



*Make them
known to
your children
and your
children's*

children.

DEUTERONOMY 4:9

THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 29, 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

Jesus emphasized how God's Word is a matter not only of outward appearance and obedience, but of the heart. The heart of God's love works through His Law to point us to His grace revealed in Jesus. Because our Lord Jesus Christ came near to us, fulfilled God's Law and set us free; He sends us into the world as His representatives.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

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

PRELUDE

Mendon - F. Peeters

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 Turn to me, O LORD, and be gracious to me,

C **as is Your way with those who love Your name.**

P Make Your face shine upon Your servant,

C **and teach me Your statutes.** (*Psalm 119:132, 135*)

❖ CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P Jesus said,
"There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him,
but the things that come out of a person are what defile him" (*Mark 7:15*).
We cannot face Almighty God today with the sins that produce the thoughts, words,
and deeds for which God would be justified in excluding us from His Presence.
Yet, because our Gracious Heavenly Father has given us "the shield of faith" and
"the sword of the Spirit," (*Ephesians 6:16,17*) we can confidently go to God in Christ's
Name, seeking and imploring His Grace for the Sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Almighty God, I confess to You and to these, my brothers and sisters, that I
have sinned with my evil thoughts, words, and deeds. I am defiled by them
and helpless to stop them without Your Aid. They are so much a part of my
life that I am not even aware of them all. For Jesus' Sake, forgive me.**

P "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might." *Ephesians 6: 10*
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. And, 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. Thanks be to God.**

❖ ENTRANCE HYMN

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB 908

All vs. 1 & 3

Choir vs. 2

**1. Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain; Let me Your child and heir remain.**

*2. Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.*

**3. To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.**

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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, and help us take up our own crosses.

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, and help us lose ourselves for the sake of the whole Body of Christ.

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, and grant that in this place we may know that our lives are secure in You alone.

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.

O God, the Source of all that is just and good,

C nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works, 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 [ESV]

(We have a God Who is near to us.)

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the Commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say,

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

‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’
For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him?
And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?
“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.”

PSALM

Psalm 119:129-136 [ESV]

(The Lord helps us to do His Will.)

P Your Testimonies are wonderful;
C **therefore my soul keeps them.**

P The unfolding of Your Words gives light;
C **it imparts understanding to the simple.**

P I open my mouth and pant,
C **because I long for Your Commandments.**

P Turn to me and be gracious to me,
C **as is Your Way with those who love Your Name.**

P Keep steady my steps according to Your Promise,
C **and let no iniquity get dominion over me.**

P Redeem me from man's oppression,
C **that I may keep Your Precepts.**

P Make Your Face shine upon Your servant,
C **and teach me Your Statutes.**

P My eyes shed streams of tears,
C **because people do not keep Your Law.**
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 6:10-20 [ESV]

(St. Paul encourages Christians to take their stand against evil fully armed by God.)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His Might.
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.
Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.
To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

❖ ALLELUIA VERSE

C **Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Alleluia.**
(Matthew 5:8)

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 7:14-23 [ESV]

(The sin inside us is the source of evil thoughts, words, and deeds.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

And He called the people to Him again and said to them,
“Hear Me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”

And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable.

And He said to them,

“Then are you also without understanding?

Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him,

since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?”

(Thus He declared all foods clean.)

And He said,

“What comes out of a person is what defiles him.

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry

BLESSING OF THE LEARNERS

K-5 children and parents, please come to the front for a special blessing.

L Psalm 121 states, “*The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*” Remembering these words, we invite parents to make the sign of the cross on their child’s forehead, saying these words: *Jesus is with you wherever you go.*”
(Parents bless their children and say, “Jesus is with you wherever you go.”)

L Let us pray:

C God of all Knowledge and Wisdom, we pray Your Blessing on these students and all learners. Help them discover and develop the gifts You have given them. As they grow in knowledge, help them grow in kindness and compassion, sharing Your Love with all people they encounter. We ask Your blessing on these parents and all those who care for students. Strengthen us to surround all learners, with encouragement, support and love. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

L Jesus tells us: "You are the light of the world... Let your light shine, for all to see, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Heavenly Father."
(Matthew 5:14a, 16b)

Backpack key chains are given to the students.

L Let us pray:

C Gracious Lord, You have promised to be present with Your Never-Failing Love and Care. Remind us that wherever we go, You are always with us. Fill us all with the joy of learning new things so we may be better equipped to be Your Servants and reflect the light of the Gospel to our community. Whatever these students' task or role, guide them to do it in love and faithfulness to You, as You make even an ordinary task extraordinary when done in Your Name. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Children and parents may return to their seats.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Strong in the Lord

LSB 665 (Tune: LSB 804)

**1. Be strong in the Lord In armor of light,
With helmet and sword, With shield for the fight;
On prayer be dependent, Be belted and shod,
In breastplate resplendent: The armor of God.**

**2. Integrity gird You round to impart
The truth of His Word As truth in your heart;
His righteousness wearing As breastplate of mail,
His victory sharing, Be strong to prevail.**

**3. With eagerness shod Stand firm in your place,
Or go forth for God With news of His grace;
No foe shall disarm you Nor force you to yield,
No arrow can harm you With faith as your shield.**

**4. Though Satan presume To test you and try,
In helmet and plume Your head shall be high;
Beset by temptation Be true to your Lord,
Your helmet salvation And Scripture your sword.**

**5. So wield well your blade, Rejoice in its pow'rs,
Fight on undismayed For Jesus is ours!
Then in Him victorious Your armor lay down,
To praise, ever glorious, His cross and His crown.**

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SERMON **Standing in the Strength of the Lord** Pastor Jonathan Blanke
 Deut. 4:1–9/Eph 6:10–20
(For an outline of the sermon, see page 14 of this worship folder.)

APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the Life ☩ Everlasting. 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.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake – R. Farrant

Sanctuary Choir

*Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.*

❖ 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. For the nations of the world and their leaders let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord of all, bestow Your Wisdom and understanding on the powers that be; so that they may strive for justice for their citizens and peace across their borders.**

P For the Church around the world as it confronts rejection and persecution let us pray to the Lord.

C **Remind Your sons and daughters, Heavenly Father, of the armor You provide so that they may be able to withstand the schemes of the devil and stand firm in faith.**

P For all who are called to respond to fire and flood, illness and accident, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Instill in them, O Holy Spirit, the readiness that comes with the Gospel so that they and those they serve may walk in peace.**

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.**

❖ **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.**

❖ **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**

Onward, Christian Soldiers

LSB 662

**1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!**

Refrain

**Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

**2. Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.**

Refrain

**3. Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.**

Refrain

**4. Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages Men and angels sing.**

Refrain

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Hanover – F. Peeters

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Standing in the Strength of the Lord
14th Sunday after Pentecost (Deut. 4:1-9/Eph 6:10-20)

Teaching our children by passing on the Word of Life is about simply talking about our relationship with God that we've received through Christ. The God "who is near" (Deut. 4:7) is at work in our hearts, protecting and empowering us to stand in His strength alone, as a "testimony to the nations."

1. Not only God's Word, but as a result of God's Word...
 - a. The belt of _____...
 - b. The breastplate of _____...
 - c. As shoes, _____ from the gospel of peace...
 - d. The shield of _____...
 - e. The helmet of _____ and
 - f. The sword of the _____ all enable us to stand against the Adversary and "the spiritual forces of evil" (Eph 6:12)
2. The old TV show *Mythbusters* lists three responses to various rumors and urban legends: possible (*plausible*), true (*confirmed*) and untrue (*busted!*). How would you rate the following?
 - a. What children learn about the Bible they should mainly learn at church or at a church school. _____ (cf. Deut 4:9)
 - b. You have to be a Bible whiz to have anything worth teaching about the Word of Life. _____ (cf. Proverbs 1:7)
 - c. God is not far away but close at hand, empowering us as parents, grandparents, and fellow believers to testify to His goodness. _____ (cf. Deut 4:7)