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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, October 1, 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: Heavenly Father, when called to do your will, we often respond with enthusiasm, yet in our human weakness, we fail to follow through. Strengthen us with your grace poured out through your Son, so that we may overcome our weakness and follow you in the way of life; 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: Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear *(back of the bulletin)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The psalmist declares that the God who created us – who loves and redeems us – searches and knows us completely. So we come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Even sin and death are not obstacles between us and God. So let us confess our faults that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for

ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses and taking our sins to the cross. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



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. san - na in the high - est. *unis.* Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
div. high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The Word of Lord came to the prophet Ezekiel, to set Israel straight on who was just and who was unjust. Who was turning from righteousness? Israel, not God. And who was being wicked? "Turn to me and repent," said the Lord, "and you will not die." The Lord wants no one to die, but all to live.

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by

you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. ²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25:1-9

The psalmist cried out to the Lord, “Teach me your paths and make me know your ways!” He sang that the Lord instructs his people in his ways that they may not sin.

R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

R: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

R: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

C: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

R: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

St. Paul admonished the Christians in Philippi to be of the same mind as Christ, putting away all quarrels so that they may be found innocent in the sight of God. Further, Paul talked about how Christ emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant who was obedient unto death on a cross.

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²³And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if

you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Who Do You Think You Are?

HYMN OF THE DAY: Precious Lord, Take My Hand.....RECLAIM No. 206

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, — Sav - ior of — the
world, — for by — your Cross — and Res - ur - rec - tion
div.
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: We Praise You, O God.....RECLAIM No. 35

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

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Reader: Chuck Kindgren

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Don Peterson

Greeters: Doug and Sue Mayer

Communion Set Up: Darlene Korstad

Communion Assistants: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	October 1	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Wednesday	October 4	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Sunday	October 8	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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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.

Pastor Aaron will be **out of this office** from this afternoon through Wednesday evening to represent Resurrection Lutheran Church as a voting delegate to the 23rd Annual LCMC National Gathering and Convention to be held in St. Louis, MO.

Please have submissions for the **Annual Meeting book** into the Church office no later than this Friday, October 6th.

Joy For the Journey (RLC's grief support group) will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 1:00pm in the Conference Room here at Church. The group will begin discussing a new series of four short books written by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Haugk. Dr. Haugk writes in a warm, caring style, with short, easy-to-read chapters. Each book offers empathy, compassion, and hope to those struggling with the loss of a loved one, whether in the immediate or distant past. Are you interested in joining us for the discussion? See Vicki in the Church office and she will order the books for you at no charge.

New Adult Forum Beginning: So many times Christians shy away from difficult conversations on hot topics because they aren't informed about what Scripture says. Join Pastor Aaron on these Wednesday nights at 6:30pm for a series of discussions titled "Tough Talks" on controversial subjects and learn how to defend a Biblical worldview while showing compassion and empathy at the same time.

Wednesday, October 11th: Sexuality

Wednesday, October 18th: Gender

Wednesday, November 1st: Abortion

Wednesday, November 8th: Suicide

Wednesday, November 15th: Marriage and Divorce

Birthdays this week: Tony Miller (2nd), Lee Young (3rd), Barb Riessen (4th), Victor Kurth (5th) and Vivian Ziegler (6th)

Anniversaries this week: Kevin and Sandy Leffel (4th)

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Herr, öffne mir die Herzenstür
J. Olearius, 1611-84
Tr. M. Loy, 1828-1915

ERHALT UNS, HERR
J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

1. Lord, o - pen Thou my heart to hear And through Thy
2. Thy Word doth deep - ly move the heart, Thy Word doth
3. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the

Word to me draw near; Let me Thy Word e'er pure re -
per - fect health im - part, Thy Word my soul with joy doth
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

tain; Let me Thy child and heir re - main.
bless, Thy Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.