Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Today's readings draw our attention to the ways we are held captive to sin, but they also point to the reality that Christ liberates us from such captivity and makes for the healing of divisions within and among us. If you are unable to participate in our worship outdoors at the church, join the congregation with your own worship at home **at 10am on Sunday** or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances.



The Second Sunday after Pentecost June 6, 2021 Our Common Prayer at Home You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging in the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

A reading from Genesis.

⁸The man and the woman heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹The Lord God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

15I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; it will strike your head, and you will strike its heel."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is read or sung in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at: https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210606/playlist

PSALM 130

¹Out | of the depths I cry to | you, O Lord;

²O Lord, | hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O Lord, | who could stand?

⁴Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits; in your word | is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning, more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love; with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.

⁸For the Lord shall | redeem Israel from | all their sins.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3rd chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went home; ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And Jesus called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a dominion is divided against itself, that dominion cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against Satan and is divided, Satan cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

We all are the woman and the man in the old legend about the beginning of sin: we are afraid; we blame each other; we blame the serpent; we blame even God. Evil is very real and we find ourselves trapped in its strong house. But Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit, can pull us out of that house. Though he is mocked by others, even by his own family, and though he is finally killed, by his cross he plunders the house of evil. The grace of God in his death and resurrection makes of us a new and eternal house, a place of thanksgiving. When we hear the scriptures today, we are with Jesus in his house. He calls us his new family. We will see that house when, at last, we are able to gather with others around word and sacrament. Formed by his word and formed by that gathering with him, we turn to do the will of God in loving our neighbors.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman's Second Sunday after Pentecost Sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at: https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210606/playlist

HYMN OF THE DAY #1016

(All Creation Sings)

Cast Out, O Christ



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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Then pray these intercessions:

Let us come before God in prayer, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "We cry to you, O Lord."

A brief silence.

O God, on this Sunday we ask you to sustain believers around the world. Give wisdom to pastors, musicians, and church committees as they make plans for their summer worship.

A brief silence.

For the church we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

On this National Animal Rights day, we ask you to safeguard animals, both wild and tame. Give them the habitat they need, and rescue all animals from abuse. *A brief silence*.

For the earth we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

On this anniversary of D-Day, we ask you to bring an end to warfare throughout the world. Halt the violence between nations, on our streets, and inside our homes. Heal the wounds of prejudice, and embolden all who strive for peace.

A brief silence.

For the nations we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

During this month of many weddings, we ask you to bless all marriages. Nourish the fidelity of partners for one another, and be yourself a companion to those who live alone.

A brief silence.

For home life we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

On this National Cancer Survivors Day, we ask you to strengthen both those who are recovering from disease and those who now face death. Bring healing to humanity as it struggles against the coronavirus.

A brief silence.

For recovery from illness we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

Always we ask you to comfort all who suffer and to heal the sick. Provide care for all persons afflicted with mental illness, and sustain their families. Visit those whose pain is hidden from us and those we name here before you: Joana Plerpa, Jeanne Broyhill, Effie Stallsmith, Maggie Mount, Lee Hanson, Malcolm Stark, Norm Olsen, Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, Lynn Kiewel, John Beston, Phillip Swingler, Maria Liwski, Tucker Dean, and the family of Dennis Wright.

A brief silence.

For the sick we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

Once again we ask that you empower each of us, that we never lose heart, and that you receive our silent prayers.

A brief silence.

For ourselves we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in the faith, especially those we name here before you, and we ask you to welcome us with them into your eternal life.

A brief silence.

For life forevermore we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

Into your hands, mighty God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



If you have a hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, you might now read or sing: https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210606/playlist

HYMN #825

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

You Servants of God



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word: making and mending all things, evoking the cosmic hymn of praise, and singing a love-song for your beloved: your vineyard, your flock, your people. With all creation we sing, Glory!

Glory!

Blessed are you for your liberating Word: speaking through Moses and the prophets, encountered in the Gospels, and proclaimed in the assembly: your freedom, forgiveness, and life for the world. With the whole world we say, Blessing!

Blessing!

Holy are you, O God, for your living Word: among us wherever we gather, welcoming everyone to your feast, and, with grace and generosity, bringing to earth the kingdom of heaven. With saints and angels, we cry, Holy! Holy!

Clothe us in your loving Spirit, flowing from the Crucified and Risen One, and keep us awake to your presence in the people and places you call us to serve. Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God, now and forever. Amen.

Amen

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. Amen

We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let this food to us be blessed. Blessed be God, who is our Bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

Readings for the Week:

Monday (commemoration of Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866) Psalm 74. **Tuesday** Revelation 20:7-15. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Columba, 597; Aidan, 651; Bede, 735; renewers of the church) Luke 11:14-28. **Thursday** Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15. **Friday** (Barnabas, Apostle) Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3. **Saturday** Mark 4:1-20. **3rd Sunday after Pentecost** Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34.

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