

# Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran

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

## THIRD SUNDAY after Pentecost



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### AS WE GATHER

The history of celebrating Father's Day in the United States begins with a church service held in West Virginia in 1908, which recalled and honored the fathers who had perished in a coal mine disaster in the area in the previous year. Two years later, a more general annual observance was begun at a YMCA in Spokane, Washington. But it was not until 1972 that the day was declared to be a national holiday. Among the many qualities of positive fatherhood celebrated on Father's Day is a sense of compassion. Many centuries ago, the psalmist wrote: "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him" (Psalm 103:13). Each week in worship we recall and give thanks for the compassionate love of our God, the eternal Father, who bears His people on eagles' wings and crowns them with steadfast love and mercy.

*"The Father's Love"*

**Opening Greetings!**  
**Hello!**  
**How are you!**  
**Nice to see you here!**



**Opening Hymn: #646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

**Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Opening Sentences**

*Psalm 31:1, 14-15a, 16*

**P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**C** in Your righteousness deliver me!

**P** But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

**C** My times are in Your hand.

**P** Make Your face shine on Your servant;

**C** save me in Your steadfast love!

**Confession and Absolution**

**P** O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

**P** Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, or evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

**C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

**P** Forgive us that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

**P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

**C** Amen.

**Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 19:2-8*

<sup>2</sup>[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup>and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.



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

### Epistle Reading

*Romans 5:6-15*

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### Death in Adam, Life in Christ

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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

**P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
**C** and His greatness is unsearchable.

**P** On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
**C** and I will declare Your greatness.

**P** Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;  
**C** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

## The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

## The Twelve Apostles

<sup>1</sup>And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

## Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles



<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. <sup>9</sup>Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup>And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, it will be more

bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

## Persecution Will Come

<sup>16</sup>"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

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

Sermon Hymn: #856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

Sermon

Nicene Creed

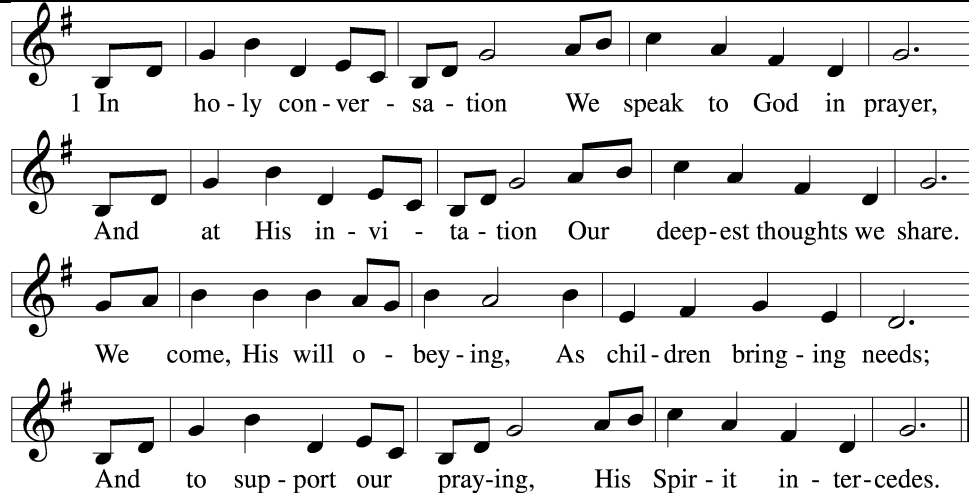
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Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs. We begin this time of prayer singing the first stanza of the prayer hymn, "In Holy Conversation."

772 In Holy Conversation

st. 1



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- P** We pray for the whole Church throughout the world that, as people united in faith and active in love, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. We pray for all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there may be times of peace and reconciliation, and for our own nation that it may be an ensign of hope.

We bring our special petitions today to God's throne of grace as we pray for our families, especially as on this Father's Day we honor our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, thanking God for the blessings that are received from all caring parents in every generation. And we thank God, our heavenly Father, for listening to our petitions and responding to them.

772 In Holy Conversation

st. 2

*These holy conversations  
Begin in child-like ways;  
We bring our supplications  
And words of thanks and praise.*

*With care our Father listens  
To ev'ry thought expressed,  
Then answers our petitions  
In ways He knows are best.*



- P** We pray for the varied situations of daily life in which we are placed, especially in our workplaces and neighborhoods, that we be peace bringers in all of our actions and words, and we pray for the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn and for all those matters on our hearts this day, [*including . . .*].

For all those saints who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and have left us a legacy of love, we thank You, Lord, and faithfully commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** Amen.

## 772 In Holy Conversation

st. 3

*As holy conversation,  
In silence or by word,  
In ev'ry situation  
Through jesus, we are heard.*

*So let us pray securely.  
Expressing hopes and fears  
With confidence that surely  
Our Father ever hears.*

## Offering

## SACRAMENT

### 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** Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We thank You for Your faithful love and for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us weak and ungodly people from the power of sin, death, and the devil, and blessing our lives with lasting peace. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table as faithful disciples with gratitude and joy. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow as people of faith and peace, hopefully awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting.
- C** Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

### 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** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

*Distribution Hymns: 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful; 846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old; 651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord; 687 Thin Forever, God of Love*

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray. O God, You have fed Your grateful disciples with the true manna, the living bread from heaven, at Your Table of grace. Grant, we implore You, that the body and blood of Your Son be our support throughout our earthly pilgrimage, until we reach that land where there is neither hunger nor thirst; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
**C** Amen.

## Benediction

- P** 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.

## Closing Hymn: #826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

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