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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, September 3, 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: Holy God, strengthen us to follow your commands in humble obedience along life's journey. Show us the way of sacrificial love for the sake of your world as we lose our old lives and find true life in Christ; 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: Son of God, Eternal Savior *(see back of the bulletin)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord, you know what was written about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins is real for all those who repent. So let us boldly approach God, trusting in his mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We daily fall short of your glory. We turn inward, ignoring the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Remember not the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the cross of Christ, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in his tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with his mercy. Like a loving Father, God runs to meet you this day. Hear the good news: our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has forgiven our sins and raised us to new life in the Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We sing a hymn of praise to God as a response to the proclamation of forgiveness

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: Jeremiah 15:15-21

The prophet Jeremiah asserted that the Lord knew his case and what his enemies had done to him. Jeremiah was getting impatient and pleaded with the Lord to come to his rescue. But the Lord answered: "If you will be patient and return to me, you will be the one to share my Word."

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the

delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 26

The psalmist sang to the Lord, asking him to judge his faithfulness. He asserted that he had been true to God and that God should test him and try him to assess his faithfulness.

R: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

C: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

R: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

C: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

R: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

C: I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,

R: proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

C: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

R: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

C: in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

R: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

C: My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Paul advised the Christians in Rome to be loving to one another — not a fake love that was in word only, but a genuine love that sought not to punish or get revenge. We are called to live in harmony with one another and to seek to outdo one another by doing good.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be

fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 16th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after

me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: There Must Be Another Way

HYMN OF THE DAY: In the Cross of Christ I Glory.....RECLAIM No. 138

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

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, 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: Lift High the Cross (vss. 1,3,4,5).....RECLAIM No. 269

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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Greeters: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

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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. 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.

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.

Pastors Aaron and Sarah will be traveling to South Dakota this afternoon and plan to be gone through Wednesday late morning. Due to tomorrow's Labor Day holiday, there will be no Monday prayer group. Lectionary lunch will not meet on Wednesday.

The **flower arrangements** on both sides of the cross at the front of the Sanctuary are given by Michelle Rippon in memory of her dear friend, Charlie King, as we approach the first anniversary of his death. Blessed be his memory.

Registration is open for **SALT (scripture and life together)** groups! You should have received your registration forms in the September newsletter, but there are extras on the Welcome Center desk. SALT groups are a chance to enter into intentional relationship with a smaller body of people (6-8 people) from RLC, fellowship, and explore the Bible together.

This Wednesday will be the last session of **"Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus."** If anyone would like to borrow the DVD of Nabeel Qureshi's recorded teachings, please see Pastor Aaron and he will loan it out to you. Pastor Aaron also has the study guides available from each session.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	September 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Wednesday	September 6	1:00pm	Worship Committee
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Book/Video Discussion
Thursday	September 7	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	September 10	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace.
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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