



Every good,
gift and
every perfect
gift is from
above.

James 1:17

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 5, 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

We do not face trials and temptations alone but in Christ Whose Strength is made perfect in our weakness and Whose Grace is our courage under duress. Even as we take comfort in the fact that Jesus knows and endured our temptations and emerged victorious; we face, head-on, the reality that temptation to sin is still a daily struggle for us. "Lead us not into temptation," Jesus taught us to pray daily. By our own weak powers, we are bound to fail and crumble under temptation and the weight of sin. At times we may fear that we are losing the battle. God works in those moments of test and temptation. God is present even in the troubles of life and His Good and Gracious Will carries us through those trials. In Christ's victory for us we can endure any temptation. Faith sees and holds on to the victory that has already been won for us by our Lord Jesus.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

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

Musical Offering, Opening Song: Sing, Sing, Sing
C.Tomlin

Refrain
We will sing, sing, sing,
and make music with the heavens!
We will sing, sing, sing,
grateful that You hear us
when we shout Your praise -
lift high the name of Jesus!

1. What's not to love about You?
Heaven and earth adore You;
kings and kingdoms bow down
Son of God, You are the One,
You are the One we're living for Refrain

2. You are the love that frees us;
You are the light that leads us
Like a fire burning,
Son of God, You are the One,
You are the One we're living for 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 God invites us to speak with Him.

C **He wants to hear from us.**

P He longs to hear our supplications and prayers,

C **our intercessions and thanksgivings for all people.**

P God desires that all be saved

C **and come to a knowledge of the truth.**

P whether rich or poor, rulers or the destitute,

C **God desires to save all people.**

P Blessed be the name of the LORD

C **from this time forth and forevermore!**

Confession of Sins

P Through God invites us to speak with Him in prayer, we have ignored His invitation. We often choose complaining and worrying over conversing with God. We all are guilty of listening to ourselves and the world instead of to God's Word. We turn to God's infinite mercy and ask for His forgiveness.

P Heavenly Father,

C We confess that we have ignored You and the gifts of prayer and Communion with You which You have given us. We fall short of Your desires for us in so many ways that we could never count or name them all. For the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Restore us as Your beloved people.

Good News of Forgiveness

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C so great is his love for those who fear him;

P as far as the east is from the west,
C so far has he removed our transgressions from us. *Psalm 103: 11-12*

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 Be assured today that He who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it at the day of Christ Jesus our LORD and Savior.

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: Our God Saves
B. Brown/P. Baloché

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come

We're gather'd together to lift up Your name, to call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come

We're gather'd together to lift up Your name, to call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace

Hear the joyful sound of our offering, as Your saints bow down, as Your people sing, we will rise with You,
lifted on Your wings, and the world will see that

Refrain

Our God saves, our God saves, there is hope in Your name; Mourning turns to songs of praise;
our God saves, our God saves

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come

We're gather'd together to lift up Your name, to call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace

Hear the joyful sound of our offering, as Your saints bow down, as Your people sing, we will rise with You,
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Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7a (ESV)

Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle – James 1:1-18 (ESV)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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

Holy Gospel – Mark 7:24-37 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the seventh chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

Children's Message – Pastor Zach Sarrualt

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: Our God

C. Tomlin/J. Myrin

1. Water You turned into wine,
opened the eyes of the blind -
there's no one like You,
none like You

2. Into the darkness You shine;
out of the ashes we rise -
There's no one like You,
none like You

Refrain

Our God is greater, Our God is stronger,
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power,
Our God, our God,

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opened the eyes of the blind -
there's no one like You,
none like You

2. Into the darkness You shine;
out of the ashes we rise -
There's no one like You,
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Refrain

Our God is greater, Our God is stronger,
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power,
Our God, our God, Repeat

Bridge

And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against - then what could stand against us?

Refrain

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Message:

The Steadfast Church
James 1:1-18

Pastor Zach Sarrault

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

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**

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

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+ Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! Thanks Be to God! +

In Service Today:

Praise Worship Leader: Christopher Reed
Reign! Vocals: Angela Ferguson
Reign! Percussion: Jeff Ashmore
Reign! Woodwinds: Lecia Cecconi-Roberts
Reign! Keyboards: Dorothy Conners
Reign! Bass Guitar: Don Martin
Reign! Lead Guitar: Charlie Shiel

Preacher: Pastor Zach Sarrault
Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Blanke
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