Jesus tells us . . .

“Don’t be afraid”
A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. This May, Resurrection celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior’s love continues today in the faithful gathering of God’s people, whether we are together in God’s house, in the church parking lot, or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

The Lessons and Liturgy Today
As followers of Jesus, we have been given the job of confessing Him (sharing the Good News of the Gospel) to the world. However, we aren’t doing this alone. God Himself promises to be present with His people. Sometimes that presence is realized through the ministry of angels; at other times, it is special people who carry out God’s Work on our behalf. Time after time in the Scriptures we hear the words, “Do not fear!” spoken to people as they encountered God or His Messengers. The Good and Gracious Will of God, Who values each one of His people, is that His children live out their earthly lives free from fear and confident of the eternal blessings that await them through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 2020

PREPARING TO COME INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

*Father Welcomes All His Children* – R. Mann

WELCOME

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.
INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

L  In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C  Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L  Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
C  Who made Heaven and earth.

L  If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C  But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

L  Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.
Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite Mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the Sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C  Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to Everlasting Life. Amen.

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS  

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SONG  

Your Grace Is Enough – M. Maher

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God, you wrestle with the sinner's restless heart; you lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart - So remember your people, remember your children, remember your promise, O God:
Refrain
Your grace is enough,
your grace is enough,
your grace is enough for me

2. Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob,
you use the weak to lead the strong;
you lead us in the song of your salvation
and all Your people sing along -
So remember your people,
remember your children,
remember your promise, O God:
Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

L Let us pray.
Almighty and Eternal God, You have demonstrated Your Power and Love in many ways. Grant that we pass though this life with unshakeable confidence, knowing that truly there is nothing to fear and that one day we shall know the fullness of Your Eternal Presence in Your Glorious Kingdom. This we ask for the Sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King.
C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 20:7–13
(The LORD is with me and has delivered my life.)

O Lord, You deceived me, and I was deceived;
You overpowered me and prevailed.
I am ridiculed all day long;
everyone mocks me.
Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction.
So the Word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long.

But if I say, “I will not mention Him or speak anymore in His Name,”
His Word is in my heart like a fire,
a fire shut up in my bones.
I am weary of holding It in;
indeed, I cannot.
I hear many whispering,
“Terror on every side!
Report him! Let’s report him!”
All my friends
are waiting for me to slip, saying,
“Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we will prevail over him
and take our revenge on him.”
But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;
their dishonor will never be forgotten.
O LORD Almighty, You Who examine the righteous
and probe the heart and mind,
let me see Your Vengeance upon them,
for to You I have committed my cause.
Sing to the LORD!
Give praise to the LORD!
He rescues the life of the needy
from the hands of the wicked.

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

**PSALM HYMN**

*On Eagles’ Wings*

**Psalm 91**

*LSB 727*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain
And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain
And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

Refrain

4. For to His angels He’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

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Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to Life; and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under the Law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the Law but under grace? By no means! Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is Eternal Life. For the wages of sin is death, but the Gift of God is Eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

HOLY GOSPEL
(You are of great value to your Heavenly Father.)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.
These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

All men will hate you because of Me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another.

I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and servant like his master.

If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!

“So do not be afraid of them.

There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the Will of your Father.

And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

“Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in Heaven.

But whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My Father in Heaven.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,
   Follow His example pure,
   Through a world that would deceive us
   And to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in His footsteps treading,

Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.

Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus
   And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
   Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
   We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
   Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
   Help me there Your joy to know.

3. Let us gladly die with Jesus.
   Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
   Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
   That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
   Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
   Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.
   There to live with You on high.

4. Let us also live with Jesus.
   He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
   Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
   Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
   Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
   Life eternal grant to me.

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SERMON

Rev. Jon Richter

Jesus tells us, "Don't be afraid!"

Matt 10:19-33, Romans 6:23

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,

MUSICAL OFFERING
Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing – NETTLETON, arr. C.A. Reed
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FATHERS’ DAY PRAYER

L Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for fathers, men whom You have entrusted with the task of following in Your Ways and passing on the faith to children. We thank you for their courage, strength and faithfulness.

C To fathers You have given the great responsibility of leading families. We pray that You would teach and lead them to be good fathers no matter how old or young their children are. Give them hearts like Your Heart that they may become known for compassion, tenderness, and mercy. May they live lives full of love and grace. May they not be afraid to use appropriate discipline and may they lead their families with great wisdom and gentleness. Help fathers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Jesus and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

L Send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all fathers who sorrow for children who have died; who are ill; who are estranged from their families; or who are in trouble of any kind. Help grieving fathers to rely on Your Tender Mercy, granting them hope in the midst of their grief.

C We ask Your Blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted the responsibility of fatherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them to faithful service through self-giving love. We pray all this in the Loving Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L 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:

L Lord, in Your Mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

L 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.

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

L 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

Children of the Heavenly Father

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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L    Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C    Thanks be to God.

OFFERING    (The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving and the mail.)

POSTLUDE

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