

Sacrifice Made Possible

Luke 14:25-35



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 4, 2022 – 11:00 am

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

Lessons and Liturgy Today

Jesus was born to walk the lonely path of the cross. Many people walked with Jesus as He journeyed to that cross but many of them did not stay with Him. We are called to walk with Him in faith – not some meandering stroll, but the walk of disciples who follow the Lord Jesus, where He has forged the way. We also pray that we may not wander away but endure to Eternal Life.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the LORD be with you!
C **And also with you!**

Opening Song

Let It Rise

1. Let the glory of the LORD rise among us;
Let the glory of the LORD rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise Sing 2x

Refrain
O, let it rise
O, let it rise

2. Let the songs of the LORD rise among us;
Let the songs of the LORD rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise Sing 2x Refrain

3. Let the glory of the LORD rise among us;
Let the glory of the LORD rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise Sing 2x Refrain

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Commissioning of Troy Hirt as Stephen Ministry Leader

Invocation of The Holy Trinity

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 God's Forgiveness

John 20:21-23

P See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. *(Deuteronomy 30:15)*

C **The LORD knows the way of the righteous.** *(Psalm 1:6)*

P Therefore choose life, loving the LORD your God. *(Deuteronomy 30:19)*

C **Blessed is the man whose delight is in the Law of the LORD.** *(Psalm 1:1-2)*

P Dearly beloved, in order that we may receive Life and good from God, we must first confess our ways of death and evil. Our sin constantly separates us from the Love of God and lures us to the way of loneliness and death. We confess our sin in the faith and hope of the promised forgiveness of our sin for the Sake of Jesus Christ.

C **I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds, and chosen the way of death and evil. In sincere sorrow God's Gift of faith moves me to plead for forgiveness and the earnest desire to choose life and good for the Sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord.**

P Love the Lord your God, obey His Voice and hold fast to Him, for He is your Life. *(Deuteronomy 30:20)*
As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I pronounce to You His Word and Promise: I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name

2. Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, LORD, still I will say:

Refrain

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name,
blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

3. Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name

4. Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
tho' there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, LORD, still I will say

Refrain

You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

Sing 2x

Refrain

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 [ESV]

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the Commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His Ways, and by keeping His Commandments and His Statutes and His Rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His Voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philemon 1-21 [ESV]

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the Sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the Gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-35 [ESV]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now great crowds accompanied Him, and He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple. "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Song of the Day

Even So, Come

1. All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the LORD -
Jesus is coming soon

2. Call back the sinner, wake up the saint; Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame -
Jesus is coming soon

Refrain

Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for You;
ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, LORD Jesus, come,
Even so come, LORD Jesus, come

3. There will be justice; all will be new; Your name forever faithful and true -
Jesus is coming soon

Refrain

So we wait, we wait for You;
God, we wait, You're coming soon

Sing 2x

Refrain

Even so come, LORD Jesus, come,
Even so come, LORD Jesus, come

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The Message

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The 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.

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

Closing Song

Only King Forever

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

You are the only King forever, Almighty God, we lift You higher;
You are the only King forever, forevermore You are victorious

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

Refrain Sing 2x

P Go now in peace to serve the LORD.
C **Thanks be to God!**

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Sacrifice Made Possible (Lk 14:25-35; 23:26)
13th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 18, Series C

Salt adds savory interest to food invisibly. Jesus' words about salt today accompany a sermon on discipleship. He implies His followers will make a difference in the world the way salt makes a difference in food. Can we stay salty on our own? Can we begin to make the sacrifices Jesus describes? No. But where we say "I can't" the Spirit of the risen Christ in us (who gave up His life on His cross for us) says "I already have."

1. **The Gospels Record a Man Named _____ Carrying _____ (23:26)**
 - a. There was nothing "salty" about Simon of Cyrene—at least not at first. His carrying of Jesus' cross was a job forced on him.
 - b. Was Simon chosen to carry a cross a job forced on him as a foreigner and outsider? He might be the last person expected to sacrifice for someone else.
2. **The Book of Acts Records People Like Simon Were Present at the _____ (Acts 2:10) and Received _____ through Baptism**
 - a. The Spirit of the risen Christ is poured out on the first disciples and those from Cyrene hear them speak "as if in [their] own tongues the mighty works of God"
 - b. Simon's sons Rufus and Alexander were known to St. Mark (Mark 15:21) and therefore were baptized Christians; through Simon, the gift of faith was passed down!
 - c. Through hardship (not earthly blessing) the early church was given to grow.
3. **Our Very Lives Record the Difficulty of _____**
 - a. Are we called to truly "hate" our families? Yes. (Though in its original context, this would have meant being called to love God first and our families second.)
 - b. Can we truly "count the cost" of discipleship? No. We can begin to do so, but that cost will always be more than we are ready for.
4. **Jesus' Cross is the Place Where an _____ Has Taken Place for Us and the People of the World!**
 - a. Jesus' death and resurrection mean that God has exchanged our sins and death with Christ's righteousness and life. We, the unsalty people of God have become flavorful!
 - b. By the Holy Spirit, our concern is less and less about our OWN flavor and more and more about how God is at work through all of us to make the world a tastier place!