

GET READY FOR WORSHIP

August 22, 2021

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Welcome to worship! As we worship in our scattered places, we are united in faith as one body of Christ. The texts of hymns and songs will be printed in this online bulletin where they appear in the order of worship. You are encouraged to sing along with the accompaniment from the musicians at church.

For outdoor worship at Resurrection Lutheran (weather permitting), you are invited to bring your lawn chair to sit outdoors by household or tune your car radio to 94.3 FM.

10:30 am worship is always livestreamed online at

www.youtube.com/c/ResurrectionLutheranChurchAnkeny/

HOW WE SHALL RECEIVE COMMUNION

For outdoor worship at RLC, ushers will offer you individually packaged communion elements of bread and juice (gluten- and nut-free on request) as you drive into worship. For worship at home, you are encouraged to have gathered bread and wine or grape juice in the space where you worship, so that everyone may participate in the full liturgy of the Eucharist. Whether you are by yourself or with others, receive the bread and cup trusting that by Christ's promise they are his body and blood given for you. We are together in the body of Christ, by God's loving Spirit, even when we are not present with another in our own flesh.

For indoor worship at RLC, prepackaged communion elements will be available in your seat or from the usher. Gluten-, dairy-, and nut-free elements are available upon request.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday

August 22, 2021

Accompanist

Denny, Rex, & Sean

Liturgists

N/A

ELW= the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: *Jesus, Hold My Hand*

As I travel through this pilgrim land there is a friend who goes with me.
Leads me safely thro' the sinking sand, it is the Christ of Calvary.
This would be my pray'r, dear Lord, each day to help me do the best I
can,
For I need thy light to guide me day and night, Blessed Jesus, hold my
hand.

Chorus:

Jesus, hold my hand, I need thee ev'ry hour,
Thru this pilgrim land protect my by thy saving pow'r.
Hear my feeble plea, O Lord, look down on me.
When I kneel in pray'r I hope to meet you there,
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.

Let me travel in the light divine that I may see the blessed way;
Keep me that I may be wholly thine and sing redemption's song some
day.
I will be a soldier brave and true and ever firmly take a stand,
As I onward go and daily meet the foe, Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.

Chorus:

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Song of Forgiveness: *On the Wings of a Dove*

On the wings of a snow white dove
He sends his pure sweet love
A sign from above
On the wings of a dove

Liturgy of the Word

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Reading

In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they

presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

34: 15-22

What have I to dread – What have I to fear

Leaning on the everlasting arms

I have blessed peace – With my Lord so near

Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, Leaning, safe and secure from all alarms

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms

¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and God’s ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms

¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers them from every one.

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms

²⁰God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms

Reading

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

Ephesians 6: 10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand

firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

GOSPEL

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord

John 6: 56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Keri Bolles

Blessing of the Backpacks

All who are students this year, preschool to college, please stand. Whether you brought a backpack or not, we want to bless you as you begin this new year. Please remain standing while a gift is handed to you.

God of all knowledge and wisdom, these students and backpacks remind us that a new school year has begun. We pray your blessing on them and upon all students, young and old, as they begin a new year. Help them discover and develop the gifts you have given them. And as they grow in knowledge, help them also grow in kindness and compassion, learning respect from themselves and for others. We ask your blessing on parents and all those who care for these students. Strengthen them to surround these students with encouragement, support, and love. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Gracious God, you have promised to be present with your never-falling love and care. Remind us that wherever we go you are always with us. Fill us all with the joy of learning new things so that we may be better

equipped to be your servants in and to the world. Bless, O Lord, all those who stand with these students. Whatever their task or role, guide them to do it in love and faithfulness to you, knowing that even the most ordinary task becomes extraordinary when done in your name. We ask all things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord . **Amen.**

Teachers, school administrators, and school staff people please remain standing while the congregation is seated.

God of grace, you bless us always by bringing into our lives people who will show us how to live as your disciples in the world. Bless each of these individuals standing, that they may serve their students and serve you to the best of their ability. Guide them in ways strengthen them to show your love to students, colleagues and all others with whom they work. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen**

Sermon:

Pastor Beth

Hymn of the Day: *Blessed Assurance*

ELW 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,

watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Installation of Congregational Council,
Boards and Committees

Members of the Congregational Council, Boards and Committees having been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership, are asked to come forward.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

St. Paul writes: *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to*

everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect God in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

The minister addresses those being installed.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Yes, by the help of God.

Those being installed face the congregation. The minister addresses the congregation:

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Yes, by the help of God.

Those being installed face the minister, who addresses them:

I now declare you installed as officers, council members, and board members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Meal

During this season of online worship, we ask you to bring your gifts and offerings to your gathering table at home in the same way as in worship in the church, before sending them on to the church.

Offering

Offering Prayer

In response to your promise of life, we offer our life.

In response to your promise of love, we offer our love.

In response to all of your promises, we offer our gifts.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you,

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Eucharistic Prayer

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

As often as you drink from this cup
Do it in the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

If you are communing from home, offer each other the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the wine with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Communion Hymn: We Remember You

In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.

In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.

We remember you, Jesus, we remember your love for us.

We remember the blood you shed. We remember you.

Sending

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. You have raised us to new life with you. Send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *I'll Fly Away*

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

(Refrain) I'll fly away, fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

When the shadows of this life have grown,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away) *(Refrain)*

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away) *(Refrain)*

Blessing

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Monday, August 23

Psalm 119: 97-104

Nehemiah 9: 1-15

Ephesians 5: 21 – 6: 9

Tuesday, August 24

Psalm 119: 97-104

Nehemiah 9: 16-31

Ephesians 6: 21-24

Wednesday, August 25

Psalm 119: 97-104

Isaiah 33: 10-16

John 15: 16-25

Thursday, August 26

Psalm 15

Exodus 32: 1-14

James 1: 1-8

Friday, August 27

Psalm 15

Exodus 32: 15-35

James 1: 9-16

Saturday, August 28

Psalm 15

Exodus 34: 8-28

John 18: 28-32

Sunday, August 29

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

James 1: 17-27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23