



Life Together:
Only
One Word

James 3:1-12

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 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

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 and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Musical Offering, Opening Song: The Battle Belongs to the Lord

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land;
the battle belongs to the LORD
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand;
the battle belongs to the LORD

Refrain

We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the LORD
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When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,
the battle belongs to the LORD
He's raised up a standard - the pow'r of His blood;
the battle belongs to the LORD
Refrain

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear:
the battle belongs to the LORD
Take courage, my friend! Your redemption is near!
the battle belongs to the LORD

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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.

Confession of Sins and Good News of Forgiveness

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.**

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.**

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this, what you require of me:
love my neighbor as myself and You above all things

Refrain
Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God;
in all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God

It all comes down to this: to be Your hands and feet,
Good News to all the world, the truth will set us free!

Refrain
Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God;
in all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God

It's beauty for ashes, it's mourning to dancing,
it's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven
(repeat)

Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed, the only way it grows:
Refrain X2

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 11:18-20 (ESV)

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.

Epistle – James 3:1-12 (ESV)

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.

Holy Gospel – Mark 9:14-29 [ESV]

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

C Glory 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, Lord Christ.**

Children's Message – Bob Unger

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: Come, People of the Risen King

1. Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morningstar of grace;
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace!

Refrain

3. Come, young and old from ev'ry land,
men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands.
find the riches of His grace;
Over all the world His people sing,
shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through ev'ry age:
Our God is all in all!

Refrain

Message:

Pastor Zach Sarrault

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**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.

P 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.

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: Your Love Defends Me
H. Kerr/M. Maher

1. You are my joy,
You are my song
You are the well,
the One I'm drawing from
You are my refuge my whole life long -
where else would I go?

Refrain

Surely my God is
the strength of my soul;
Your love defends me,
Your love defends me
And when I feel like
I'm all alone,
Your love defends me,
Your love defends me

2. Day after day,
night after night,
I will remember You're
with me in this fight
Although the battle -
it rages on,
the war's already won;
I know the war is already won!
Refrain

We sing hallelujah,
You're my portion, my salvation,
Hallelujah
Refrain X2

We sing hallelujah,
You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah,
You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah,
You're my portion, my salvation

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In Service Today

Praise Worship Leader: Christopher Reed
Reign! Vocal Leader: Rebecca Melland-Kuo
Reign! Musician: Lecia Cecconi-Roberts
Reign! Musician: Doug Durnbaugh
Reign! Musician: Charlie Shiel
Reign! Musician: Lewis Wuori
Video Technician: Jason Piontek
Sound Technician: Garrett Nigg

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