

GET READY FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021 - 10:45 am

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.

10:45 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.

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Liturgist

N/A

Accompanist

Praise Band

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: *This Little Light of Mine*

Liturgy of the Word

Call to Worship: *We Are Called*

We are called, we are claimed, we are loved, by the holy name. We are healed, we are whole, the Savior ransomed our souls and we're singing

Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh Glory Glory Glory
Hallelujah Glory Gloria

We are here to proclaim, God is here, calls us each by name. We are here, to give praise, the Love of God will not change and we're singing.

Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh Glory Glory Glory
Hallelujah Glory Gloria

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.**

Confession of Sin

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song of Mercy

Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness
that sees beyond our blindness.

Mercy, oh mercy,
we're calling on you Lord
for us to be restored.

Oh mercy.

Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING:

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?.

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

Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

Psalm 116:1-9

I want Jesus to walk with me

I want Jesus to walk with me

All along my pilgrim journey

Lord I want Jesus to walk with me

¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon
me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord

⁵Gracious is the Lord and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

⁶The Lord watches over the innocent;

I was brought low, and God saved me.

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.

for the Lord has dealt well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

**R: ⁹I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

All along my pilgrim journey

Lord I want Jesus to walk with me

READING:

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

James 3: 1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small

member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Gospel Verse:

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL:

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

The Holy Gospel according Mark the 8th chapter. **Glory, to you, O Lord**

Mark 8: 27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Children's Sermon

Grace Heimerdinger-Baake

Sermon

Pastor Beth

Hymn of the Day: *Take My Life, That I May Be*

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Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. Refrain

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain

Entry to Sunday School and Confirmation Milestone

People of God, in Christian love you presented these children for Holy Baptism and on their behalf you promised to God:

to faithfully bring them to the services of God's house,
to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten
Commandments,
to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, and to provide for their
instruction in the Christian faith.

Today you come before the altar again, recommitting to your promises. I ask you in the presence of the one who gave you these children and the responsibility of raising them in the faith: do you renew your commitment to their baptismal promises?

R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Will you bring your children before God in prayer, praising and thanking God for the good God has done in their lives and inviting the Holy Spirit's power to sustain them?

I promise to pray for our child every day.

The minister addresses the confirmation students.

On a day not so long ago your parents presented you to God and spoke on your behalf. They loved you then, and they love you now. Even on

days when your relationships seem strained, they love you so much that they would willingly lay down their lives for you.

On a day not far in the future as you are confirming your Christian faith you will kneel here again and present yourself to God, making promises of your own:

to continue to live among God's faithful people,
to hear his Word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word
and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Will you hold your parents in prayer, praising and thanking God for the good that God has done in their lives, and inviting the Holy Spirit's power to sustain them in their love and care for you?

R: I promise to pray for my parents every day.

The minister addresses the congregation.

People of God, do you promise to support and encourage these youth and their parents in the keeping of these sacred promises?

We will, with God's help.

Let us pray.

God of grace, you see your children growing up in an uncertain and confusing world. We commend to your care these children, their parents, and the homes where they live. Fill those homes with faith, prayer, knowledge of you, and the peace, patience, and goodness which come from your presence. Help these children to know your life giving ways and guide them that they may grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with you and others. Keep them and their families in fellowship with you and with one another in the shelter of your holy Church now and forever.

Amen

Go in the peace, in the power and in the presence of the risen Christ.

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

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.

Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray, Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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: Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Grant us your peace.
Grant us your peace.

Benediction:

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

Sending

Sending Hymn: Go Now

Filled with the Holy Spirit
Go now with God, go now with God
Into the world as a servant
Go now with God, go now with God
Go now, go now, go now with God
Go now, go now, go now with God

Offering a hand to a stranger
Go now with God, go now with God
Trusting in the risen savior
Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God
Go now, go now, go now with God

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. *Hebrews 10:23-25*

Monday, Sept. 13

Psalm 119: 169-176
1 Kings 13: 1-10
Romans 3: 9-20

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Psalm 119: 169-176
1 Kings 13: 11-25
Colossians 3: 1-11

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Psalm 119: 169-176
Isaiah 10: 12-20
John 7: 25-36

Thursday, Sept. 16

Psalm 54
Judges 6: 1-10
1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Friday, Sept. 17

Psalm 54
1 Kings 22: 24-40
Romans 11: 25-32

Saturday, Sept. 18

Psalm 54
2 Kings 17: 5-18
Matthew 23: 29-39

Sunday, Sept. 19

Jeremiah 11: 18-20
Psalm 54
James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a
Mark 9: 30-37