

# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

8th Sunday after Pentecost - Praise

August 3, 2025 – 9:00 am

Accompanist

Praise Band

*† indicates stand as able*

## ***Prelude***

## ***Welcome***

### ***† Call to Worship:***

Leader: We gather today to worship the God of Abraham. Just as God called Abraham to a new land while promising to make him a great nation, God calls us to trust in the promises of Scripture with great faith that...

### **All: God is with us on the journey!**

L: We worship the God who showed great power to free the Israelites from captivity in Egypt. Just as the path to the Promised Land held challenges and tests of faith, our lives hold moments that feel unsteady. Nevertheless, we have faith that...

### **All: God is with us when we go off course!**

L: We worship the God of Mary who gave her the great blessing of being the mother of God's own son. Just as Elizabeth and Mary were able to give praise to God in the midst of their overwhelming feelings, we, too, can praise in any circumstance, knowing that...

### **All: God is with us when we are joyful!**

L: We worship the God of Zacchaeus who shows immeasurable grace. Just as Zacchaeus found friendship and a desire to live a new way when he encountered Jesus, we can also find companionship and a path to reconciliation through our Savior because...

**All: God is with us when we're lonely!**

L: We worship the God of Paul who changes lives. Just as Jesus gave Paul a new beginning, meaningful friendships with people like Priscilla and Aquila, and a purpose to share the good news throughout the world, Jesus also offers us a meaningful, Gospel-centered life in him. No matter where life takes us, we can share the light of Jesus, knowing that...

**All: God is with us near and far!**

***We Are Called***

We are called, we are claimed,  
we are loved, by the holy name.

We are healed, we are whole,  
the Savior ransomed our souls. We're singing,  
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh  
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

We are here to proclaim,  
God is here, calls us each by name.

We are here to give praise,  
the Love of God will not change. We're singing,  
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh  
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

**† Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

### ***† Song of Mercy***

Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness  
that sees beyond our blindness.  
Mercy, oh mercy,  
we're calling on you Lord  
for us to be restored.  
Oh mercy.

### ***† Gathering Song: Marching in the Light of God***

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### ***† Greeting***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### ***† Prayer of the Day***

God, you are with us wherever we go. When we have far to

journey, give us strength. When we go off course, correct us. When we are joyful, protect us. When we are lonely, comfort us. When we grow and life takes us different ways, be with us near and far. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Reading: Joshua 1:1-9***

After Moses the Lord's servant died, the Lord spoke to Joshua, Nun's son. He had been Moses' helper. "My servant Moses is dead. Now get ready to cross over the Jordan with this entire people to the land that I am going to give to the Israelites. I am giving you every place where you set foot, exactly as I promised Moses. Your territory will stretch from the desert and the Lebanon as far as the great Euphrates River, including all Hittite land, up to the Mediterranean Sea on the west. No one will be able to stand up against you during your lifetime. I will be with you in the same way I was with Moses. I won't desert you or leave you. Be brave and strong, because you are the one who will help this people take possession of the land, which I pledged to give to their ancestors.

"Be very brave and strong as you carefully obey all of the Instruction that Moses my servant commanded you. Don't deviate even a bit from it, either to the right or left. Then you will have success wherever you go. Never stop speaking about this Instruction scroll. Recite it day and night so you can carefully obey everything written in it. Then you will accomplish your objectives and you will succeed. I've commanded you to be brave and strong, haven't I? Don't be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalms 49***

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,  
<sup>2</sup> you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be**  
**Whisper words of wisdom - Let it be**

<sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.  
<sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup> the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own  
prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be**  
**There will be an answer - Let it be**

<sup>7</sup> One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;  
<sup>8</sup> for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,  
<sup>9</sup> in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.

**Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be**  
**Shine until tomorrow - Let it be**

*† Gospel Verse: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

**ELW 172**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

**† Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 19th chapter.

**Glory, to you, O Lord.**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. The Human One came to seek and save the lost."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Sermon Skit***

**VBS Team**

**† Hymn of the Day: Lead Me, Guide Me**

**ELW 768**

*Refrain:*

Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
To help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness thy face to see. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,

Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in thee. *Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me,

I am blind without thy light to see.

Lord, just always let me thy servant be. *Refrain*

### ***† Apostles Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to  
the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***† Prayers of Intercession***

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Renew in your church a perspective of journeying with you. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. We pray especially for all

the work done this past week at Churchwide Assembly. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear, especially Clarlee. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

† *Peace*

**Liturgy of the Meal**



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### ***Offering Prayer***

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **† *Great Thanksgiving***

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

### **† *Words of Institution***

### **† *Lord's Prayer***

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***Communion***

*If you are communing from home, receive the bread with the*

*words “The Body of Christ given for you” and the cup with “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

***Lamb of God***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

***Communion Hymn: When Peace Like a River***

**ELW 785**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

***Refrain:***

It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;

even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

### ***Prayer after Communion***

God of our goings and comings, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **Sending**

### ***Blessing of Animals***

Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. Maker and ruler of all that lives, your animals provide us with sources of food and clothing, guidance and rescue, income, companionship, research and medicine, recreation, and so much more. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love.

Gracious God, we grieve the death of our animal friends and companions who are no longer with us. We offer gratitude for the blessing they were in our lives, and for the joy and love they brought to us. Continue to bless us with memories of their life and affection. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Creating God, in your love you created us in your image and made us stewards of the animals that live in the skies, the earth, and the sea. Bless us in our care for our pets and animals. Help us recognize your power and wisdom in the variety of creatures that live in our world, and hear our prayer for all that suffer overwork, hunger, and ill-treatment. Protect your creatures,

and guard them from all evil, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Each pet (or picture of pets who remained home this morning) may be brought forward by its owner to receive an individual blessing. Please respect the personal space of other animals & people as you bring your pet forward.*

## ***Announcements***

### ***Blessing***

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### ***Sending Song: Go Now***

Filled with the Holy Spirit  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Into the world as a servant  
Go now with God, go now with God  
  
Go now, go now, go now with God  
Go now, go now, go now with God

Crossing every boundary, every nation  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Dancing in the gift of liberation  
Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God  
Go now, go now, go now with God

### ***Dismissal***

Go now in peace, Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God!**

### ***Postlude***