RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 6, 2024 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here!

If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor and feel at home among us. In this bulletin, words in bold print are spoken by the assembly, non-bolded words are spoken by a leader. Two abbreviations used for hymns and service elements: ELW stands for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, which is the red hymnal in the book holder attached to the pew in front of you, and ACS is All Creation Sings, which is the blue songbook.

Following the worship service, please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall, downstairs. An usher can direct you to the elevator.

COMMEMORATION IN THE WIDER CHURCH

Sunday, October 6, 2024, William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Monday, October 7, 2024, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787 Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Thursday, October 10, 2024, Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF) A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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In response to greater awareness of the fragility of our environment there is a growing ecumenical movement among Christians called the "Season of Creation." During some Sundays in September and October some are choosing the scriptures that remind us that we are part of God's creative work. Today, we use some of those "Season of Creation" scripture readings to coordinate with our Blessing of the Animals. We are reminded to care for the creation in which we all live and to look to the new creation worked by water and word in the Holy Spirit. Inspired by Francis of Assisi's love of God's creation with congregations around the world we take a moment to praise God for, and ask a blessing on, our pets that enrich our lives at the end of worship today. Today we also thank God for the proclamation of the Word from "our own" Pastor Amy Feira.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING VOLUNTARY London Trio #1 Allegro Moderato Franz Joseph Haydn Suzanne Tsitsibelis and Claire Smith Kanevsky, flutes and Stephanie Herman, cello

At the ringing of a bell, the assembly stands and faces the font.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879)



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p.148)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p.150)

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another and in harmony with your whole creation. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast. Teach us to be wise stewards of all that you have made, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:27-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

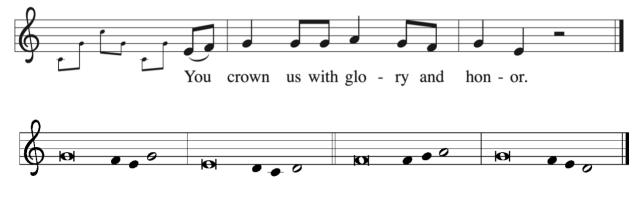
A reading from Isaiah.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, ³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 8

The psalm is sung responsively by the whole verse.



¹O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in-¹ fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. ³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

- ⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind-¹ful of them, human beings that you should ¹ care for them? R
- ⁵Yet you have made them little less [|] than divine; with glory and hon-[|] or you crown them.
- ⁶You have made them rule over the works ¹ of your hands; you have put all things un-¹ der their feet:
- ⁷all | flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish [|] of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-25

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

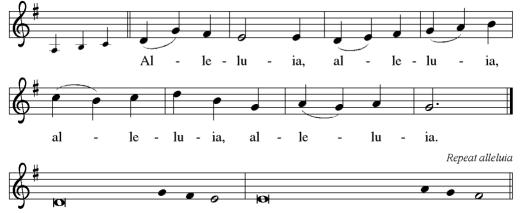
A reading from Romans.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. All sing the Alleluias, the cantor sings the verse, the Alleluias are repeated.



If we love one another, God[|] lives in us* and God's love is perfect-[|]ed in us.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:22-32

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

²²He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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

YOUTH MESSAGE

Vicar Jessica Zurcher

SERMON

Rev. Amy Feira



and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. composite Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623 Text © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assembly, please stand.

Alleluia.

The response for today's intercessions is "we praise your name."

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace by bowing, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Gift of Love"

Hal H Hopson

OFFERING AND SETTING THE TABLE

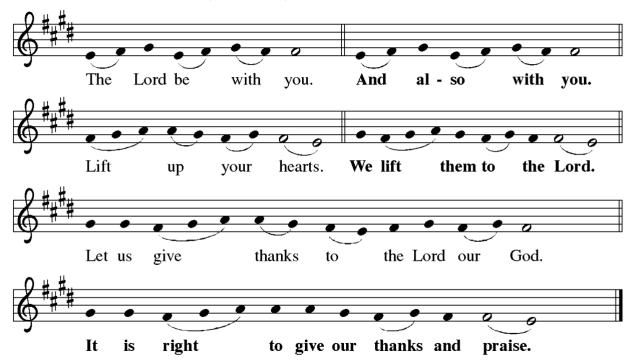
Members of the assembly may bring their offering forward when ushers invite them. Baskets are available to receive your gift at the front of the sanctuary. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW 152)

Let us pray.

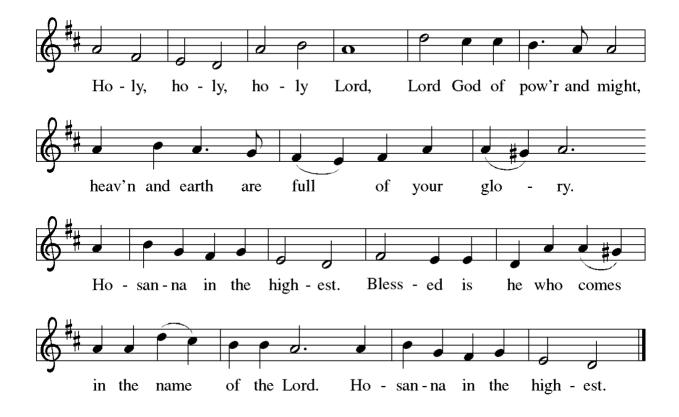
God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: (ELW 152)



The Thanksgiving continues with the Preface for the day; the assembly responds:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

And now, we 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The assembly may be seated. At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up. To receive the wine, hold a small cup firmly, the assisting minister will pour wine from the common cup. Please do not dip the bread into the wine. Gluten free hosts are also available. Return to your seats by the side aisles. You may elect to commune by receiving the bread only or you may elect to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

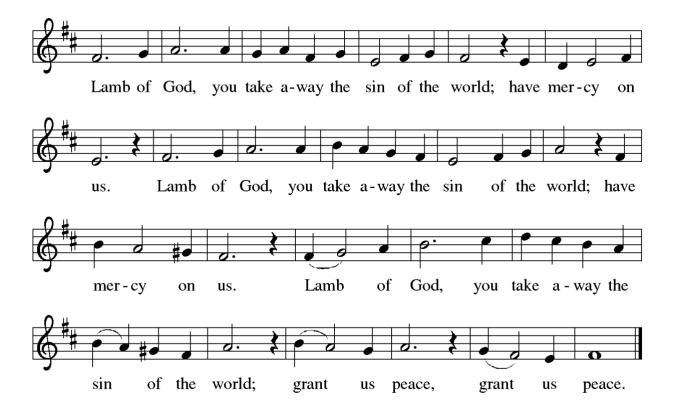
COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

"The body of Christ, given for you," and "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Each person may respond Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 154)



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION London Trio #1 Andante Franz Joseph Haydn Suzanne Tsitsibelis and Claire Smith Kanevsky, flutes and Stephanie Herman, cello

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: All Are Welcome (ELW 641)

a house where love can dwell and Let us build all can safe - ly 1 build 2 Let us a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and yond the wood and a house where hands will reach be -4 Let us build are named, their songs and vi - sions 5 Let us build a house where all place and live, where saints chil dren tell how а true, where all God's chil - dren dare seek to to ground wheat: а ban quet hall on ho ly where stone heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and to heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as hearts learn to for give. Built of hopes and dreams and God's reign Here the stand dream а new. cross shall as jus - tice Here the of God, through peace and meet. love Word the they've known. Here the out and the live cast with - in the Word. Built of tears and and words cries vi - sions, of faith vault of here the love of rock and grace; wit - ness and sym - bol of God's as grace; here as one we time and Je - sus, is re - vealed in space; as we share in strang-er bear the im age of God's face; let us bring an laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-Refrain Christ shall end di vi sions: _ claim the faith of Je sus: Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come, end to fear and dan ger: claim from floor to raf ter: 4 all are wel-come, all are wel - come in this place.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.** The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us (ACS 1099)



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall, downstairs. An usher can direct you to the elevator.

Readings for October 13

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore, we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal:

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Notes on the music for today

HYMN OF THE DAY: All Creatures of Our God and King ELW 835

"All Creatures of Our God and King" is an English Christian hymn by William Henry Draper, based on a poem by St. Francis of Assisi. It was first published in a hymn book in 1919. The words of the hymn were initially written by St. Francis of Assisi in 1225 in the Canticle of the Sun poem, which was based on Psalm 148. The words were translated into English by William Draper, who at the time was rector of a Church of England parish church at Adel near Leeds. Draper paraphrased the words of the Canticle and set them to music. It is not known when Draper first wrote the hymn but it was between 1899 and 1919. Draper wrote it for his church's children's Whitsun festival celebrations and it was later published in 1919 in the Public School Hymn Book. The hymn is currently used in 179 hymn books. The words written by St Francis are some of the oldest used in hymns after "Father We Praise Thee", written in 580 AD. Like "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones", Draper's text is usually set to the tune of "*Lasst uns erfreuen*", a

German Easter hymn published by Friedrich Spee in 1623 in his book Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng. This tune became widespread in English hymn books starting with a 1906 arrangement by Ralph Vaughan Williams. John Rutter also wrote a piece of music for the hymn. Despite the hymn being initially written by Draper for Whitsun (the Anglican and English designation for Pentecost), it is mostly used in the earlier weeks of the Easter season.

OFFERTORY: "The Gift of Love" Hal H Hopson (1933)

Hal H. Hopson is a prolific composer, arranger, clinician, teacher and promoter of congregational song, with more than 1300 published works, especially of hymn and psalm arrangements, choir anthems, and creative ideas for choral and organ music in worship. Born in Texas, with degrees from Baylor University (BA, 1954), and Southern Baptist Seminary (MSM, 1956), he served churches in Nashville, TN, and most recently at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. He has served on national boards of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and the Choristers Guild, and taught numerous workshops at various national conferences. In 2009, a collection of sixty four of his hymn tunes were published in *Hymns for Our Time: The Collected Tunes of Hal H. Hopson.*

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Opening Voluntary and Communion Music

Haydn London Trio #1 Allegro Moderato and Andante Franz Joseph Haydn

We are so lucky to have Suzanne, Claire and Stephanie here this morning to play these movements from Haydn's London Trio #1 in C Major.

Originally composed for two flutes and cello, the London Trios were a gift from Haydn to the Baron of Aston in Preston, outside of London in 1794. These trios were a sort of hostess present in appreciation of his visit with the Baron. The uncommon instrumentation of flutes and cello during this time period was very well received, as the flute was growing very popular in England and considered quite fashionable. Unfortunately, the popularity of the trios quickly faded and they weren't performed much again until the early 1900's.

October 6, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Harry Therwanger Rev. Amy Feira Vicar Jessica Zurcher Curran Gilster Curran Gilster and Ted Mortensen Gary Roebuck Randy Brooke Presiding Minister Preaching Minister Assisting Minister Reader Communion Assistant Cantor Lock-Up, starting October 6

The flowers in the chancel are given by Mimi and Tom VanPoole in memory of Gilmer and Tom VanPoole and in thanksgiving for our 20th Anniversary.

Attendance September 29, 10:00 a.m., 66 Live Stream Views, 14 | Views after Streaming, 27

Our worship service is regularly video recorded and posted online. Printed scripture readings and weekly announcements are available from the ushers.

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