Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God, to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world through Prayer, Love, and Action.

Sunday, May 21, 2023—9:30 AM Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

All are welcome to commune and receive Christ in bread and wine. Please fill out a communion card and give it to the usher when coming forward for Communion.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

WELCOME

CENTERING TIME

3 minutes of silence to center our hearts for worship. Our time will conclude after the centering music.

CENTERING MUSIC

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Time of silence and self-examination

- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

SHARING OF PEACE

OPENING HYMN ELW #392

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



GREETING

- 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE Page 167



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as vou saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his

brothers.

L. The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (read responsively)

¹Let God arise, and let God's ene- mies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- ence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

let them also be mer- ry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God! R

⁵In your holy habita-¹ tion, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defend- er of widows;

⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom; but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth be- fore your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

8the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰Your people found their | home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe pow- er to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that

your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

- P The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

- P The holy gospel according to John
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and

they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

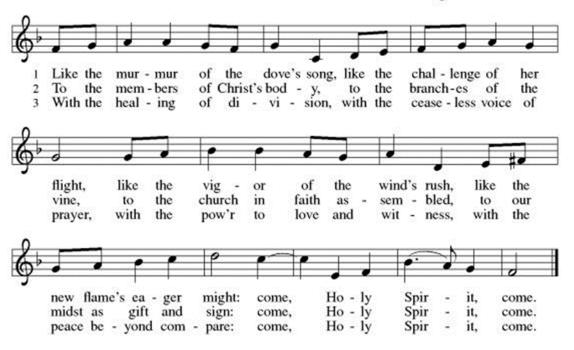
SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #403

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



APOSTLES' CREED

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence. Each petition ends:

- P Hear us, O God
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

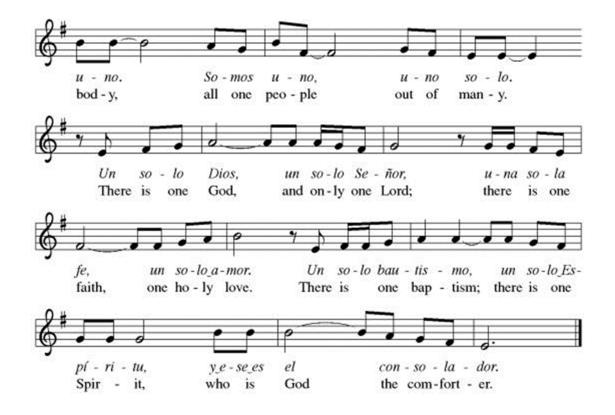
OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #643

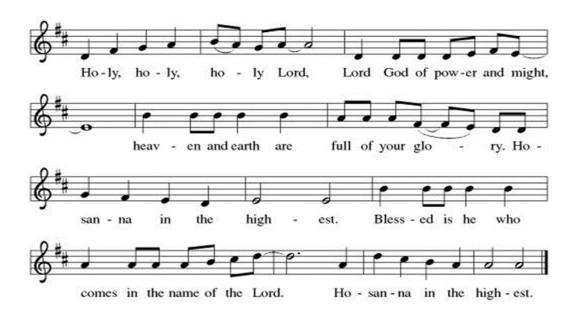




ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them up to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

LAMB OF GOD Page 174

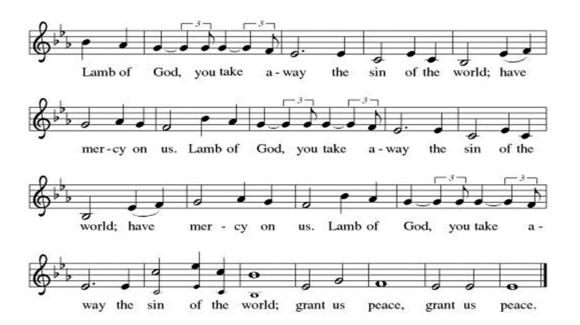


TABLE BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Let us pray.
- C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C Amen.

SENDING MUSIC

DISMISSAL

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

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Oboist: Wayne Ryerson

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The flowers today are from Alan and Barb Miralgio in memory of Alan's mother Agnes.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, May 22

12:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

Tuesday, May 23

Wednesday, May 24

1:00 pm Midweek Service

2:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Service

Thursday, May 25

7:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Friday, May 26

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Online services are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live), YouTube (www.youtube.com/rlcfp or search for "Resurrection Lutheran Franklin Park YouTube") and Twitch.

Bible Study can be accessed via Zoom online (bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom) or by phone (312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 230 167 8868, Password: 9777). You can also watch without participating on YouTube (www.youtube.com/rlcfp).



We are starting "rice Sunday". Any and all donations are very much appreciated. Thank you!



Resurrection will be hosting its 2nd Annual BBQ later this summer!
We are calling all outdoor cooks, planners, helpers, and those that love celebrating
Resurrection and summer to consider joining the Annual BBQ Committee.
Please contact Wayne Molley if you are interested in participating.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR MEMBERS: June K and family, Dolores B, Janet G, Irwin K, Marvin K, and Donna T.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS: Pastor Tim Manwell, Winnie E, Judy Hajek's sister Nancy, Susan, Victor, Richard, Sara, Billie O, Rocio, Walter M, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Marina, Luisa, Nathan, Cyndy W, John B, Feodore, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K, Kevin, Terry, Stan and Darlene M, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Curtis, Lynn, Elaine R, Lamone C, Kimberly S, Linda B and Scott B.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Josiah Gross, Edward Scharlow, and Mike Brimie.