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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | Sunday, August 11, 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 God, through your extravagant love sustain us with our living bread Jesus, so that nourished we may live in love for you and love others just as Christ has loved us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **Seek Ye First** (*see back of the bulletin*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather for worship, let us first call to mind our faults and failings. We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Trusting, therefore, in God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins against God and one another:

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Forgive all our offenses, known and unknown, things done and things we have failed to do. Cleanse us from the power of sin by your Holy and life-giving Word. By your grace, draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism. In the mercy of Almighty God, Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Christ's name, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen!

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: 1 Kings 19:1-8

King Ahab of Israel told his wife, Jezebel, that Elijah defeated all of the prophets of Baal. She was so incensed that she sent Elijah a message threatening his life. In fear, the prophet fled to the wilderness, where he laid down in utter depression. He was tended by an angel who fed and cared for him.

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness

and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 34:1-8

The psalmist encouraged Israel to join him in praising God for his goodness. "Magnify the Lord with me," he said. "Let us exalt his name together." This God is the one who rescues, delivers, and saves.

R: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

R: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

C: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

R: Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

C: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

R: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Paul warned the Christians at Ephesus not to be like hard-hearted Gentiles. They had fallen into impurities of every kind and had given in to their desires. Paul urged the Ephesians to put away falsehood, speak the truth, build one another up, forgive, and thereby be imitators of Christ.

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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: John 6:35-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 6th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father,

that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.⁴⁸ I am the bread of life.⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Happily Ever After

HYMN OF THE DAY: Give Me Jesus (vss.1-4).....RECLAIM No. 214

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: Blessed Assurance.....RECLAIM No. 190

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: Wendy LaFavor

Reader: Sharon Litynski

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: Jerry and Joyce Roust

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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.

RESCHEDULED: RLC will be holding a **men’s event** on Saturday, August 31st from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Jeff Backer, who serves as Senior Pastor of St. Dymas Lutheran Prison Ministry inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, SD. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet can be found on the Welcome Center desk. A \$15 suggested donation will be collected on the morning of our event.

You are invited to join us for **RLC’s Backyard Bash** (*formerly known as the Block Party*) on Sunday, September 8th from 4pm to 6pm on the south lawn. Come to enjoy live music, Scoops ice cream, and walking tacos. A free will donation will be collected for the meal, benefiting our congregation’s mercy ministry fund to help those in need. Bring your favorite lawn game and a chair to sit in for an enjoyable afternoon under the trees!

Kinship Radio presents their 1st annual **“Spearhead Summit: A Gathering of Faithful Men”** on Saturday, September 28th at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year’s special guest is Michael Franzese. He is a former mobster from the Colombo crime family. He went from Godfather to God the Father. There will be music, ministry and breakfast. Call 800-810-5559 or go online to kinshipradio.org to register beginning Monday, August 26th.

Birthdays this week: Clark Diel (16th)

Anniversaries this week: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg (Today)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	August 11	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	August 12	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	August 13	6:30pm	Church Council
Wednesday	August 14	Noon	Lectionary Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	August 15	8:00am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	August 18	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -
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1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -
 D Em A⁷ D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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