

Mark 4:30-32

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 13, 2021, 11:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshiping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love 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

We are like trees planted in God's garden, under His care. Graciously, He gives us all we need for physical and eternal Life. Jesus explains that God plants us in His Kingdom for the good of everyone around us.

Faith is an amazing gift from God. It connects us to Christ, and places us in Christ and all that Christ has done for us. We give thanks for this and all the gifts from God; and we pray for continued growth in the knowledge of God.

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at this worship service. We encourage all who are baptized in the name of the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and who affirm the following to join us in receiving it:

- I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness
- In the Sacrament we receive the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine, as 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.

Anyone not prepared to receive the Sacrament with this same statement of faith is nevertheless welcome to come forward with us to receive a blessing in remembrance of his or her own baptism or in thanksgiving for the proclaimed Gospel of Christ. Either stand still with head bowed or fold your arms across your body as a sign to receive a verbal blessing from one of the pastors.

Temple Talk: Vacation Bible School

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Musical Offering, Opening Song: Forever Reign

J. Ingram/R. Morgan

1. You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me You are love, You are love on display for all to see - You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in; You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin

2. You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling You are true, You are true even in my wandering - You are joy, You are joy; You're the reason that I sing You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting

Refrain

O, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms; the riches of Your love will always be enough Nothing compares to Your embrace; Light of the world, forever reign

3. You are more, You are more than my words will ever say; You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim - You are here, You are here; in Your presence I'm made whole You are God, You are God; of all else I'm letting go Refrain

Bridge

My heart will sing no other Name:
Jesus, Jesus;
My heart will sing no other Name:
Jesus, Jesus
Refrain x2

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son ₱ and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Serve the Lord with gladness!
- C Come into His Presence with singing!
- P Enter His Gates with thanksgiving, and His Courts with praise!
- C Give thanks to Him; bless His name! (Psalm 100:2,4)

Confession of Sins

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, because of our sin, we have rebelled against God. The Bible tells us that God will bring low the proud as easily as cutting down a tree and that sinners and scoffers will surely perish. Moreover if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

- C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)
- P God promises to bless all who rejoice in His Grace and therefore meditate on His Teaching. He nourishes them as trees planted by streams of water. In Christ, St. Paul writes, we are God's new creations. Let us therefore confess our sins to our Gracious God.
- C Lord of all creation, we confess that we have let our pride blur our vision. We have paid more attention to the counsel of the fallen world around us than to Your Holy Will. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgive us. By Your Holy Spirit, move us to delight in Your Will and walk in Your Ways. Let the love of Christ control us that we may show in our lives the new creation You have made us to be. Amen.

Good News of Forgiveness

- P Our Heavenly Father has not left us to despair in our sinfulness. In His Infinite Wisdom, He sent our Lord, the Son of Man, so that He would be lifted up on the cross, that whoever believes in Him may have Eternal Life. God the Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we may put our trust in the Lord Jesus, firmly believing that His Death has paid for our sins, and His Resurrection has opened Heaven to us.
 - As a Called and ordained servant of Christ and by His Authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the A Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: Mighty To Save Morgan/Fielding

1. Ev'ryone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me; Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, The hope of nations:

Refrain

Savior, He can move the mountains; My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave

2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures - fill my life again;
I give my life to follow ev'rything I believe in,
Now I surrender Refrain x2

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Old Testament Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24 [ESV]

Thus says the Lord GoD:

"I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out.

I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar.

And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD;

I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Epistle - II Corinthians 5:1-17 [ESV]

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel – Mark 4:26-34

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And He said, "The Kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.

He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows;

he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." And He said, "Wth what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed,

which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Children's Message - Vicar Alan Shaw

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: God Of Wonders Byrd/Hindalong

Lord of all creation,
 of water, earth, and sky;
 The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high

Refrain

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy The universe declares Your majesty; You are holy, holy Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

2. Early in the morningI will celebrate the light;And when I stumble in the darkness,I will call Your name by night Refrain

Bridge

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

Refrain 2
God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me,
Father, hold me, hold me
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy

Ending

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

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Creed Nicene Creed

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 4 Life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

after each petition

- P Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

The 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

Holy Communion Words of Institution and Invitation

Musical Offerings During Distribution - Instrumental - Christopher Reed

Benediction

Musical Offering, Closing Song: Only King Forever C. Brown

1. Our God and firm foundation, our Rock, the only solid ground; the nations rise and fall Kingdoms, once strong, now shaken; we trust forever in Your name: the name of Jesus We trust the name of Jesus

Refrain

You are the only King forever, Almighty God, we lift You higher; You are the only King forever, Forevermore You are victorious

2. Unmatched in all Your wisdom, in love and justice You will reign, and ev'ry knee will bow
We bring our expectations; our hope is anchored in Your name: the name of Jesus
We trust the name of Jesus Refrain x2

Bridge x2
We lift our banner high,
we lift the name of Jesus;
From age to age You reign,
Your kingdom has no end Refrainx2

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