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Out in  
Faith

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A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, weather we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

This is the story of humanity throughout time: We realize we can't do it on our own, so we cry out; and God saves us. St. Paul reminds us of this eternal truth: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." God hears our cries and saves us through Jesus Christ, giving us the gift of heaven. Jesus states how little is our faith. But we don't need to "whip up" more faith. Even the little faith we have – faith that calls on, and trusts in, Jesus – is enough. The invitation to come to Jesus, which Peter asked for and received, reminds us that prayer is God's gift to keep our eyes off of "the winds and waves" and on Jesus' rescue!

**THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 9, 2020 —9:30 A.M.**

**PREPARING TO COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**PRELUDE**

*"Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus," with "In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)"* Arr. by Tornquist

**WELCOME**

**MUSICAL OFFERING, ENTRANCE HYMN**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

**WOV 690, vs. 1 & 4**  
*(Sung by soloist)*

**1. Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,**

**With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?**

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;

Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

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❖ **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.

A (Spoken on behalf of the congregation by the Worship Assistant, Vicar Alan, hereafter, "A")  
**Amen.**

❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS**

P If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord  
A **and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,**

P you will be saved.

A **For with the heart one believes and is justified,**

P and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

A **Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.** (*Romans 10:9-10*)

P To You, O Lord, I call,

A **Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help.**

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

P Father of Mercy,

A **Our thinking and acting like we know more than You, we confess to You,  
Lord. Our wavering faith, we confess to You, Lord. Our giving in to  
paralyzing fear in the face of this world's raging storms, we confess to You,  
Lord. All of our sins, those of which we are aware, and those known only to  
You, we confess to You, Lord.**

## ❖ GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P Our Lord's once-for-all sacrifice on the cross and His glorious resurrection has not only opened Heaven to us but has covered our sins of weak faith, pride in ourselves, and failure to see the opportunities for ministry around us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Come and be nourished on the bounty of God's Word and Sacraments.

A **Amen.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN OF PRAISE

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

**WOV 781**

*(Sung by soloist)*

**1. My life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentation  
I catch the sweet though far off hymn  
That hails a new creation:**

Refrain

**No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging;  
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?**

**4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing:  
All things are mine since I am His—  
How can I keep from singing?**

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## ❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

A **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and Most Merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger  
A **that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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

Job 38:4-18

(Only God is able to save.)

“Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?  
Tell Me, if you understand.  
Who marked off its dimensions?  
Surely you know!  
Who stretched a measuring line across it?  
On what were its footings set, or Who laid its cornerstone---while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?  
Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, “This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?””

“Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it?  
The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment.  
The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised arm is broken.  
Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
Have the gates of death been shown to you?  
Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?  
Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth?  
Tell Me, if you know all this.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 10:5-17

(Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.)

Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the Law:  
"The man who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says:

"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into Heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say?

"The Word is near you; It is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame."

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile---the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, "Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved."

How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in?

And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard?

And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

And how can they preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

But not all the Israelites accepted the Good News.

For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

## ❖ ALLELUIA VERSE

A **Alleluia. Alleluia. [Let us fix our eyes] upon Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.** *(Hebrews 12:2a)*

## ❖ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

(Jesus walks on the water as He comes to calm the fears of His disciples.)

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

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

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd.

After He had dismissed them, He went up

on a mountainside by Himself to pray.

When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night  
Jesus went out to them,  
walking on the lake.  
When the disciples saw Him walking  
on the lake, they were terrified.  
"It's a ghost," they said,  
and cried out in fear.  
But Jesus immediately said to them:  
"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."  
"Lord, if it's You," Peter replied,  
"tell me to come to You on the water."  
"Come," He said.  
Then Peter got down out of the boat,  
walked on the water and came toward  
Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
A **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Alan Shaw

## MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN OF THE DAY

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

**LSB 717** (alternate lyrics for stanzas, 2-3)  
*(Sung by soloist)*

**1. Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.**

**2. O Christ, Whose Voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,  
Who walk-edst on the foaming deep  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.**

3. Most Holy Spirit, Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Our people shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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**SERMON**

“Stepping Out of the Boat to Join Christ”  
Matthew 14:22-33

Vicar Alan Shaw

❖ **APOSTLES' CREED**

**A 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.**



❖ **GREETING OF PEACE**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you.

A **And also with you.**

All are invited to take a moment to “greet” one another in the name of the Lord unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3). Any gesture (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

❖ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each additional petition:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

A **hear our prayer.**

P 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.

A **Amen.**

❖ **LORD'S PRAYER**

A **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.**

❖ **DISMISSAL BLESSING**

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life Everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

A **Amen.**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

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.

A **Amen.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING, CLOSING HYMN**

*Blessed Assurance*

**WOV 699, vs. 1 & 3**

*(Sung by soloist)*

**1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His Blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His Love. Refrain**

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God!**

**OFFERING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*“To You, O Lord, Will I Sing Praises” ~Reinhard*

**Servants for Worship Today**

- Preacher.....Vicar Alan Shaw
- Liturgist.....Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
- Vocalists.....Rebecca Melland-Kuo, Sonja Striplin
- Organist/Pianist.....Ashley Huddle
- Lay Reader.....Bill Xenakis

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## **RLC Congregational Voter's Meeting Notice**

**August 16, 2020 – 1:00 PM**

### **Topics:**

1. RLS and RLP Updates, and 2020-21 Budget Presentation/Approval
2. RLC 2020-21 Budget Presentation/Approval
3. Service Change Taskforce Recommendation/Approval
4. RLC Council Term Change
5. Associate Pastor Planning Update/Potential Timing
6. Congregational Questions and Answers

### **Notes:**

**Meeting will be held in-person, as well as via a special large capacity Zoom Account. We will provide assistance for those needing it in setting up or any other special assistance.**

**Specific documents will be sent out via RCB after the August 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.**






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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