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June 2, 2019



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In Christ the Cornerstone...Living His Word, Sharing His Love

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Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran Church! We're happy you have chosen to worship with us. Please fill out the guestbook in the entryway and the registry as it is passed. If you have any comments, please speak with an Usher or Elder. We are very glad to have you here!

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As We Gather

During this season of Easter, an odd thing happens with the Lectionary. Instead of just reading what happened after Jesus rose and ascended, we are sometimes taken back to things Jesus said and did previously. Such is the case with today's Gospel, part of what is known as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. It is a prayer that Jesus prayed just before going to the cross. Here Jesus prays that all who believe in Him—past, present, and future—may be one. Why review something that happened before the first Easter? Because Jesus' prayer is not bound by time or place; Jesus, who has ascended to the right hand of the Father, is even now praying such a prayer. "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word" (John 17:20). This was Jesus' prayer for the Twelve. This is also Jesus' prayer for us. The model for our oneness in Christ is the Holy Trinity: "Just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us" (John 17:21). Jesus' prayer for the Church today is that we may all be one, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one, so that the world may believe.

A Brief Statement about Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who have not communed with us before are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. *For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34*

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Holy Baptism pg. 268

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First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

¹⁰And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

¹²Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done.

¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Romans 6:9; John 14:18

P Alleluia! Alleluia!

C We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia!

P I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come to you. Alleluia!

C Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 17:20–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰[Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

644 The Church's One Foundation

Sermon

Nicene Creed (pg. 158)

Prayer of the Church

P As the Body of the risen Christ and devoting ourselves to prayer, let us bring before the Lord the prayers of our minds and hearts. For Christians throughout the world, that our divisions decrease and our sense of oneness in Christ increase, O Lord,

C make us one.

P For our Synod—our president, district president, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the church, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we focus on demonstrating our oneness in Christ as a witness to the world of Your love for us in Christ, O Lord,

C make us one.

- P** For the president and the congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, O Lord,
C **make us one.**
- P** That this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us, and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness, O Lord,
C **make us one.**
- P** For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that with one voice we speak God’s ever-present love for them with our visits and prayers, O Lord,
C **make us one.**
- P** For the families of our congregation—husbands and wives, children, grandparents, singles, aunts and uncles—that their love for one another be a sign to the world of God’s never-ending love for us in Christ, O Lord,
C **make us one.**
- P** In remembrance of all those who have gone before us in the faith and dwell with Christ in the new Jerusalem, grant that we with them confess one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all in eternal praise of the great Three in One and One in Three. O Lord,
C **make us one.**
- P** As You blessed the disciples gathered in Jerusalem awaiting the promised Spirit, so bless us by hearing our prayers as we await the coming of the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
C **Amen.**

Offering

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P We give You thanks, holy and almighty God, eternal Three in One, that from Your very heart flowed the life of Jesus, God-with-us. He who knew no sin became sin for us that we may live. In His death, sin is overcome. He who died on the cross was raised to new life on the third day. In His death, death is overcome. He who descended to the depths of hell rose to bring new life to all creation. In His death, hell is overcome. From the tree of the cross, as from a tree of life, sprout fruit that brings nourishment and new life to us and to all who believe. And so with one voice we thank You, Lord. We pray that our lives become filled with gratitude for all that You have done for us through Jesus.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Distribution Hymns

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

O Lord, we thank You for the all-availing sacrifice of Jesus for us on the cross, by which He overcame sin, death, and hell. Grant that our lives become living signs of thanksgiving for Your salvation, that the world see and hear and believe, joining us in eating the fruit of the tree of life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

John 17:20–21; Numbers 6:24–26

P Jesus prayed: “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.” The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

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Service & Stewardship

Worship Services	June 2	June 9
Counters	<i>(C) Jim Geraets Michelle Geraets</i>	<i>(C) Jim Geraets Michelle Geraets</i>
Ushers	<i>(C) Rick Dolly, Jim Geraets Angie Dickhaut, Marvin Kurtz Dave Hill, Brad Pick Ryan Meyer, Blake Bierwagen Kip Steinberg, Isaiah Sperle</i>	<i>(C) Rick Dolly, Jim Geraets Angie Dickhaut, Marvin Kurtz Dave Hill, Brad Pick Ryan Meyer, Blake Bierwagen Kip Steinberg, Isaiah Sperle</i>
Elders	<i>Clint Sperle Pat Bartel</i>	<i>Alphonse Strubbe Guy Baumann</i>
Organist/Pianist	<i>Julie Baumann</i>	<i>Julie Baumann</i>
9:00 Greeters	<i>Connie Hoefer</i>	<i>Sharon Remund</i>
9:00 Acolytes	<i>Hayden Metz Everett Althoff</i>	<i>Owen Douglass Abby Paulson</i>
Fellowship/Treats		

ATTENDANCE – May 26, 2019		
	2019	2018
Summer Worship	122	104
Adult Bible Study	34	32
Summer Sunday School	8	7

OFFERING	May 26	YTD
Received	\$ 4,303	\$ 121,911
Budgeted	\$ 5,777	\$ 121,307
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$ 1,474)	\$ 604

Parentheses indicate a negative number

Stewardship Thoughts

1 Peter 4:10 – “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” Grace is God’s undeserved mercy toward us. And what do we have that is not a gift flowing from God’s grace? He gives all these gifts so we may use them in service toward one another. Chief among the ways we serve one another is supporting the Church’s work of bringing more of God’s grace to more of God’s people. And that’s what it means to be a steward!

Resurrection Updates

Dayspring

Congregational members are welcome to purchase bricks for the patio area around the Dayspring pavilion. After receipt of a brick donation, a square will be marked for you on the diagram in the Fellowship Hall. Ground prep for the brick laying will begin once all bricks have been purchased. Please visit with Kent Muller or Brenda Eich for more information.

The Dayspring Committee will also be meeting to complete the building of the structure. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Brenda Eich to be added to the text notifications.

Dayspring Garden Update

The Dayspring Community Garden has officially rented all plots for this growing season. This year we have 12 non-members and 3 Church members renting plots! Special thanks goes out to Pfeiffer's for giving us a great deal on a tractor tiller rental! This saved countless hours and back pain. Also many thanks to Bruce for tilling, Jodene and her staff for fielding inquiries and applications, Selman Barwari (plot renter) for cutting stakes, and Alex Brosnahan for measuring and staking the plots. This is a wonderful community outreach opportunity. Feel free to strike up a conversation with a community gardener if you happen to see them in the lot or garden. And let the growing begin!

Dayspring indoor meeting! Please mark your calendars.

June 9 at 11:30 am after bible study. Need to decide on enclosing ceiling...finish soffit...and try to schedule the concrete piers which need to be done prior to starting on the stage. Thank you all!

Resurrection Education & Youth

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

The women's Bible Study will be starting a new study soon. "Joy", a study of Philippians, will begin June 3rd.

Lutheran Schools & Sister Churches

Sioux Falls Lutheran School

- Local Best voting ends tomorrow. Help other locals find SFLS by voting for us today at bit.ly/localbestsfls.
- Our 3-year-old preschool classes are nearing capacity on Wednesdays and our 4-year-old preschool classes are nearing capacity on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Megan Baedke at 605-335-1923 schedule your visit and save a spot for your child in our program.
- Check out the latest photos of construction progress and take a virtual tour of our new building online at www.siouxfallslutheran.com/construction-updates.
- Walk-In Wednesdays: Drop in for a visit with your child to experience the SFLS Difference. These open house style events take place each Wednesday (excluding holidays) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Diaper Derby

This is a friendly competition among the LCMS congregations of South Dakota. All diapers, wipes and cash donated will be given to crisis pregnancy centers or women's shelters. The derby will begin next week on Mother's Day and continue until Father's Day in June. There is a crib in the Fellowship Hall where you can place your donations!

June Birthdays

6/1 Jeff Althoff
6/1 John Mbanda
6/1 Bradley Pick
6/2 Kristi Buelow
6/3 Luke Olson
6/5 Jen Brosnahan
6/7 Janna Christiansen
6/11 Kendra Saylor
6/13 Angela Dickhaut
6/15 Benjamin Honkomp
6/16 Logan Bailey
6/17 Jonathan Baumann
6/18 Bethany Ng'andu
6/18 Kira Ward
6/19 Emily Geraets
6/21 Sheri Bolon
6/21 Jason Merritt
6/22 Lindsey DeHaai
6/22 Kelsey Pick
6/23 Anastasia Trainer
6/26 Josh Neugebauer
6/26 Kendall Schmidt
6/27 Beatrice Mukala
6/28 Kevin Bierwagen
6/30 Virginia Strubbe
6/30 Michael Wehde

June Anniversaries

6/4 Richard & Michelle Dolly
6/6 Jocie & Matt Geertsema
6/7 Maranda & Ryan Meyer
6/7 Michael & Patricia Wehde
6/9 Dessie & Jesse Neyens
6/14 Jason & Meghan Glover
6/15 Douglas & Kiley Metz
6/16 Sarah & Tyler Kehn
6/19 Bruce & Connie Hoefer
6/20 Cally & Clint Sperle
6/21 Bonnie & Eugene Limmer

Upcoming Events

CALENDAR

Sun., June 2	9:00 am 10:45 am	Worship w/Communion Sunday School/Education Hour
Mon., June 3	5:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tue., June 4	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wed., June 5		
Thur., June 6	10:30 am 11:00 am	His Ark Chapel Staff meeting
Fri., June 7	1:30 pm 2:00 pm	Bulletin Folders Bible Study
Sat., June 8		
Sun., June 9	9:00 am 10:30 am 10:45 am	Worship w/Communion DaySpring Indoor Meeting Sunday School/Education Hour
Mon., June 10	5:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tue., June 11	6:30 pm	His Ark Board Meets
Wed., June 12		
Thur., June 13	10:30 am 11:00 am	His Ark Chapel Staff meeting
Fri., June 14	1:30 pm 2:00 pm	Bulletin Folders Bible Study
Sat., June 15		

Resurrection Reflections

Prayer Requests

Health & Healing

- Alice Sturzenbecher--hospice
- Elijah Rust--healing
- Holly Huntimer -- cancer
- Brent Baumann - heart surgery

Ministry

- Resurrection Lutheran Church
- His Ark CCDC
- Come and See
- Dayspring
- SF Lutheran School
- Lutheran High School of SF

Serving in the Military

- Seth Bolon
- Michael Dolly
- Caitlyn Glover

His Ark

- Caleb, Patrick & Kimberly
- Vivanna, Jordan & Kimberly
- Taylynn, Butch & Sarah
- (Staff) Aubrey Baumann

Prayer/Office Requests

- Please have announcements for the Sunday bulletin into the office by Thursday noon.
- Prayer requests for health and healing will remain in the bulletin for two weeks, and can be renewed every two weeks as often as you would like – just let us know.
- If you change any of your contact info: phone, address, e-mail – please notify us.

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A note from the New Office Assistant. . .

I was born in Vietnam. My parents died when I was young and my older brother and I were forced to live in an orphanage. At the age of 9 my brother and I were adopted by my adoptive parents, Donald and Jeannette Oliver of Rapid City, SD. I grew up a few miles south of Rapid City on the road to the monument. My parents had a few acres of land so we spent a lot of time outdoors. My brother and I were also homeschooled by my mom. After graduating from high school I earned my associate's degree in business administration from Western Dakota Tech.

In 2008 I joined the Vote Yes on 11 Campaign against abortion and through this work I was offered and accepted a position with Truth 4 Youth and the Alpha Center here in Sioux Falls. After a few years there I transitioned to a position with Great Western Bank handling wire transfers in 2010. I met my husband, Anthony, through Christian Mingle around the same time. He was living and working in Norfolk, Nebraska at the time as an Art Director with Nebraska Life Magazine. We were married in the summer of 2012 and joined Zion Lutheran Church.

In June 2014 we found out that we were pregnant with our first daughter Ana and it was at this same time that I was hired as the Office Administrator at Faith Lutheran Church. We joined Faith Lutheran as members in late 2014 and were blessed to welcome Ana in January 2015. In September 2018 we welcomed our second daughter Keila. Both girls have been tremendous blessings to our family. Anthony works as a Technical Writer and Illustrator with SONIFI here in Sioux Falls and does the video editing for Main Street Living. It has been a great blessing to find such a welcoming family of fellow believers here at Resurrection Lutheran.

We enjoy going out for hikes and walks as a family. We enjoy playing with the girls and reading (when we have time). Some other interesting facts about us:

- My uncle Rob Oliver is the former President of Augustana University
- I've backpacked through Europe with my brother
- Our favorite foods are Sushi, Vietnamese, and Ethiopian
- Anthony is a Husker football fan and is trying to convert the three of us
- Anthony has designed the new logos for Zion and Faith Lutheran

~In His Service Lan Kuhlmann