

Yet what we suffer now

IS NOTHING
COMPARED TO
THE GLORY
HE WILL REVEAL
TO US LATER.

Romans 8:18

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A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May 2020, 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

The Church is beset with many trials and tribulations. At times there seems to be no peace. The truth will come out in the harvest, the Last Day. That is when angels will separate the enemy's weed-like followers from the faithful who have been declared righteous for Christ's Sake. Knowing the end of the story, we can be at peace even while living among weeds. Moreover, when we do have difficulties, Paul reminds us, the Spirit "intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." In short, we leave everything in God's Gracious Hands. He is the Only God, as He declared through Isaiah. With Him in control, we have peace now and forever!

THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2020 — 9:00 A.M.

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PRELUDE

St. George's, Windsor – F. Peeters

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.**

L Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are His Judgments and how inscrutable His Ways!**

L For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.** (*Romans 11:33, 36*)

CONFESSION OF SINS

L Because we cannot fully understand God, we are prone to question His Judgments and wonder why He allows evil people to oppose Christ's Church from without and from within. But none of us is without error. Let us reflect on our own sinful human condition as we come into the Presence of the Almighty God.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

L Through Isaiah the Lord declared, "I Am the First and I Am the Last; besides Me there is no god." (*Isaiah 44:6*)

C **Almighty God, we confess that we have allowed ourselves, our friends, and the things around us to determine our actions; they have become as gods to us. We have not loved You, Heavenly Father, with all our heart, mind, and strength. Forgive us.**

L Paul wrote that "we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us." (*Romans 8:26*)

C **We confess that in our pride we have thought we knew what was good for us, and when we did not receive it, doubted that You, O Holy Spirit, had even heard our prayer. Forgive us.**

L In His parable about the wheat and weeds, Jesus explained that on the Day of Judgment “all causes of sin and all law-breakers” will be sent to a place of “weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (*Matthew 13:41-42*)

C We confess that we have judged the people around us, hurting many in the process and failing to see our own faults and failures. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, nor have we trusted Your Plans, Lord Jesus. Forgive us.

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

John 20:21-23

C Amen.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above to endure all tribulation and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God as she encounters opposition and persecution, and for the unity of all the redeemed of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, their intercessions, and petitions, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord.

C Amen.

SONG

God of Wonders – M. Byrd, S. Hindalong

1. **LORD** of all creation,
of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are your tabernacle;
glory to the **LORD** on high:

Refrain

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy;
the universe declares your majesty,
You are holy, holy;
LORD of heaven and earth,
LORD of heaven and earth...**

2. **Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light
and when I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night: Refrain**

Bridge

Hallelujah to the LORD of heaven and earth (repeat)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray.

O God, grant us such strength of faith in our hearts and minds

C **that we may live in peace no matter the trials or tribulations besetting us until
You receive us in Your Harvest at the end of this present age;**

L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 44:6-8

(God is the only true God, Who takes care of His people.)

“This is what the LORD says—
Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:
I Am the First and I Am the Last;
apart from Me there is no God.
Who then is like Me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and lay out before Me
what has happened since I established My ancient people,
and what is yet to come—
yes, let him foretell what will come.
Do not tremble, do not be afraid.
Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides Me?
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM HYMN

Psalm 119:57-64

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide my Ways

LSB 707

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| <p>1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!</p> <p>2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.</p> | <p>3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.</p> <p>4. Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.</p> |
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EPISTLE

Romans 8:18–27

(The Spirit intercedes for us even when words fail us.)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the Children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the Firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

For in this hope we were saved.

But hope that is seen is no hope at all.

Who hopes for what he already has?

But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He Who searches our hearts knows the Mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's Will.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

C **Alleluia. “I will open My Mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.” Alleluia.** (*Matthew 13:35*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

(The parable of the weeds and wheat)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

Jesus told them another parable:
“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ “An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ “No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’” Then He left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Vicar Alan Shaw

HYMN

O Worship the King

LSB 804, vs. 1, 4-5

1. **O worship the King,
 all-glorious above.
 O gratefully sing
 His pow’r and His love;**

**Our shield and defender,
 the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor
 and girded with praise.**

He answered, “The One Who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the Kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

4. Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

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SERMON

Vicar Alan Shaw

Clinging to the Promise of What's to Come
Romans 8:18–27

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

This Is Amazing Grace

1. **Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings**
2. **Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

Refrain

**This is amazing grace;
this is unfailing love
that you would take my place;
that you would bear my cross -
You laid down Your life
that I would be set free,
O Jesus, I sing for
all that you've done for me**

3. **Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory**
4. **Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

Refrain

Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
worthy is the King who conquered the grave (repeat)**

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L Let us pray for the Church and for all people in their various needs.

Silence for reflection on God's Word.

L For Christians here and wherever the redeemed of the Lord gather around Word and Sacrament, and for any conflict within the visible Church, let us pray to the Lord.

C Strengthen our faith, O Holy Spirit, through these Means of Grace, so that we remain strong and at peace even when dealing with opposition from the world around us.

L For those who lead the Church, lay and clergy alike, may they keep the Final Harvest ever before them, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Christ, give wisdom and courage to all who lead, so that the Church may continue to grow both in faith and in numbers.

L For our community and our nation, so that no one is denied freedom and dignity, let us pray to the Lord.

C Raise up leaders in our midst to order our towns and villages, state and nation, Heavenly Father. Grant them eyes of compassion, justice, decency, and order.

L For the nations of the world, that the Gospel be spread throughout this present age, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord over all, use the powers that be to maintain freedom within the borders of the nations and peace between neighboring states, so that that calm may prevail.

L For those who give care in emergencies and during chronic difficulties, let us pray to the Lord.

C Gracious Lord, protect, strengthen, and guide doctors and nurses, police and fire departments, our armed forces around the world, relief workers, grief counselors, and untold neighbors caring for those in need around them. Help us to appreciate all their efforts.

L For those near and dear to us, and for the many people we do not know, those whose lives are difficult because of illness, persecution, homelessness, and the results of manmade or natural disasters, let us pray to the Lord.

C Merciful Father, bring them healing, comfort, and relief. Restore them to peace and joy; that may they join us with thanks and praise to You.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

HYMN

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827, vs. 1-3

1. Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?
2. Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God’s Word so richly yields.
3. For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.

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

POSTLUDE

Hanover – F. Peeters

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ONLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WITH BOLT!

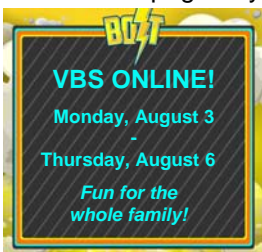
We are so excited to announce that VBS WILL BE HAPPENING this year! With one modification, though. Instead of you bringing your kids to VBS, we're bringing VBS to your kids.

This summer from August 3rd-6th, we'll be using a quarantine-friendly VBS called BOLT. With minimal preparation, easy-to-follow instructions, and a video that leads you and your kids step-by-step through each of the 3 days, BOLT is designed for you to perform with your family at home. It's so simple!

During BOLT, your family will participate in fun games that illustrate what it means to listen to, focus on, and follow Jesus. Depending on your pace, you can expect that each day's experience will last about an hour and a half. It's great for the whole family, even middle & high school kids!

If you want to get a better idea of what BOLT is, you can watch the [Day 2 sample video](https://youtu.be/2622ZaE0BX0) (youtu.be/2622ZaE0BX0). But don't let your kiddos see it just yet—we want to save the fun for later!

There's something else we're really excited about—this could also be an amazing outreach opportunity. If you feel comfortable gathering with more people, you can invite neighbors, friends, and family to your house for BOLT. It's such an easy and fun way to share the good news of Jesus with our community. There's a printable invitation for you to use on the Vacation Bible School webpage or you can share our social media posts with anyone you want to invite.



Please register online at rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school.




We'll be sending you more information as we get closer to Monday, August 3rd including how to join us for a live stream kick off session. This is going to be SO MUCH FUN! Questions? Contact lea.webb@rlcary.org or Susan Richard through RCB.



There are many opportunities to connect, serve, learn, and grow at Resurrection. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Subscribe to our YouTube channel for our worship services and other devotionals and encouraging words from Pastor Jonathan. We encourage you to join us as we reach out with the love of Christ – ***by grace, through faith, for service.***

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