



Life Together: Only One Word

James 3:1-12

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 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

The Old Testament prophecies point to Christ Jesus, Who would be slaughtered and killed by men unjustly. And yet Christ humbled Himself for this purpose. God in His Mercy shows His Love for the whole world by accepting the sacrificial death of Jesus as full payment for our sins. James reminds us that true faith will show itself in a controlled lifestyle. How we talk to/with/about each other is a witness to the world, a living out of our faith.

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.
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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.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

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

PRELUDE

Earth and All Stars – J. Behnke

Heavenly Handbells

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 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.**

❖ CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your Ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

❖ ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

❖ KYRIE

LSB 168

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.**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE – arr. J. Ferguson

LSB 171-172



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

❖ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, Whose Strength is made perfect in weakness,

C **grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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

Jeremiah 11:18-20 [ESV]

(The Lord is a Righteous Judge.)

The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let

us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.”

But, O LORD of Hosts, Who judges righteously, Who tests the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance upon them, for to You have I committed my cause.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 54 [ESV]

(The Lord delivers us from all our troubles.)

L O God, save me by Your Name,
C **and vindicate me by Your Might.**

L O God, hear my prayer;
C **give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;
C **they do not set God before themselves. *Selah***

L Behold, God is my helper;
C **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

L He will return the evil to my enemies;
C **in Your Faithfulness put an end to them.**

L With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;
C **I will give thanks to Your Name, O LORD, for It is good.**

L For He has delivered me from every trouble,
C **and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**
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

James 3:1–12 [ESV]

(The tongue can be a dangerous fire.)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.

The tongue is set among our members,

staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue.

It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the Likeness of God.

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.

My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs?

Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA AND VERSE** – arr. J. Ferguson

LSB 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 9:30–37 [ESV]

(Jesus equates greatness to service and humbleness.)

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee.

And He did not want anyone to know, for He was teaching His disciples,

saying to them,
“The Son of Man is going to be delivered
into the hands of men, and they will kill
Him. And when He is killed, after three
days He will rise.”

But they did not understand the saying,
and were afraid to ask Him.

And they came to Capernaum.

And when He was in the house He asked
them,

“What were you discussing on the way?”

But they kept silent, for on the way they
had argued with one another about who
was the greatest.

And He sat down and called the twelve.

And He said to them,

“If anyone would be first,
he must be last of all and servant of all.”

And He took a child and put him in the
midst of them, and taking him in His
arms, He said to them,

“Whoever receives one such child in My
Name receives Me, and whoever receives
Me, receives not Me but Him who sent
Me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bob Unger

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857

**1. Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.**

**2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.**

**3. No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.**

**4. You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.**

**5. Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.**

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SERMON

Pastor Zach Sarrault

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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.**

INSTALLATION OF JENNY PIONTEK AS YOUTH DIRECTOR

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Jenny Piontek has been appointed to serve as the Youth Director at Resurrection Lutheran Church. This ministry has been established to strengthen and support the Office of the Public Ministry and its work. Hear the Word of God concerning this ministry.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

We have different gifts, according to the Grace given us.

If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.
(Romans 12:3-8)

The pastor addresses the candidate:

P Do you believe the canonical books of the Old and New Testament to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

R *I do.*

P Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all errors which they condemn; and do you accept the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as contained in the Book of Concord to be a correct exposition of Holy Scripture?

R *I do.*

P Do you solemnly promise faithfully to serve God's people in your ministry in accordance with the Word of God, the Ecumenical Creeds and the Confessions of the Church?

R *I do.*

P Will you, trusting in God's Care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

R *I will with the Help of God.*

The pastor addresses the congregation:

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the confession and solemn promise of Jenny Piontek appointed to serve in the ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church. I ask you now, in the Presence of God:
Will you receive her, show her fitting love and honor, support her by your gifts and fervent prayer?

Is so, answer: We will with the Help of God.

C We will with the Help of God.

P The Almighty and Most Merciful God strengthen and lead you always.

The pastor asks the candidate:

P Are you ready and willing to assume the work of this ministry?

R *I am.*

P Jenny Piontek, I consecrate and install you as the Youth Director at Resurrection Lutheran Church, in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The ministry staff of RLC may share a blessing with the candidate.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, the Fountain and Source of all Wisdom, we thank You for leading

Jenny Piontek to accept the appointment to serve as Youth Director at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Grant to her Your Holy Spirit and adorn her with wisdom from on high. Lead us to receive Jenny's faithful service in Christ that we might be equipped for service to You all our days to Eternal Life; in the Name of Jesus we pray.

C Amen.

P May our Loving God, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His Name.

Go in peace and serve with joy.

C Amen.

❖ **GREETING OF PEACE**

The people may 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. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex. At this time, we encourage you to fill out the fellowship pads located in the pews.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – C. Mocklebust

Heavenly Handbells

❖ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

❖ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of Heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those who You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy Cross and Passion, Your Blessed Death, Your Rest in the tomb, Your Resurrection from the dead, Your Ascension into Heaven, and Your Coming for the Final Judgment. So remember us in Your Kingdom 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.

❖ **PAX DOMINI**

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. [For those choosing to wear masks, as the Officiant 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 Officiant

can drop the host into your hand, contact free. [You may leave your mask off until the 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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901

- 1. Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**
- 2. Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!**
- 3. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**
- 4. Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.**
- 5. Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.**

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Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

- 1. Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.**
- 2. God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

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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 COLLECT**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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.

C **Amen.**

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

LSB 920

**1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**

**2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; Kingship with Him His servants gain;
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal, Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**

**4. Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak; Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**

**5. We are the Church; Christ bids us show That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores True peace, true love to all mankind.**

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Neander – F. Peeters

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