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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, June 16, 2024

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: Almighty One, renew us daily through the power of your Holy Spirit that we might be nurtured in faith and holiness through having been grafted onto the true vine, Jesus Christ, our Lord; in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Come, You Thankful People, Come.....RECLAIM No. 261

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Called and gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness. Our merciful father, who brings life out of death and transforms us into new creatures through his redeeming word, knows the depths of our hearts. Let us make a confession of our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Lord Jesus, Risen Savior,

C: We come to you in sorrow for our faults and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Although in Christ our light has come, we too often prefer the darkness of sin. Forgive us, fill us with your Spirit and free us from the shackles of our failings. Give us once again the joy of your salvation and make us instruments of peace and love in the world. Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines around you. In the name and by the authority of your Savior, Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your troubled spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until the day he comes again.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

This lesson is just a snippet of a larger section in which Ezekiel prophesied using a parable of two great eagles and a vine. The Lord made a promise to replant Israel, a tiny sprig that would grow sturdy branches and bear fruit until it became a great cedar under which will dwell every sort of bird.

²²Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell

every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 1

The psalmist sang of his great delight in the law of the Lord. Dwelling in the ways of God is like a tree planted next to a water source. It grows and flourishes as it is fed and watered constantly.

R: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

R: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

C: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

R: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

C: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

St. Paul described to the Corinthian Christians a dwelling that is eternal. Even when their present homes were destroyed, they could rely on God's promise of a heavenly home. Christ prepared each of them for this life of faith and prepared a place for them with him forever.

¹For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all

appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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 -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁶And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Thy Kingdom Come

HYMN OF THE DAY

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.

OFFERING PRESENTATION



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

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:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection 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: Now Thank We All Our God.....RECLAIM No. 50

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: Nikki Basel

Reader: Donna Kraemer

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: Bob and Meridel Kellogg

Communion Set Up: Tony and Becky Miller

Communion Assistants: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

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.

There will be a **brief meeting after worship** this morning in the Fireside Room Chapel for the women of RLC. We will be discussing the possibility of putting our name forward as a host site for the Augustana District WOW Gathering in 2026.

Pastor Aaron will be gone this Friday, June 21st through Sunday, June 23rd for a family wedding in Sioux Falls, SD. Pastor Julie Smith will be here to lead worship next Sunday.

Please remember to keep voting in our **pie-in-the-face fundraiser** for *Seeds of Hope Mankato*! Simply place your vote (aka: donation) in the jar of whoever you'd like to see get a pie in the face at our block party later this summer.

The family of **Conner James Eccles** (son of Amanda, grandson of Ron and Pam) invite you to join them for an open house honoring his graduation from Mankato West High School on Saturday, June 22nd from 2-6pm at 1052 Center Street – North Mankato, MN.

Birthdays this week: Julie Smith (21st) and Jim Lambert (22nd)

Anniversaries this week: Tony and Becky Miller (17th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	June 16	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	June 17	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	June 18	6:30pm	Church Council
Wednesday	June 19	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	June 20	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	June 23	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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