



Those who eat my flesh and
drink my blood abide in me,
and I in them.

JOHN 6:56

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 15, 2021 – 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping 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.

For those individuals or families desiring a space that is physically distanced, please feel welcome to sit in the rows that are marked as reserved.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

God the Father, Who gives us His own Son as the Bread of Heaven that feeds us to Eternal Life, has given us every good thing there is to give. Living in the joyous Light of God, we encourage one another in that illuminated life and walk, constantly breaking into songs of thanksgiving to God.

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 for those who cannot tolerate wine, and gluten-free wafers may be obtained upon request. Simply indicate your desire for gluten-free wafers by pointing at the altar (where gluten-free wafers are kept) as the Officiant arrives at your location.

The desire for non-alcoholic wine or grape juice may be indicated with a closed hand over your individual cup when the Worship Assistant arrives to pour the wine. You will receive non-alcoholic wine decanted from a separate vessel. 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

Prelude in G – G. F. Handel

WELCOME

❖ INVOCATION

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

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

C **Amen.**

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. *(1 John 1:5)*

C **And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the Glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.** *(Revelation 21:23)*

P For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. *(Ephesians 5:8)*

❖ CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Merciful God, we confess that we are, according to our fallen nature, sinners in need of Your Deliverance. We cannot free ourselves from our slavery to sin. And so we cry to You for forgiveness and release from our troubles and brokenness. For the Sake of Your Son and by His Atoning Suffering and Death on the cross for the whole world, forgive our sins; and raise us to the Eternal Life He came to bring for the life of the world.**

P Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

P May He Who began this good work in you, bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.



ENTRANCE HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906

1. **O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, “Holy, holy, holy,” The triune God confess.**
2. **This day at earth’s creation The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav’n,
And thus this day most glorious A threefold light was giv’n.**
3. **This day, God’s people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav’nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.**
4. **That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.**

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❖ **KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Whom to know is Everlasting Life,

C **Grant us to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that we may steadfastly follow His Steps in the way that leads to Life Eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 9:1-10 [ESV]

(The way of wisdom.)

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.
She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town,

“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 34:12-22 [ESV]

(The Lord is our deliverer.)

P What man is there who desires life

C **and loves many days, that he may see good?**

P Keep your tongue from evil

C **and your lips from speaking deceit.**

P Turn away from evil and do good;

C **seek peace and pursue it.**

P The Eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous

C **and His Ears toward their cry.**

P The Face of the LORD is against those who do evil,

C **to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

P When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears

C **and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

P The LORD is near to the brokenhearted

C **and saves the crushed in spirit.**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

P He keeps all his bones;
C **not one of them is broken.**

P Affliction will slay the wicked,
C **and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

P The LORD redeems the life of His servants;
C **none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:6-21 [ESV]

(Paul urges us to live as children of the light.)

Let no one deceive you with empty words,
for because of these things the Wrath of
God comes upon the sons of
disobedience.

Therefore do not become partners with
them; for at one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light (for the fruit of
light is found in all that is good and right
and true), and try to discern what is
pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of
darkness, but instead expose them.

For it is shameful even to speak of the
things that they do in secret.

But when anything is exposed by the light,
it becomes visible, for anything that
becomes visible is light.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Therefore it says,

*“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”*

Look carefully then how you walk, not as
unwise but as wise, making the best use of
the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be foolish, but
understand what the Will of the Lord is.

And do not get drunk with wine, for that
is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
addressing one another in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
making melody to the Lord with your
heart, giving thanks always and for
everything to God the Father in the Name
of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to
one another out of reverence for Christ.

❖ **ALLELUIA VERSE**

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life.
Alleluia. (*John 6:68*)

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

(Jesus identifies Himself as the only source of Eternal Life.) *John 6:51-69 [ESV]*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

“I am the Living Bread that came down from Heaven.
If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever.
And the Bread that I will give for the life of the world is My Flesh.”
The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,
“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”
So Jesus said to them,
“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you have no life in you.
Whoever feeds on My Flesh and drinks My Blood has Eternal Life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day.
For My Flesh is true food, and My Blood is true drink.
Whoever feeds on My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me, and I in him.
As the Living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me.

This is the Bread that came down from Heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died.
Whoever feeds on this Bread will live forever.”
Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum.
When many of His disciples heard it, they said,
“This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”
But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them,
“Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?
It is the Spirit Who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.
The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
But there are some of you who do not believe.”
(For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.)

And He said,
“This is why I told you that no one can
come to Me unless it is granted him by the
Father.”

After this many of His disciples turned
back and no longer walked with Him.
So Jesus said to the twelve,

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

“Do you want to go away as well?”

Simon Peter answered Him,

“Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of Eternal Life, and
we have believed, and have come to
know, that You are the Holy One of
God.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Bob Unger

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578, vs. 1-4

1. **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
2. **Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
3. **Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
4. **From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

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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) 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.)

OFFERTORY

I Am the Bread of Life

WOV 702

1. **“I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me Unless the father beckons.”**

Refrain

**“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up On the last day.”**

2. **“The bread that I will give Is my flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread, You shall live forever, You shall live forever.”**
Refrain

3. **“Unless you eat Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood, You shall not have life within you.”**
Refrain

4. **“I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me,
Even though you die, You shall live forever.”**
Refrain

Refrain

**“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up On the last day.”**

**5. Yes, Lord, I believe That you are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who has come into the world.**

Refrain

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❖ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ, You descend from the heavens to feed Your people with the food of eternal life.

C As we follow You, help us to feed others both with earthly food and with heavenly food.

P Lord, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You.
We pray that You would soften their hearts

C and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again.

P Lord, Your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts.

C Help us not to seek our own way but to seek Your way and Your wisdom.

P Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church.

C Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people follow Your way.

P Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions.

C Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need.

P You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus.

C Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, let us with holy food be fed.

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

❖ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord God, for in Your Goodness You have called us to faith and cleansed us in the waters of Baptism. You sustain us in our earthly lives with rich and bountiful gifts. You call us to Eternal Life in Jesus Christ, our Lord, through Whom our sins are forgiven. We humbly pray You to sustain us with the Living Bread, Jesus Christ, that we may enjoy the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Sustain us in faith that we may receive for our benefit Him who comes to us here in His Body and Blood

C Amen.

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

❖ **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.**

P Remembering what He has accomplished to grant us the gifts of forgiveness, life,
and salvation; we pray You to dwell among us through Your Word and Spirit, and to
keep us faithful; that when He comes in His Glory, He may find us faithful

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P So remember us in Your Kingdom, Lord Jesus, 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 always.

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please follow usher instructions to enter the central aisle and approach the front of the sanctuary. As you draw near the altar, receive an empty cup from the tray positioned near the end of the aisle. Then, line up *without kneeling* at the communion rail on the same side of the sanctuary where you have just been worshipping. All communicants are asked to stand outside the line indicated on the floor that is outside and around the communion rail. As the Pastor draws near to distribute the host, please remove one ear loop of your mask with your free hand. Hold your hand out, palm upward, so the host may be dropped into your hand, contact free. [You may leave your mask off until the Pastor or Worship Assistant has distributed the wine/grape juice and you have received it.] Having received both the host and the wine, please exit the distribution area without waiting to be dismissed. Individual cups may be left behind in the empty tray positioned near the pews.

MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

What Is this Bread

LSB 629

- 1. What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.**
- 2. What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.**
- 3. So who am I, That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.**
- 4. Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see—the Lord is real.**
- 5. Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood. O taste and see—the Lord is good.**

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Refrain

**You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.**

1. **As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice.**

Refrain

2. **With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food.**

Refrain

3. **Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord?**

Refrain

4. **The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.**

Refrain

5. **You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name In truth and charity.**

Refrain

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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.**

❖ **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Merciful Father, You have so richly fed Your children upon the Body and Blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and so imparted to us the blessings of His Cross and empty tomb.

C **Empower us now to display in our lives the fullness of His Love, that we may show this love one to another, and the world may glimpse in us our Savior's Love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

❖ **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.**

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

You Are the Way; through You Alone

LSB 526

1. **You are the way; through You alone Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed His heart and will and mind.**
2. **You are the truth; Your Word alone True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.**
3. **You are the life; the empty tomb Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.**
4. **You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win Whose joys eternal flow.**

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G – J. S. Bach

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