to show What is mercy, what is love;

Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on High!"

Children's Sermon

First Reading | Isaiah 66:18-23

The Lord will gather all nations and tongues of people together to worship him. This was the prophecy given to Isaiah in the midst of a disobedient and rebellious Israel. Those who were unfaithful will come and offer sacrifices before the Lord, even those who have never heard his Name.

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory,¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord. ²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading | Psalm 50:1-15

God's beauty and perfection shine forth, sang the psalmist. Even so, God does not keep silent in the face of unfaithfulness. The very heavens He created declare his righteousness as he judges between good and evil.

R: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

R: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a
devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

C: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

R: “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

C: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

R: “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

C: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

R: I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

C: For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

R: I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

C: “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

R: Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

C: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

R: and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading | Hebrews 12:4-24

The author of Hebrews reminded believers that they were in a struggle against sin, but they were not to lose heart when discipline from the Lord occurred. He does it for our own good, so that we might share in his holiness. We are not to fear the pain of correction, but instead should see it as a path to righteousness in His name.

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and

a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

**God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last your Church may hold it fast
Throughout all generations.**

Gospel Reading | Luke 13:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²²He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon: Empty Handed

I Surrender All

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Offering Presentation

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us!" *(repeat)*

Give thanks!

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."

The 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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Reclaim No. 54

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

All to Jesus I Surrender

I Surrender All

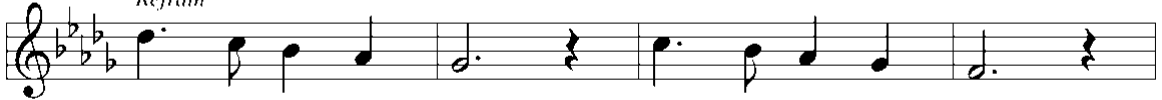


- 1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free - ly give;
- 2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, hum - bly at his feet I bow;
- 3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;



I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.
world-ly plea-sures all for-sak - en, take me, Jes - sus, take me now.
fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ings fall on me.

Refrain



I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,



all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.

Text: Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1855–1939

Music: SURRENDER, Winfield S. Weedon, 1847–1908

Those Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Ruth Heilman

Greeters: Reinhard and Barb Riessen

Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, Vicki Youngerberg and Nancy Heinze

Keyboardist: Kristin Litynski

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Doug Mayer

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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. 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.

The congregation is invited to attend our annual **Backyard Bash** to be held Sunday, September 7th from 4:30pm to 6:00pm on the south lawn. Walking tacos and Scoops Ice Cream from Elysian will be served! A free will offering will be taken for the meal, which will benefit RLC’s mercy ministry fund. Entertainment will be provided by Father Paul van de Crommert, parish priest of Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Father Paul (aka: Cowboy Crommert) will present a concert of secular and sacred music, including John Denver hits and folk songs. Grab your lawn chair and join us for a relaxing evening under the trees!

A **Sunday School teachers** meeting will be held next Sunday, August 31st after worship. Are you interested in teaching this next year? You don’t have to teach alone! Many of our teachers pair up to give lessons, and you’ll receive the content weeks in advance to give you plenty of time to prepare.

Birthdays this week: Helen Kurth (29th)
Anniversaries this week: Andry and Bako Ranaivoson (Today)

This Week at Resurrection Lutheran

Sunday	August 24	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
		10:30am	Church Council
Monday	August 25	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	August 27	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		6:30pm	Adult Confirmation
Sunday	August 31	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship