



On **THIS ROCK**
I will build **MY CHURCH**,
and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18, ESV

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 22 & 23, 2020 — 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 A.M.

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, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Jesus asked His first disciples and us: "Who do you say that I am?" Together with St. Peter, we are given to confess that Jesus is the "Son of the living God (Matt. 16:16)," our Savior! God has built us on and around this statement of faith and uses such as us today to unlock the gifts of heaven for a world in need. What happens when everyone is empowered to be a part of that blessed work?

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at this worship service. All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and who affirm the following are welcome to come forward to receive it:

- I am a fallen and sinful person in need of God's forgiveness;
- The Sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine instituted by Christ Himself for us to eat and to drink;
- In the Sacrament, everyone who believes the words "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," receives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

At Resurrection Lutheran Church children who are baptized as infants are instructed so that they may receive Holy Communion understanding what it is we are looking for, and why we are coming. Newcomers to Resurrection Lutheran Church receive the opportunity for in-depth catechetical instruction. If you and/or your children of any age are not prepared to receive the Lord's Supper with this same statement of faith, you are requested to refrain from receiving Holy Communion at this time. We do, however, welcome you and the members of your family to come forward to receive a blessing. Please either stand still with head bowed or fold your arms across your body as a sign to receive the verbal blessing. Grape juice is available in the center of each tray of individual

cups for those who cannot tolerate wine and gluten free wafers are also available in the center of the paten, if needed. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

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

PRELUDE

Westminster Abby – P. Manz

WELCOME

❖ 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.

(Spoken on behalf of the congregation by Pastor Jonathan and Vicar Alan, hereafter, "A".)

A Amen.

❖ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

P God Almighty has promised to protect and defend the Church so that Satan and hell have no power over us. Although many forces rally against Christ's Church from the outside, there is also a significant battle going on within each of us as well. In light of this real conflict let us confess our sin to God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His Forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A **Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not trusted Your Promises completely. We have neglected Your Word; ignored the tenets of Your Law, and have diminished the importance of Your Gospel. In Your mercy, call us back to the Rock of our faith.**

P God has proclaimed that His Salvation is complete and eternal. Have no fear.

A **We confess, Lord, that we have not offered to Your Service all that we are and have. In Your Mercy, renew our hearts and minds that we may serve You in joy and gratitude.**

P God reminds us that we are united in faith within the Body of Christ. Have no fear.

- A** We confess that we have let our faith wane; we have let evil envelope us and magnify our fears.
In Your Mercy, assure us again that Jesus is the Christ, Your Only Son.
- P** Jesus promises that the gates of hell cannot prevail against His Church. Have no fear. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a Called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- A** **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

LSB 909, vs. 1-2, 3

(Sung by soloist)

1. **Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
 Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
 Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.**
2. **To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
 Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray;
 And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.**
3. **Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
 Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one:
 One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!**

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❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
A **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, Whom to know is Everlasting Life;
- A** **grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that
 we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way**

that leads to Eternal Life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 51:1-6

(God, the Lord, is the Rock of our salvation.)

“Listen to me, you who pursue
righteousness and who seek the LORD:
Look to the rock from which you were
cut and to the quarry from which you
were hewn;
look to Abraham, your father, and to
Sarah, who gave you birth.
When I called him he was but one, and I
blessed him and made him many.
The LORD will surely comfort Zion and
will look with compassion on all her ruins;
He will make her deserts like Eden, her
wastelands like the garden of the LORD.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

"Listen to Me, My people; hear Me, My
nation:
The Law will go out from Me; My Justice
will become a light to the nations.
My Righteousness draws near speedily,
My Salvation is on the way, and My Arm
will bring justice to the nations. The
islands will look to Me and wait in hope
for My Arm.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at
the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish
like smoke, the earth will wear out like a
garment and its inhabitants die like flies.
But My Salvation will last forever, My
Righteousness will never fail.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 11:33 – 12:8

(We are bound together by faith as in one body to support one another.)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the
Wisdom and Knowledge of God!
How unsearchable His Judgments, and
His Paths beyond tracing out!
"Who has known the Mind of the Lord?
Or who has been His counselor?"
"Who has ever given to God, that God
should repay him?"

For from Him and through Him and to
Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever! Amen.
Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of
God's Mercy, to offer your bodies as
living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-
-this is your spiritual act of worship.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's Will is--His Good, Pleasing and Perfect Will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you:

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all

have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.

If it is serving, let him serve;

if it is teaching, let him teach;

if it is encouraging, let him encourage;

if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously;

if it is leadership, let him govern diligently;

if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA VERSE**

A **Alleluia. Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the Household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the Cornerstone. Alleluia.** *(Ephesians 2:19-20)*

❖ **GOSPEL**

Matthew 16:13-20

(Peter states his confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.)

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

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

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say: John the Baptist; others say: Elijah; and still others: Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" He asked.

"Who do you say I Am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Jesus replied,

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by My Father in Heaven.
And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.
Then He warned His disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ.

I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE MaryAnn Unger, Director of Infant and Family Ministry

RITE OF ADMISSION TO FIRST COMMUNION

(Students and parents/sponsors please come forward)

P When these students were baptized, their parents and sponsors made several promises regarding their spiritual growth and training. One of those promises was to place the Scriptures in their children's hands that these young people might be prepared to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, receiving all the gifts our Lord offers there at His Table. Today we give thanks to God for the work which these parents and sponsors have done, are doing, and will continue to do to nurture their children in God's Word. Our prayer is that all of us standing here today might confess our sins and joyfully be received by God unconditional love and mercy in Christ Jesus, that we might receive Jesus Himself and the forgiveness of our sins so freely distributed in this Sacrament of Holy Communion.

A **Thanks to You, O Lord, for the faithful work of parents and sponsors.**

L In Holy Baptism you were born into the family of God and accepted by God as His very own. Jesus gives us this Holy Supper and invites us, His own brothers and sisters, to eat and drink His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins. You have learned what Jesus has done for you and the promises He gives you in the eating of the bread and drinking of the wine. His Presence is real and His love is given to you in this holy meal. As members of God's family you are now prepared to receive the Lord's Supper.

P Let us pray:
Gracious God, thank you for these young people who stand before us now. As they grow in years and in their knowledge of You, deepen their faith in Jesus, Your Son, and strengthen their trust in You by the guiding of Your Holy Spirit.

P Thank you for all who support, love, and encourage them as they continue in this endeavor. May the gift of Your Word and Sacraments always renew them with the knowledge of Your abiding love of them. In Jesus' name we pray.

A **Amen**

P By the authority of our Lord Jesus, I now invite our young Christian brothers and sisters to the Lord's Table to receive with us His rich love and real Presence in this sacrament. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go with God's peace and live in joy!

A **Amen**

(Students and their parents/sponsors return to their seats)

MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN OF THE DAY

Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand

LSB 645, vs. 1, 3-4

(Sung by soloist)

1. **Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**
3. **We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.**
4. **Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.**

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SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Built Up, Together (Rom. 11:33 – 12:8; Matt. 16:13–20)
Proper 16/Series A

Today we finish our four-part series on intentional neighborhood ministry at RLC and how our understanding of “church” changes when we think of the church as present in our own homes.

The Holy Spirit builds community among us by giving us opportunities to **serve** one another, to call out to God together in **prayer**, and to **reach out** in love for the “outsiders” around us. We close with a focus on the Spirit’s work of **empowering** each and every member of Christ’s body, the Church.

- I. Jesus’ empowering and building up of His Church through _____, ____ _ _____
 - a. It all started with a near-drowning episode on the Sea of Galilee (14:22-33)
 - b. It continued with Peter’s confession on behalf of all the disciples, “You are the Christ” (16:16)
 - c. It is most notably promised to occur in Peter receiving the “keys of the kingdom”...the ability to open access for others to God’s reign in Jesus
 - d. Despite Peter’s denial of his Lord all that needed doing for Jesus’ to empower and build up His Church through Peter and the first disciples was fulfilled through Jesus’ death and resurrection...it was revealed on the first Pentecost
- II. Jesus’ empowering and building up of His Church through ____ and ____
 - a. Like Peter, we know what it’s like to get out of the boat and flail
 - b. Our confession that Jesus is the “Christ, the Son of the Living God” is the result of the Spirit’s work in and among us
 - c. The church belongs to Jesus and receives the gift of the kingdom keys...to be used in the narrow sense by pastors and in the wider sense by all Christians everywhere
 - d. We all have a role to play; we all have gifts that God uses to build up His Church (see Romans 12:3-8)
- III. Jesus’ empowering and building up of His Church causes it to _____ so that not even the powers of _____ can overcome it!
 - a. The promise is not for particular congregations or visible denominations, but for the “Holy Christian Church” on earth
 - b. God enables us to open access for others to God’s reign in Jesus.

- c. Who do you know who would benefit from being empowered to use his/her God-given gifts? Maybe you yourself?
- d. A challenge: (1) find a person whom God can use you to build up as a part of His Church or (2) find a way that God can build you up within the community of faith so that others might access God's reign in Christ.

❖ **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 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, OFFERTORY HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802, vs. 1, 3-4

(Sung by soloist)

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

3. **To all life Thou givest—to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish—but naught changes Thee.**

4. **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.**

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❖ 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.

+ SACRAMENT +

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took, bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." *(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25)*

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

A **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Lord Jesus Christ, in this Sacrament You remind us of Your giving Yourself into death that we might have life and, by Your Infinite Mercy, be counted worthy to be living stones in Your Eternal Temple. So remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Maintaining physical space of 6 feet behind and to the side of each communicant (small children may stand with parents), please follow usher instructions to enter the central aisle and approach the distribution area. There are six small tables between the pews and chancel area. Worshippers sitting on the left side of the sanctuary (facing the altar) will turn left to commune, and those sitting on the right side will turn to the right. Having removed your mask, please approach the first table corresponding to the side of the sanctuary where you are seated. It contains a large paten for communion host (gluten free wafers are available in the middle of the paten). Receive the host while standing to the side of these tables.

Upon receiving the host, please approach the tray of individual cups at the worship leader's guiding and receive the wine to the side of the table. Empty cups are placed in the tray or basket on the third table. We recommend removing your mask to receive Holy Communion by touching ear loops or head straps only.

MUSICAL OFFERING, MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637
(Sung by soloist)

- 1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

- 2. He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

- 3. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

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**1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.**

**The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.**

**With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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❖ **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

**1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!**

Refrain

**Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

**4. Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. Refrain**

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P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
A Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Westminster Abby – C. Callahan

**Worshippers should await usher instructions before exiting the sanctuary.
We will dismiss by rows, starting in the back.**

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Servants in Worship

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
Liturgist.....Vicar Alan Shaw
Assisting Minister.....MaryAnn Unger, Director of Infant and Family Ministry
Organist/Pianist/Vocalist.....Robert E. Unger, Director of Worship and Music Ministry

(6:00)

Lector.....Cheryl Dirks
Vocalist.....Barbara Moll
Ushers.....Tom & Deb Gebbia
Greeters.....Jamee Thieme, Deb Oesterling
Altar Care.....Donna Krupcale

(8:00)

Lector.....MaryAnn Unger
Vocalist.....Rebecca Melland-Kuo
Ushers.....Bill & Jan Boyer
Greeters.....Grant & Brenda Peterson, Deb Oesterling
Altar Care.....Jan Boyer

**2020 1st Communion
5th Grade Baptismal Dates**

Name	Baptismal Date
Morgan Astudillo	5/17/2009
Juliet Barton	7/12/2009
Chase Blackburn	10/13/2008
Cooper Burgiss	5/6/2018
Michelle Cerny	11/30/2008
Jay Davis	9/20/2009
Cole Dirks	3/29/2009
Rees Dudek	10/25/2009
William Douglas	7/12/2009
Luke Frisbie	3/15/2009
Paavo Gresham	8/9/2009
Katy Guthrie	6/29/2011
Luke Heise	11/15/2009
Lyla Holfelder	5/17/2009
Jaxon Huddle	10/24/2009
MacKenzie Huskes	8/2/2009
Johanna Kell	6/21/2009
Addison Leahy	2/1/2009
Alec Leahy	2/1/2009
Sloan Plantan	8/16/2009
Natalie Rodrigo	5/18/2008
Sofia Rodrigo	5/18/2008
Nicole Shaltanis	7/5/2009
Sebastian Striplin	6/21/2009
Patricia Suskin	9/27/2009
Colin Swartz	10/18/2009
Lilah Upton	2/14/2010
Haley Wenzel	1/4/2009
R-Jay Yamamura	2/15/2009