



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, October 8, 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, in Baptism you have grafted us onto the vine that is Christ and given us a share of his inheritance, that we might know the power of his resurrection. Guide us that we might live in newness of life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: The Old Rugged Cross – vss. 1,3,4.....RECLAIM No. 139

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left

undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

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. unis. san - na in the high - est. 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

The Lord lamented that Israel and Judah went astray and likened them to a beautiful vineyard planted with great love. When the grapes came on the vines, they were not what the vinegrower expected; instead, they were unruly. The Lord threatened to tear the vineyard down because of its wild yield.

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice

vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 80:7-19

The Lord brought a vine out of Egypt and planted it in ground cleared specifically for it, but then broke down the protective walls around the vine, making it susceptible to enemies.

R: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C: **You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

R: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

C: **The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**

R: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

C: **Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

R: The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

C: **Turn again, God of hosts! Look down from heaven; have regard for this vine,**

R: the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

C: **They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**

R: But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

C: **Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!**

R: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul wrote to believers in Philippi, explaining that though he had suffered for his faith in Christ, anything he had lost he considers to be gain because of his increasing knowledge of Jesus Christ.

⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³³“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?” ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: “What Were You Thinking?”

HYMN OF THE DAY: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....RECLAIM No. 132

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: Almighty Father, Bless the Word *(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

Reader: Sharon Litynski

Greeters: Jerry and Joyce Roust

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

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.

Joy For the Journey (RLC's grief support group) will meet this Thursday at 1:00pm in the Conference Room. The group will begin discussing a new series of four short books written by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Haugk. 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.

Adult Forum: Christians often shy away from difficult conversations because they aren't informed about what Scripture says. Join Pastor Aaron this Wednesday night at 6:30pm for the first of six discussions titled "Tough Talks" and learn how to defend a Biblical worldview while showing compassion at the same time. This week's discussion will be on sexuality.

The **Annual Meeting** of Resurrection Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, October 29th following morning worship. An **information session**, where questions will be taken on the budget, will be held the week prior, on Sunday, October 22nd following worship.

Birthdays this week: Tony Senese (11th), Ron Eccles (12th), Vicki Youngerberg (12th), and Don Peterson (14th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	October 8	9:30am	Worship
Monday	October 9	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	October 10	11:00am	E/E/O Committee Meeting
		6:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	October 11	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		2:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	October 12	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
		1:00pm	Joy For the Journey
Sunday	October 15	9:30am	Worship

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -

take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.
shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

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