



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

children.

DEUTERONOMY 4:9

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 29, 2021, 11:00 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.

Holy Communion

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.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

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

Musical Offering, Opening Song: Beautiful One

1. Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no heart could fully know
how glorious, how beautiful You are

Refrain
Beautiful One, I love You,
Beautiful One I adore;
Beautiful One, my soul must sing

2. Powerful, so powerful,
Your glory fills the skies;
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty
awakes my heart to sing,
how marvelous, how wonderful You are

Refrain
Beautiful One, I love You,
Beautiful One I adore;
Beautiful One, my soul must sing Repeat x2

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love,
for nothing on earth is as beautiful as You (repeat once) Refrain

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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 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.**

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: The Lion and The Lamb
B. Brown/B. Johnson

1. He's coming on the clouds;
kings and kingdoms will bow down
and every chain will break
as broken hearts declare His praise -
for who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Refrain

Our God is the Lion,
The Lion of Judah,
He's roaring with power
and fighting our battles,
and ev'ry knee will bow before Him!
Our God is the Lamb,
the Lamb that was slain
for the sins of the world;
His blood breaks the chains -
and ev'ry knee will bow
before the Lion and the Lamb;
ev'ry knee will bow before Him!

2. So open up the gates,
make way before the King of kings;
The God who comes to save
is here to set the captives free,
for who can stop the LORD Almighty? Refrain

Who can stop the LORD Almighty;
Who can stop the LORD Almighty? Repeat 1x

Refrain 2x

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Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9 [ESV]

“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, '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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Ephesians 6:10-20 [ESV]

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.

Holy Gospel – Mark 7:14-23 [ESV]

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint 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

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: Good, Good Father
A. Brown/P. Barrett

1. I've heard a thousand stories
of what they think You're like,
but I've heard the tender whisper
of love in the dead of night;
You tell me that You're pleased
and that I'm never alone Repeat

Refrain

You're a good, good Father, it's who You are,
it's who You are, it's who You are
and I'm loved by You it's who I am,
it's who I am, it's who I am

2. I've seen many searching for answers
far and wide,
but I know we're all searching for answers
only You provide
because You know just what we need
before we say a word... Refrain

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us Repeat

3. Love so undeniable I can hardly speak,
peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
as You call me deeper still,
as You call me deeper still,
as You call me deeper still
into love, love, love

Refrain

You're a good, good Father, it's who You are,
it's who You are, it's who You are
and I'm loved by You it's who I am,
it's who I am, it's who I am Repeat x2

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Message

Standing in the Strength of the Lord
Deut. 4:1–9/Eph 6:10–20
(Sermon Notes on Last Page)

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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 ✕ 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 Offering During Distribution – Instrumental – Reign!

Benediction

Musical Offering, Closing Song: This Is Amazing Grace

J. Riddle/J. Farro

1. Who breaks the pow'r
of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger?
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings

2. Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder,
and leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings:

Refrain

This is amazing grace,
this is unfailing love -
that You would take my place,
that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
that I would be set free:
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

3. Who brings our chaos
back into order?
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter?
The King of Glory,
the King of Glory

4. Who rules the nations
with truth and justice;
shines like the sun in
all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings Refrain

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Repeat 1x Refrain

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In Service Today

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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)