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Psalm 32:5, NIV



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 5 & 6, 2020 – 6:00 PM, 8:00 & 9:30AM

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 said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven." (*Matthew 18:3*) It is of great comfort that Almighty God treats us as His dear children. While we rejoice in God's Tender Mercy for each of us, we are also reminded that God intends for us to share that same mercy with those around us, our family, our own children, and our brothers and sisters of the Household of God. John wrote, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (*1 John 4:11*) In other words, we, who have received God's Mercy, are the very channels and messengers of that same merciful forgiveness of sins to everyone.

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – arr. T. Smith, D. Hustad Piano/Organ Duet

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.

C Amen.

❖ CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
C **whose sin is covered.**

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:1, 5b)*

P Heavenly Father, You have ordained all the powers that be on this earth.
C **We confess that we have failed to acknowledge Your Authority through them; we have neglected to take personal responsibility for the ordering of our society; we have grumbled whenever we disliked the decisions made by those holding office. Forgive us and show us how we may rightfully serve You and one another.**

- P Lord Jesus, You have called Your Church to seek out our wayward brothers and sisters in Christ with the precious news of Your Forgiveness.
- C **We confess that we have given up on many people when they have sinned against us or grown cold in the faith.
Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may reconnect with them in meaningful ways, offering Your Grace and Forgiveness.**
- P Christ our Lord, You are inclined to mercifully consider the plight of children, the oppressed, and the downtrodden.
- C **We confess that we have at times neglected the "little ones" in our society except for those in our own families and through organized charities.
Forgive us and open our eyes to see You in the least of those around us.**
- P Jesus promised, "Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven...Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I among them." *(Matthew 18:18, 20)*
He has heard our confession in His Mercy and Grace.
Therefore, as a Called and ordained servant of Christ and by His Authority I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN OF PRAISE – arr. J. Ferguson

LSB 171-172
(Sung by soloist)

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength
And honor and blessing and glory are His. Refrain**

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

❖ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, from Whom all good proceeds,

C **grant to us, Your humble servants, Your Holy Inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your Merciful Guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

(God's call to repentance is serious.)

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the Word I speak and give them warning from Me.
When I say to the wicked,
'O wicked man, you will surely die,'
and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways,

that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood.
But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 32:1-7

(We confess our sin to the Lord; and He forgives us in Christ.)

- L Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
C **Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**
- L When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
C **For day and night Your Hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**
- L Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And You forgave the guilt of my sin.**
- L Therefore let all the faithful pray to You while You may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
C **You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
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

Romans 13:1-10

(Love is the fulfillment of the Law.)

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.
The authorities that exist have been established by God.
Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.
For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong.

Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority?
Then do what is right and he will commend you.
For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities,

not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

Give everyone what you owe him: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

The commandments,
"Do not commit adultery,"
"Do not murder,"
"Do not steal,"
"Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule:
"Love your neighbor as yourself."
Love does no harm to its neighbor.
Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA VERSE**

P **Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

Alleluia. (*Matthew 5:3*)

❖ **GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:1-20

(Jesus teaches us about humility and forgiveness.)

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

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

He called a little child and had him stand among them.

And He said:

"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My Name welcomes Me.

But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin,

it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

"Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin!

Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!

If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away.

It is better for you to enter Life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.

And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away.

It is better for you to enter Life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones.

For I tell you that their angels in Heaven always see the Face of My Father in Heaven.

"What do you think?

If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?

And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in Heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you.

If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in Heaven.

For where two or three come together in My Name, there am I with them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Alan Shaw

MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN OF THE DAY

**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!**

**2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.**

**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.**

**4. Make me to walk in Thy commands—'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.**

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SERMON

God's Immediate Forgiveness

Vicar Alan Shaw

Psalm 32:1-7



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.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you.
C **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

Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

LSB 777
(Sung by soloist)

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord; Peace in our time, O send us!
For there is none on earth but You, None other to defend us.
You only, Lord, can fight for us. Amen.

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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,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Remembering what He won for us by His obedient Life and Life-giving Death, and proclaiming His Resurrection and Ascension, we pray that You gather Your Church, O Lord, and bring us together at last that, with the saints above and all who confess You here, we may begin the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ Who has taught 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**

+ 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."

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

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. Worshipers 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. White grape juice cups are located in the interior circle of the tray. 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

(6:00/8:00) *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

LSB 649
(Sung by soloist)

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**
- 2. Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.**
- 3. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.**
- 4. When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.**
- 5. From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.**

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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.

C **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.

C **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING, CLOSING HYMN

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

LSB 820, vs. 1 & 4

(Sung by soloist)

**1. My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no sufferer friendless But rights the wronged at last.**

**4. His grace remains forever, And children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling, With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning, All you who hear His Word—
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!**

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

POSTLUDE

Chorale from *Finlandia* – arr. M. P. Setchell

Piano/Organ Duet

**Worshipers 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.....Vicar Alan Shaw
Liturgist.....Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
Organist/Pianist/Vocalist.....Robert E. Unger, Director of Worship and Music Ministry
Pianist.....Ashley Huddle

(6:00)

Worship Coordinator.....Donna Krupcale
Lector.....Char Magiera
Vocalist.....Barbara Moll
Usher.....Jason & Betsy Moll
Altar Care.....Laura Lubak
Greeters.....Jamee Thieme, Deb Oesterling

(8:00)

Worship Coordinator.....Jan Boyer
Lector.....Deb Oesterling
Vocalist.....Rebecca Melland-Kuo
Ushers.....Bill Boyer, Linda Rhoden
Greeters.....Deb Oesterling, Shari Bishop

(9:30)

Lector.....Sue Campau
Vocalist.....Rebecca Melland-Kuo
Altar Care.....Brenda Peterson