

do not be anxious about anything
but in everything by prayer ...
with thanksgiving present your
requests to God.
Philippians 4:6



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

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

The Lord is the Host of a Feast of rich food, a Feast of well-aged wine (*Isaiah 25:6*); a Table prepared before us in the presence of our enemies (*Psalms 23:5*); a King Who gave a wedding feast (*Matthew 22:2*). Our God is the most gracious of hosts as He cares for us with His Own Body and Blood at His Table as a foretaste of the Feast to come!

The Holy Spirit has invited us to this Feast and we have come!

At this Banquet we will find everything needed for a life filled with grace, mercy, and peace.

Let us encourage one another in our common fellowship and faith.

Let us be mindful that at the center of our gathering is the Master Who brings peace and fills us with life, love, and forgiveness. Let us rejoice in the Lord, always!

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

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

PRELUDE

Allegro Spiritoso – G. Underwood

Heavenly Handbells

GREETING

❖ **INVOCATION**

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The feast is ready.
C **We come to the feast.**

P The LORD will swallow up death forever;
C **the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces.** *(Matthew 22:4; Isaiah 25:8)*

❖ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Lord God, we confess that in many ways we have refused Your Invitation of mercy and love.

C **Forgive our neglect.**

P We have desired the things of this world that cannot satisfy or save.

C **Help our lack of faith.**

P We have neglected our neighbors in their need, even those closest to us.

C **Fill us with Your Love.**

P Hear our penitent cry.

C **For Jesus' Sake, grant us Your Salvation.**

P 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.

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

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

**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.**

❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation.

C **Deal with us not in the severity of Your Judgment but by the greatness of
Your Mercy; 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

Isaiah 25:6-9

(The Feast prepared by the Lord.)

On this mountain the LORD Almighty
will prepare a feast of rich food for all
peoples, a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
On this mountain He will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
He will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the
tears from all faces;

He will remove the disgrace of His people
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.
In that day they will say,
“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in Him, and He saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in Him;
let us rejoice and be glad in His
Salvation.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING, PSALM HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want

Psalm 23

LSB 710

(Sung by soloist)

**1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.**

**2. My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.**

**3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.**

**4. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows**

**5. Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.**

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EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-13

(Paul encourages us to rejoice in the Lord always.)

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all.
The Lord is near.
Do not be anxious about anything, but in
everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests
to God.
And the Peace of God, which transcends
all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, brothers, whatever is true,
whatever is noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,

whatever is admirable—if anything is
excellent or praiseworthy—think about
such things.
Whatever you have learned or received or
heard from me, or seen in me—put it into
practice.
And the God of Peace will be with you.
I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you
renewed your concern for me.
Indeed, you have been concerned, but you
had no opportunity to show it.
I am not saying this because I am in need,
for I have learned to be content whatever
the circumstances.

I know what it is to be in need, and I
know what it is to have plenty.
I have learned the secret of being content
in any and every situation,

whether well fed or hungry, whether living
in plenty or in want.
I can do everything through Him Who
gives me strength.

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

❖ **ALLELUIA AND VERSE** – arr. J. Ferguson

LSB 173
(Sung by soloist)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of Eternal Life. Alleluia.

❖ **GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:1-14

(The parable of the Wedding Feast.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables,
saying:
“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a king
who prepared a wedding banquet for his
son.
He sent his servants to those who had
been invited to the banquet to tell them to
come, but they refused to come.
“Then he sent some more servants and
said, ‘Tell those who have been invited
that I have prepared my dinner:
My oxen and fattened cattle have been
butchered, and everything is ready.
Come to the wedding banquet.’
“But they paid no attention and went
off—one to his field, another to his
business.

The rest seized his servants, mistreated
them and killed them.
The king was enraged.
He sent his army and destroyed those
murderers and burned their city.
“Then he said to his servants,
‘The wedding banquet is ready,
but those I invited did not deserve to
come.
Go to the street corners and invite to the
banquet anyone you find.’
So the servants went out into the streets
and gathered all the people they could
find, both good and bad, and the wedding
hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Bob Unger

MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN OF THE DAY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB 803
(Sung by soloist)

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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SERMON **The Friendship Epistle, 4: Guarded by Peace, Together**
Philippians 4:4-13 Pastor Jonathan Blanke
See sermon notes on page 12



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.

NEW MEMBER RITE

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission to the world.

P In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- P That we may rejoice in your confession, I now ask you in the presence of God and of this congregation:
Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God? If so, answer: I do.
- R *I do.*
- P Do you confess that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures as you have learned to know them from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true? If so, answer: I do.
- R *I do.*
- P You have made public profession of your faith.
- P Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism, to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
Will you commit yourself to live a godly life according to the Word of God in faith, word, and action? If so, answer: I do so intend, with the help of God.
- R *I do so intend, with the help of God.*
- P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers, time, treasure and talent?
If so, answer: I will, with the help of God.
- R *I will, with the help of God.*
- P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
- (Each person answers in turn.)*
- R *I do.*
- P Upon this your confession of faith, I, in the name of this congregation, extend to you the right hand of fellowship and love, acknowledging you as a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and welcoming you to participate in all the blessings of salvation which God has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(As each person is welcomed, his/her name is called.)

Daniel and Lois Haertling;

(The following will be/ have been received at other Worship Services, or individually.)

Art and Charlotte Beyer; Jason and Miriam Davis, Lily, Jay, Nolan and Heath; Kay Earp; Bob Marti; Kerry and Sandra McLaughlin; Michael and Jill Schwadron, Summer, Sandy and Sabrina

- P Let us pray.
Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
- A Amen.

❖ **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.

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

Thy Strong Word – arr. J. Behnke

Heavenly Handbells

❖ **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.

❖ **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**

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. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

C Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING, CLOSING HYMN

Be Present At Our Table, Lord

LSB 775
(Sung by soloist)

**Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and ev'rywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we May feast in paradise with Thee.**

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POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee – D. Hustad

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

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The Friendship Epistle, 4: Guarded by Peace, Together (Phil 4:4–13)

Today our 4-part series on Philippians ends. Together with St. Paul we have received a perfect peace in Christ Jesus that guards our hearts and minds. That doesn't mean we stop "doing." But in the midst of whatever work God has for us to do we need not give in to fear and worry.

- I. The peace of God is not a peace that the _____; it points ahead to the final destruction of Satan (Rom 16:20), reconciliation between sinful people and a holy God (Rom 5:1) and right relationships between us, gifted by Jesus (Eph 2:13-14)
- II. This peace of God bestows a spirit of gentleness (4), guarding against _____ alone that leads to a "_____ or _____" response
- III. This peace of God guards us from an inclination to _____ to an attitude that focuses on what is "_____", "_____", and "_____" (8)
- IV. The peace of God guards us in both good times and bad that we might lean not on our own strength but the _____ of _____ (13)