



November 15, 2020
24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Resurrection Lutheran Church exists to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour, in an open accepting fellowship, a loving caring community that reaches out to all people to serve Christ through worshipping, teaching, learning, sharing and giving of ourselves to meet the needs of this congregation, the community and the world, as the Holy Spirit moves us.”

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Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ’s coming among us.

With One Voice – Service of the Word and Prayer

GATHERING

Announcements

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn Gather Us In (WOV 718)

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of the day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all peoples together, fire ... of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING (WOV p. 46)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

And also with you.

You are the treasured people of the LORD,

a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

(*Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8*)

All: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

I: Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe;

just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

All: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

II: For you alone are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and worship before you,
for your just and holy works have been revealed.

All: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 47)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S CHAT

The children get closer to their devices for their Children’s Chat time

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Devices with children will be sent to the Sunday School breakout room.

FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

A reading from Zephaniah.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.” ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12

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

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep

sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 48)

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather

where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (WOV P 48)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* (WOV 776)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O prince of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou, and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION (WOV p. 49)

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

(Ephesians 1:13-14)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
pray in the Holy Spirit.

(Jude 20)

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Jude 21)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all
our sins.

Amen

PEACE (WOV p. 50)

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with
one another, live in peace. *(2 Corinthians 13:11)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING (WOV p. 50)

OFFERTORY (WOV p. 50)

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the anointing, the radiant worth.**

**Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.**

**Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

Let us pray together.

God, our Creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE PRAYERS

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature (*local places of natural beauty may be named*). Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 52)

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.

BLESSING (WOV p. 53)

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING SONG *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* WOV754)

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy; bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live and bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around loaves abound!
3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, give us love to tell bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around loaves abound!

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 53)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Special thanks to our musician Jill Oliver, our Worship Assistant Brian Hogan, our Readers Brian Unverricht and Eva-Marie Tote, David Kirton for technical support, Dorlan Oxelgren for Zoom support, and Brian Hogan for running PowerPoint.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 22nd

Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

PRAYER LIST

Bernice Ogryzlo, Garry Booth for healing after knee replacement surgery, Bonnie Semenoff and family on the passing of her mother Ida Muller, Flora Tabien as she mourns the passing of her brother Edson, Dominique's mother Marie who is recovering from surgery, Lorraine Cowan and family as they mourn the passing of Bill Cowan, Ruth Hilderman (Esther Cherland's sister), and Judy Pannell.

To add or remove names from the list, please contact the church office or call Pastor Ali.

Givings:

2020 Monthly Budget: **\$15,125**

November envelope givings in total: **\$4,020**

Estimated PAR on November 20th: **\$8,131.25**

Chequing Account Balance: **minus \$3,925.88**

Thank you for your generous giving especially during this extraordinary time!

Message from the Reopening Committee: Resurrection has safely re-opened for in-person services. We continue to monitor our provincial COVID case numbers and will make appropriate adjustments to in-person service planning accordingly, guided by Public Health recommendations. Members who choose to attend and pass the COVID screening, must register by the Friday afternoon prior to Sunday service, either on our website or by phoning the office. Ministry teams are asked to provide 5 helpers for in-person services so please consider volunteering. Blessings to you and your loved ones and stay safe.

The December in person services will be December 6 at 10:00am and December 24 at 7:30pm

The schedule for our city-wide joint on-line services for 2020/2021 is as follows:

December 13 – Augustana

January 10 – King of Glory

February 14 – Good Shepherd

March 14 – Trinity

The office will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 am until 4 pm. If you need to come in to the church or are dropping something off, please call Ryan first at 306-242-4042.

At the present time, we cannot accept any donation for the Food Bank. We will inform you when donations can be accepted again.

Please follow along with **Pastor Ali's blog** on the response to the COVID-19 Pandemic at <https://covid19pastoralresponse.ca/>

Composting at Resurrection Lutheran: Thank you to Don Meister and Don Greer for setting up a new composting system at Resurrection Lutheran. As it is too late in the season to compost now, we are hopeful that you will bring in any garden waste or other plant material in the spring. If you have any questions about this project, please call Don Meister at 306-280-8731 or email him at meisterdonart@gmail.com

2020 Ice Sculpture: Don Greer has started work on the 2020 ice sculpture project and is looking for help. He is looking for volunteers to help assemble this year's project. The suggested work schedule is 9:30 until 12:00 noon and 1:30 to 4:00 Monday to Saturday except Wednesday mornings. If you are wanting to assist with this project, please call Don Greer at 306-242-7945.

Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals in Saskatoon (LuMinHoS) is holding their annual fundraising event this Sunday, November 15 starting at 7 pm and, like most events this year, it will be held virtually. It will be posted on YouTube and you can find the link on the LuMinHoS website at <https://www.luminhos.org/events/upcoming-events/> It will also be posted on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Luminhos/> Your support for this event will help us to continue providing Lutheran ministry to those in Saskatoon Hospitals.

We are working on updating the directory. If you can, please send in a new picture. If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please send that new information as well. We would like to include email addresses this time. If you don't want to have yours in the directory, please let Ryan know. The directory will only be made available to our congregation members and will not be published anywhere.

The ***Eternity for Today*** devotional for October/November/December has arrived. If you would like one, please call Ryan and arrangements can be made for you to pick one up. They are also available on the ELCIC website at <https://elcic.ca/EternityforToday.cfm>