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EVERYTHING AS LOSS
BECAUSE
OF THE
SURPASSING
WORTH
OF KNOWING
CHRIST
JESUS
MY LORD.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8, ESV

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2020 – 6:00 PM & 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Garbage! That's the Apostle Paul's evaluation of everything compared to "the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Do you consider your faith and relationship to God through Christ Jesus as the most valuable thing in your life, above everything and everyone? Today, St. Paul paints "the big picture" that puts everything into proper perspective. There is nothing else in all creation---no possessions, relationships, or accomplishments---that surpass the blessing of knowing Christ. His sacrifice, death, and resurrection secure for us eternal life, reconciliation with God the Father, and ultimately triumph over sin, death, and the devil.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at this worship service.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and who affirm the following are welcome to come forward to receive it:

- I am a fallen and sinful person in need of God's forgiveness;
- The Sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine instituted by Christ Himself for us to eat and to drink;
- In the Sacrament, everyone who believes the words "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," receives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

At Resurrection Lutheran Church children who are baptized as infants are instructed so that they may receive Holy Communion understanding what it is we are looking for, and why we are coming. Newcomers to Resurrection Lutheran Church receive the opportunity for in-depth catechetical instruction. If you and/or your children of any age are not prepared to receive the Lord's Supper with this same statement of faith, you are requested to refrain from receiving Holy Communion at this time.

We do, however, welcome you and the members of your family to come forward to receive a blessing. Please either stand still with head bowed or fold your arms across your body as a sign to receive the verbal blessing. Grape juice is available in the center of each tray of individual cups for those who cannot tolerate wine; and gluten free wafers are also available in the center of the paten, if needed. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

“I Love You, Lord” - arr. Hayes

GREETING

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

❖ **INVOCATION**

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Restore us, O God;

C **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P Then we shall not turn back from You;

C **give us life, and we will call upon Your name!** *(Psalm 80:3, 18)*

❖ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P The Lord calls us to work in His Vineyard.

We confess the sins of indifference and jealousy that reside in our hearts.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P For selfishness and cowardice,

C **forgive us, Lord.**

P For lack of vigilance and devotion to the service of the Gospel,
C **forgive us, Lord.**

P O Almighty God,
C **We confess to You that we have been more interested in our own desires and wishes, and less responsive to Your Word and Will. We look for greatness and avoid humble service. Forgive our pride and self-serving ways and give us Your Own Heart of love and compassion.**

P "...press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 3:14)

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a Called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God to all of you.

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING, PSALM HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Psalm 80

LSB 850, vs. 1-2, 4

(Sung by Soloist)

**1. God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**4. Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.**

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❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him.

C **Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing Love, and grant us the fullness of Your Salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 5:1-7

(Isaiah uses this story about the vineyard to show how, in our sin, we reject the Lord and His Love for us.)

I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good
grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men
of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more could have been done for my
vineyard than I have done for it?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?”

Now I will tell you what I am going to do
to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;
I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.

I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briers and thorns will grow there.
I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.”

The vineyard of the LORD Almighty
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are the garden of his delight.
And he looked for justice, but saw
bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of
distress.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

(Paul reminds to place our confidence and trust in Christ, not in ourselves.)

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for Whose Sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,

but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of His Resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His Sufferings, becoming like Him in His Death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE

P Alleluia.
C **Alleluia.**

P The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone;
C **this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.** (*Matthew 21:42b*)

P Alleluia.
C **Alleluia.**

❖ **GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:33-42

(Jesus uses the parable of the tenants to teach about God's Kingdom.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"Listen to another parable:

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.

Last of all, he sent his son to them.

"They will respect my son," he said.

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.'

So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

Jesus said to them,

"Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN OF THE DAY

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

LSB 544, vs. 1, 3-6 (Tune: LSB 832)
(Sung by Soloist)

**1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!**

3. For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.

4. For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.

5. For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.

6. For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

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SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

The Friendship Epistle, 3: “Losing” the Past Together

Philippians 3:4b-14

(Sermon notes see page 15)



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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose Kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ☩ Life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ **GREETING OF PEACE**

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,"
as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3)
Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

OFFERING OF SERVICE

MUSICAL OFFERING, OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

LSB 909, vs. 1-3

(Sung by Soloist)

**1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.**

**2. To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.**

**3. Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.**

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❖ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P We pray for God’s missionaries everywhere, who are at the same time sinners and saints, who are His servants that their service be “acceptable”.

C **We pray for God’s missionaries everywhere, that they may be given courage and boldness in presenting the Gospel; and that the work they do will bear much fruit for His Kingdom.**

P We pray for God’s people everywhere, who with opened eyes and hearts are encouraged by the Father to share Christ Jesus as the Light of the world with those who are living in darkness.

C **May we answer Him as He gives us the opportunity to do so, by learning about missions, by praying for missions, by giving to missions, by telling, by sending, by going, and by celebrating!**

After each additional petition:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

❖ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are You, Lord of Heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us Your people and have given Your Only-Begotten Son, the Stone the builders rejected Who has become the Cornerstone in Whom we are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have Everlasting Life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

❖ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took, bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." *(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25)*

❖ **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into Heaven, and Your coming for the Final Judgment. So remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ **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.**

❖ **PEACE**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you.
C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Maintaining physical space of 6 feet behind and to the side of each communicant (small children may stand with parents), please follow usher instructions to enter the central aisle and approach the distribution area. There are six small tables between the pews and chancel area. Worshippers sitting on the left side of the sanctuary (facing the altar) will turn left to commune, and those sitting on the right side will turn to the right. Having removed your mask, please approach the first table corresponding to the side of the sanctuary where you are seated. It contains a large paten for communion host (gluten free wafers are available in the middle of the paten). Receive the host while standing to the side of these tables. Upon receiving the host, please approach the tray of individual cups at the worship leader's guiding and receive the wine to the side of the table. Empty cups are placed in the tray or basket on the third table. We recommend removing your mask to receive Holy Communion by touching ear loops or head straps only.

**MUSICAL OFFERING,
MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912
(Sung by Soloist)

1. Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above.

2. Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day When all the blest
To endless rest Are called away.

3. Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song,
Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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❖ **DISMISSAL BLESSING**

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body
and soul to Life Everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

❖ **PRAYER**

P For Your Invitation to work in Your Vineyard,
C we give thanks to You, O Lord.

P For the fruits of faith You produce in our hearts and lives,
C we give thanks to You, O Lord.

P For the fruit of the vine, which Jesus used, along with unleavened bread, to offer us
His Body and Blood, a new covenant of grace and forgiveness,
C we give thanks to You, O Lord.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

C **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING, CLOSING HYMN

Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966, vs. 1, 3-4

(Sung by Soloist)

**1. Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!**

**3. May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.**

**4. Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.**

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POSTLUDE

“Postlude in G Major” - Raffy

**Worshipers should await usher instructions before exiting the sanctuary.
We will dismiss by rows, starting in the back.**

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The Friendship Epistle, 3: “Losing” the Past Together (Philippians 3:3b-14)
Proper 22/Series A

We continue our focus on Philippians. This week St. Paul reveals to us that in Christ Jesus we have lost our preoccupation with the past. God has won us... Jesus Christ has made us His own (3:12). We live and serve as people who have gained a future, forward-looking orientation in service to one another and the world as we keep our eyes on the prize of heaven!

- I. In Christ Jesus we have lost a _____-looking orientation to our _____
_____ (3:7)
- II. In Christ Jesus we have gained a _____-looking orientation to _____
_____ (3:14)
- III. We serve as people who share in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus by
_____ through _____ (3:9)

Servants in Worship

(6:00)

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
Liturgist.....Vicar Alan Shaw
Pianist/Organist.....Ashley Huddle
Lector.....Karin Sedivy
Vocalist.....Rebecca Melland-Kuo
Usher.....Tom Gebbia
Greeters.....Jamee Thieme, Deb Gebbia
Altar Care.....Laura Lubak

(8:00)

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
Liturgist.....Vicar Alan Shaw
Pianist.....Ashley Huddle
Vocalist.....Rebecca Melland-Kuo
Lector.....Melinda Stephani
Usher.....Sandy Wuori, Charles Miller
Coordinator.....Stacy Miller
Greeters.....Brenda Peterson
Altar Care.....Lana Zieglmeier