

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran

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

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"The Gracious Invitation"



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AS WE GATHER

Without explaining Himself and to the surprise of those He chose, God decided to use the people who eventually became the nation of Israel to save all people. Likewise, He has graciously invited us and all people to join them, solely because we trust His promises. Recognizing that

faith, not physical descent, is the factor that includes one in God's promises, Paul laments that most of his Jewish friends have rejected God's Son, Jesus Christ. To those who follow our Lord, the disciples learn in today's Gospel, God's grace even invites them to serve as His instruments in caring for the people around them. Today we rejoice in God's invitation to us, and we ask His blessings as we seek to extend His gracious invitation to those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

Opening Greetings!

Opening Hymn: #648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Prayer

P Let us pray. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,

C cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name;

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father. We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

C Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.

P We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

C Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.

P We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.

C Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

C Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Compassion of the LORD

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 9:1-13

God's Sovereign Choice

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Gradual and Verse *Romans 11:33, 36; Psalm 78:25*

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

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

P For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C To Him be glory forever. Amen.

P Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

C He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

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

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sermon Hymn: #642 O Living Bread from Heaven

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us go to our heavenly Father with prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. For those who have not truly heard the grace offered to all through the everlasting covenant given to David, but rely on the letter of the Law, expecting justice instead of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Open their ears to hear and move people of faith to call them to turn to Your gracious invitation.
- P** For the Holy Spirit's work through Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen the faith of all who call out to God in hope and trust, let us praise the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord, for the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit.
- P** With one another and our brothers and sisters around the world, for all God's promises, which endure forever, let us thank our gracious God.
- C** Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your steadfast love.
- P** For all who face this day with little or no food, with poor shelter and tattered clothes, without caring support or necessities, dealing with ongoing oppression and persecution, struggling through long-term ills and sudden man-made or natural disasters, [*including*], that our gracious God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and surround them with caring people and the precious Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Hear our prayers for them and the longing in their hearts, gracious Lord. Use us and our gifts to be part of Your answer to their fervent prayers.
- P** We bring all these things to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gracious gift, and we ask that You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

**Distribution Hymns: 774 Feed Thy Children; 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives; 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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