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**Welcome to**

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**September 25, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Lec. 26C**

**Introduction to the day**

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Texts for Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost / Lectionary 27C**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who is eager to forgive

and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge

our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**

**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God:

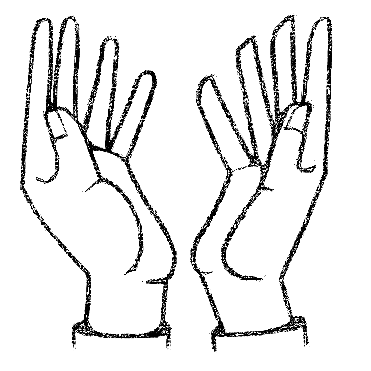
your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God’s abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song: Gather Us In**

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**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.**

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**Hymn of Praise** *(Great Britain)*

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**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel’s great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God’s people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

A reading from Amos.

1aAlas for those who are at ease in Zion,

  and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

4Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,

  and lounge on their couches,

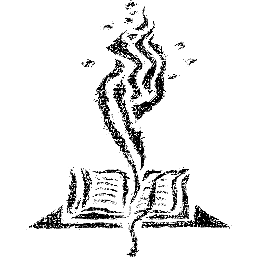
 and eat lambs from the flock,

  and calves from the stall;

5who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

  and like David improvise on instruments of music;

6who drink wine from bowls,

****  and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

  but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

7Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,

  and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 146**

*The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed.*(Ps. 146:6)

1Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

  I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

  I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,**

**for there is no help in them.** R

3When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

  and in that day their thoughts perish.

4**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,**

**whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

  who keeps his promise forever;

6**who gives justice to those who are oppressed,**

**and food to those who hunger.** R

7The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

  the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8**the Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;**

**he sustains the orphan and widow,**

**but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9The Lord shall reign forever,

  your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

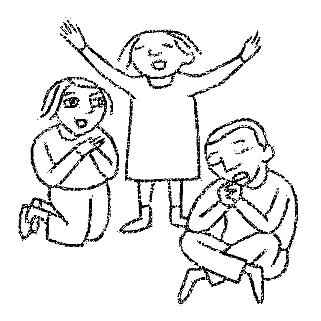
A reading from First Timothy.

6Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

11But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

17As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s’ Time** Amanda Beebe-Bay

**Gospel Acclamation** (*South Africa)*

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**Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 19“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—28for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**sermon**  Rev. Karen Perkins

**Hymn of the Day: Build a Longer Table**

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**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 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**

**Prayer Refrain: Abba, Abba, Hear Us** (*Korea*)





**The Prayers**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, especially those whose illness is invisible. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Wisdom of ages, guide Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Alaska Synod Bishop Shelly Wickstrom, Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth of our sister synod, and Pastor Karen Perkins. Bless our neighbors in the Alaska Southeast Cluster, and Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Nome. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Repeat Prayer Refrain** *(Korea)*

**Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We greet each other with a gesture of peace. We are conscious there are different comfort levels around social-distancing at this time. A nod, wave, phone call or email may be most appropriate for you. This greeting is a sign of the risen Christ who unites us and calls us to recognize the peace of God in one another.

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**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Presentation of the Gifts** *(Nicaragua)*

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**Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God,

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Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**Amen.**

*Randy Sutak is authorized to preside today by the synod bishop.*

**Dialogue**

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.**

**Preface**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should

at all times and in all places

offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father,

through Christ our Lord;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the Church on earth

and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name

and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** *(Austria)*

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**Great Thanksgiving**

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,

in the harmonious world of your creation,

the plants and animals,

the seas and stars

were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,

you sent your Son to heal our ills

and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing,

his body given up,

and his victory over death,

we await that day when all the peoples of the earth

will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,

so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,

that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

**Amen**

**Lord’s Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**Communion Distribution**

All are welcome to the communion table! God is the host and God's love extends to all people. During this period of social distancing due to COVID-19, not all in our community are ready to be present at Resurrection. Nevertheless, there **are** ways for you to participate! We celebrate this holy meal as the community of peace, love and mercy.

* We have resources on our website to help you celebrate Holy Communion at home, either along with a live broadcast or at another time.
* Pastor Karen can bring the Eucharist to you at home. Please contact the office or Pastor Karen to make arrangements.

We would be happy to light a candle in thankfulness, of concern, or in memory of a person at your request.

**Invitation to Communion**

In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

**Communion Song** *(America)*

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**Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.

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The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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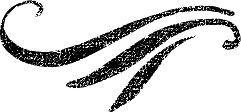
**Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

**Post-Communion Canticle** *(South Africa)*

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**Prayer After Communion**

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal

with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road

that we might serve our neighbors with joy;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**Mission Statement**

**Let us announce together,**

**The mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is to promote spiritual growth in Christ and service to all people.**

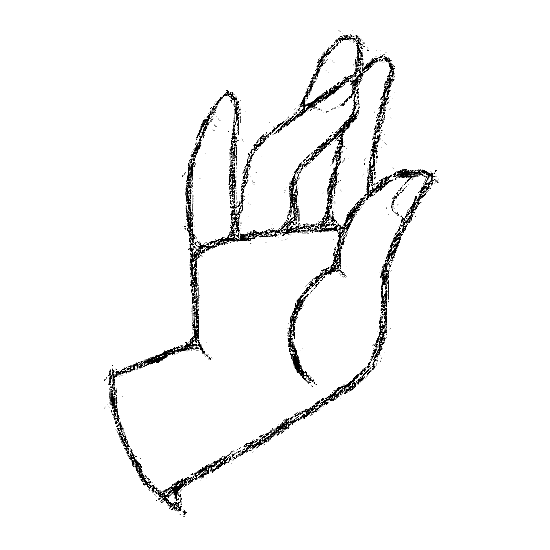
**Blessing**

God, who gives life to all things

and frees us from despair,

bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

****guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song: Canticle of the Turning**

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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