

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

On this Sunday we continue to read from the second great discourse in the Gospel according to Matthew, the Mission Instruction to the Disciples in Matthew 10. Those instructions come to us now, both seriously challenging us and profoundly comforting us. Join with the congregation on this Third Sunday after Pentecost — **at 10am, if you are able** — to hear this challenge and comfort and to pray together. Then turn to the new week refreshed in your calling as witness to God's mercy and love.

## RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2020**

## Our Common Prayer at Home

*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.*

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention the LORD,  
or speak any more in the name of the LORD,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:

“Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”

All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

“Perhaps Jeremiah can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him.”

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For the LORD has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading:  
Music may be found at:*

<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200621/playlist>

## **PSALM 69:7-10, 16-18**

- <sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.  
<sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.  
<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.  
<sup>10</sup>I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.  
<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.  
<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.  
<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11**

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24–39**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of the master’s household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Having read these readings, think of this:*

*There is terror all around. Violence and destruction, too. Telling the truth about that condition of the world, however, has always been unpopular. Jeremiah experienced rejection. Even more, Jesus was killed. And Jesus calls us to follow him, to be countercultural like Jeremiah, to value the gospel of Jesus Christ even more than what the world counts as family values, to tell the truth openly about human sin and God's mercy. It will not be easy. Still, because of Jesus' death and resurrection and our baptism into him, we can live a new life, unafraid of death. We can trust we are seen and cared for, even in this time, as surely as God sees the sparrow. And we can tell others of this care, by our words and by our lives.*

*At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman's Third Sunday after Pentecost sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200621/playlist>*

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200621/playlist>

## HYMN OF THE DAY #802

### Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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*Then pray together the prayers for church and world:*

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our needy world, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "your love is kind."

*A brief silence.*

O God, Father in heaven, hold your church in your loving arms. Protect believers who face persecution for your sake. Bless the work of evangelists and teachers like Onesimos Nesib, whom we commemorate today, as they translate their faith into other languages. Strengthen our Pastor Linman and the church council for their ministry during these troubling times.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us and help us, O God: **your love is kind.**

O God our provider, here in the north the summer solstice reminds us of your care for the whole creation. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Feed all your creatures, both the animals and the humans, with the sustenance they need for life. Guide us to sources of energy that do not destroy the earth you have created.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us and help us, O God: **your love is kind.**

O God our ruler, inspire our president, our governor and our legislators to work towards justice for all. Lead us to ways of life that are free from racial and ethnic prejudice. Strengthen the world's democracies, and sustain those who are working to secure free and safe elections. Give a home to refugees. Form our military and our police to maintain peace and to inhibit violence.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us and help us, O God: **your love is kind.**

O God our physician, bring healing to all who are sick and suffering. Preserve the world from more waves of the coronavirus, and guide researchers who are seeking a vaccine. Protect those whose jobs expose them to contagion. Support our health care workers. We remember before you Don Hanson, Karen Huff, Barb Jensen, Jack Mulloy, and those we name here now:

*A brief silence.*

Hear us and help us, O God: **your love is kind.**

O God our peacemaker, inhabit each household in the land with your powerful peace. Train us to live together in harmony, especially when quarantined together. Nourish marriages, and sustain extended families. Protect children from harm of every kind.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us and help us, O God: **your love is kind.**

O God our source of life, bless all fathers and father figures as they face both age-old and emerging family needs. Comfort those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us and help us, O God: **your love is kind.**

O God our beloved, receive now the petitions of our own hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

Hear us and help us, O God: **your love is kind.**

O God our beginning and our end, we bless you for all our forebears in family and faith who have lived and died in you. Remind us of their sacrifices, and at the end bring us with them in your household of joy.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us and help us, O God: **your love is kind.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Now read or sing the following hymn. Accompaniment is at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20200621/playlist>

## HYMN #626

By Gracious Powers



1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us  
5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,



and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,  
still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,  
the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,  
so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,



we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,  
we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling  
we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through  
we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,



and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.  
and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

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*Then conclude with these prayers:*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**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.**

*Then speak the Blessing:*

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.*

**God, bless to us our bread,  
and give bread to all those who are hungry,  
and hunger for justice to those who are fed.  
God, bless to us our bread.**



**Readings for the Week:**

**Monday** Psalm 6. **Tuesday** Revelation 2:8-11. **Wednesday** (John the Baptist) Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]. **Thursday** (commemoration of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560) Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18. **Friday** Galatians 5:7-12. **Saturday** (commemoration of Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444) Jeremiah 28:1-4. **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** (commemoration of Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202) Jerimiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.