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Role Models in the Faith

Prayers for ALL

1 Timothy 2:1-8

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 – 8:00 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

Role Models in the Faith

Who are your role models? Maybe that's a question that you haven't thought of in a while. Many of us often think of role models from our childhood, but hopefully you can think of someone in the present that you look to as a role model. Here's another question for you. Who are you a role model for? That might be the more challenging question! First and Second Timothy are all about role models. Paul was young pastor Timothy's role model and wrote these letters to encourage and instruct him in being a role model to others. It's quite the high calling! As you seek to answer, 'who are your role models?' and 'who are you a role model for?' thank heaven that we have more than a role model, but a Savior – Jesus Christ!

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

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

PRELUDE

(8:00) *Processional Alleluia* – K. McChesney

Heavenly Handbells

GREETING



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.

❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS** *John 20:21-23*

P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; that You may be feared.** (*Psalms 130:3-4*)

P As God's people, let us take refuge in His infinite Mercy, seeking His Grace for the Sake of Christ Jesus, as we confess our sin to Him.

P Holy and Generous God,

C **You graciously give us all we need for this body and life—and more. Yet, we take Your Gifts for granted and claim them as our own. So often we trample on the needy and damage Your creation. We misuse what You give us instead of shrewdly using it to extend Your Kingdom. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We owe a debt we could never repay. We don't deserve Your Generosity, Mercy, or Grace. Thus we come to You, asking You to forgive us, restore us, and renew us, for Jesus' Sake. Amen.**

P God is Faithful and rich in His Mercy. He extends this Mercy to us, undeserving sinners. Because of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we know God's Grace.

Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P May He Who began this Good Work within you bring it to completion on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1: 6*)

C **Amen.**

SONG

Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

LSB 694

1. Thee will I love, my strength, my tower; Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
Thee will I love with all my power, With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.

2. Thee will I love, my life, my Savior, Who art my best and truest friend.
Thee will I love and praise forever, For never shall Thy kindness end.
Thee will I love with all my heart—Thou my Redeemer art!

3. I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven, Whose radiance hath brought light to me;
I thank Thee, who hast richly given All that could make me glad and free;
I thank Thee that my soul is healed By what Thy lips revealed.

4. O keep me watchful, then, and humble; Permit me nevermore to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would stumble, And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light, O Radiance strong and bright!

5. Thee will I love, my crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness, And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.

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❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual Mercy;

C **and, because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

Amos 8:4-7 [ESV]

(The Lord will make things right.)

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,

⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be
over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat
for sale, that we may make the ephah
small and the shekel great and deal
deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of
Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their
deeds.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 113 [ESV]

(Praise the Name of the Lord.)

L ¹Praise the LORD!

C **Praise, O servants of the LORD,**

L praise the Name of the LORD!

C ²**Blessed be the Name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

L ³From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the Name of the LORD is to be praised!**

L ⁴The LORD is high above all nations,

C **and His Glory above the heavens!**

L ⁵Who is like the LORD our God, Who is seated on high,

C ⁶**Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

L ⁷He raises the poor from the dust

C **and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

L ⁸to make them sit with princes,

C **with the princes of his people.**

L ⁹He gives the barren woman a home,

C **making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!**

**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

1 Timothy 2:1-8 [ESV]

(St. Paul reminds Timothy, and us, to pray for all people.)

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth.

⁵For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men,

the man Christ Jesus, ⁶Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(1 Timothy 2:5-6)

C **Alleluia. For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all. Alleluia.**



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-15 [ESV]

(Jesus tells the parable of the Dishonest Manager.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you?

Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’

³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me?

I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.'

⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first,

'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.'

He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

⁷ Then he said to another,

'And how much do you owe?'

He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.'

He said to him,

'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness.

For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.

⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ "One who is faithful in a very little is

also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other,

or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed Him.

¹⁵ And He said to them,

"You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the Sight of God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Erika Hulse, Children's Ministry Director

Children, and their parents, gather at the Baptismal Font.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

L When your children were baptized, you promised to place the Holy Scriptures into their hands, and asked the Holy Spirit to help them grow in faith and love for Jesus. Are you willing to carry out this promise?

Parents: *Yes, we are committed to our promise to help our children grow in faith; and in love for God and His Ways.*

L Parents, we pray that you will help your children read their Bible and grow to love Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may the Holy Bible be a blessing in the faith life of your child and at your home.

*Parents place the Holy Bible into the hands of their child,
and share a word about its importance and the Good News of Jesus revealed in it.*

Parents *This Bible tells how much God loves you.
Together, we will learn about Jesus and grow in our faith.*

L Today you are receiving a Bible.
It is our hope that you will regularly use this Bible to learn more about Jesus and His Love for you. May God bless you and your parents through the reading of your Bible.

L Go in peace, dedicated to growing in the knowledge of God's Grace and salvation, through the study of His Word.

Parents and their children return to their seats.

SONG

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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**1. We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**2. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

**3. Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.**

**4. To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.**

**5. The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.**

**6. And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.**

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SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Prayers for ALL

1 Timothy 2:1-8

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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.**

C **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.**

❖ **GREETING OF PEACE**

All are invited to 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. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)

Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Amazing Grace - arr. S. Eithun

Heavenly Handbells

❖ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P We bring our supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings to the Lord;
we pray lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.

C **Hear us, Generous and Merciful God.**

P We pray for our president and all leaders who govern our civic entities.
Guide the leaders of our community, county, state, nation, and world in all of
the decisions they make on our behalf.

C **We pray for ourselves and ask that You lead us in living peaceful and quiet
lives that are godly and dignified in every way.**

P We know that You desire for all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth.

C **Lead us in reaching out to those people we meet, who do not know You.
Give us the ears to hear, the words to speak, and the actions to show
Your Love in their lives.**

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 for the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Jesus, 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**1. Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

**2. We give our minds to understand Your ways;
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design;
Hearts with the flame of Your own love ablaze—
Thus for Your glory all our pow'rs combine.**

**3. Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

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**1. What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!**

**2. The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!**

**3. The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!**

**4. What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!**

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❖ **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

- P The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth
and forevermore.
- 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.**

❖ **HYMN**

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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- 1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**
- 2. Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**
- 3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.**
- 4. Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.**
- 5. When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.**

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

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Living Lord – Peterson

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Servants in Worship

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Presiding Minister Rev. Zach Sarrault
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Prayers for ALL (1 Timothy 2:1-8)
15th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 20, Series C

It is difficult to read our Epistle lesson for today and NOT notice St. Paul's repetition: "I encourage prayers on behalf of ... ALL people...God desires ALL people to be saved...Christ Jesus gave Himself a ransom for ALL..." Do we get the message? God's heart is for all! And He encourages us through St. Paul to bring the needs of *all* before the throne of heaven that we might live in "peace" (2).

1. **St. Paul encourages Timothy to offer up prayers for _____ and all _____ (2:2)**
 - a. In the world of St. Paul's day, kings were considered divine figures in the eyes of the average person and a type of "emperor cult" was the order of the day.
 - b. Not only does respect for and prayer on behalf of earthly rulers encourage a measure of law and order to be respected...it emphasizes that rulers, like everyone else, depend on the guidance and mercy of God!
2. **St. Paul underlines God's desire to _____ and Jesus' _____ for _____! (2:4, 6)**
 - a. Faith is the empty hand into which God places His gifts for us, but Jesus' payment for sins was accomplished for all people of the world (objectively) through His death on a cross and His glorious resurrection.
 - b. Timothy is encouraged to see the actions of earthly "saviors" in the context of the only true Savior of the world: Jesus Christ
 - c. St. Paul's testimony (as well as Timothy's and ours) is Jesus' once-and-for-all rescue of the world from sin and death.
3. **St. Paul recognizes that the Church's _____ and _____ frustrate the Church's call to intercede on behalf of the _____ (2:8)**
 - a. While informed, political action as a civic duty is a responsibility in any democratic society, we are called to be apolitical in our choices of whom we strive to reach with the Gospel of Christ.
 - b. What person or persons whom you might not ordinarily be inclined to pray for might St. Paul be encouraging you to hold in prayer today? Write his/her/their name(s) here: _____