

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On this Sunday we read a passage from Isaiah that can remind us of Easter since it is read every year at the Vigil of Easter, calling us once again to feast on God's free mercy. And then, from Matthew today, we read the story of Jesus feeding a great multitude in the wilderness. In our worldwide wilderness now, join the congregation on Sunday, August 2, at 10am, gathering again in common prayer around the risen Jesus Christ, the great Breadgiver.

## **RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 2, 2020  
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 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.*

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for the LORD has glorified you.

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/20200802/playlist>

## **PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup>LORD, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion is over | all your works.  
<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.  
<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.  
<sup>16</sup>You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.  
<sup>17</sup>You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.  
<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.  
<sup>19</sup>You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;  
you hear their | cry and save them.  
<sup>20</sup>You watch over all | those who love you,  
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.  
<sup>21</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Having read these readings, think of this:*

*The primary biblical symbol of the mercy of God is food. In the Exodus story, God sustains the people with manna and water from the rock. In the Psalms, God is praised in this way: “You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.” And when the people were in trouble, the prophet Isaiah gave the promise of water, wine, milk, and bread, without price: hunger and thirst, both really and metaphorically, have an answer in God. These stories are part of the stunning inheritance of the Jews, the covenants of mercy, of which Paul speaks. But because of the compassion of Jesus Christ we people of the nations, we people who are right now deeply hungry for hope, are ourselves grafted into the promise of these stories. They are also for us. Turn to God with your hunger for hope. And then, empowered by our bread-giving Lord, we are turned to the needy world around us: “you give them something to eat.”*

*At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Ninth Sunday after Pentecost sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200802/playlist>*

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200726/playlist>

## HYMN OF THE DAY # 658

### O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Confident of God's care and upheld by the Spirit, let us pray for all who are in need, responding to the words "Lord, you are good to all" with the phrase, "hear our cry and save us."

*A brief silence.*

O God our Savior, bless your church around the world. Where believers must be isolated from one another, be present to each through your gracious word. Give to Bishop Ortiz, Pastor Linman, and all our committee members wisdom for their tasks in this challenging time.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Redeemer of all, bless your people the Jews with your covenant promises. Bring an end to global anti-Semitism, and strengthen ties of cooperation and friendship between Christians and Jews.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Creator of a wondrous earth, protect the glories of your seas and lands. Replenish ground water supplies, refresh lakes and ponds, send rains where there is drought, and shelter forests from wildfires.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Sovereign of the world, form the leaders of nations to strive for justice for all. Guide our government in dealing with China. Strengthen the world's democracies. Bring an end to racism in our society. School our elected officials in how to govern with integrity.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Storehouse of goodness, visit all who face the coronavirus, especially those who are incarcerated. Give us, O Lord of life, a vaccine. Assist all who face eviction from their residence. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body or spirit, especially Elizabeth Bupp, Don Hansen, Karen Huff, Barb Jensen, Jack Mulloy, and those whom we name here:

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Giver of bread, teach us how to feed the hungry: the children starving in war zones, the families who cannot afford groceries, the homeless on our streets, the farmers devastated by pestilence. Give to all creatures their food in due season.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Lover of our souls, receive now the petitions of our hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, everlasting mercy, we praise you for the lives of all who have died in the faith, especially this week Dominic and all who, like him, preached your word with power. At the end, bring us with all your saints to your heavenly banquet.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

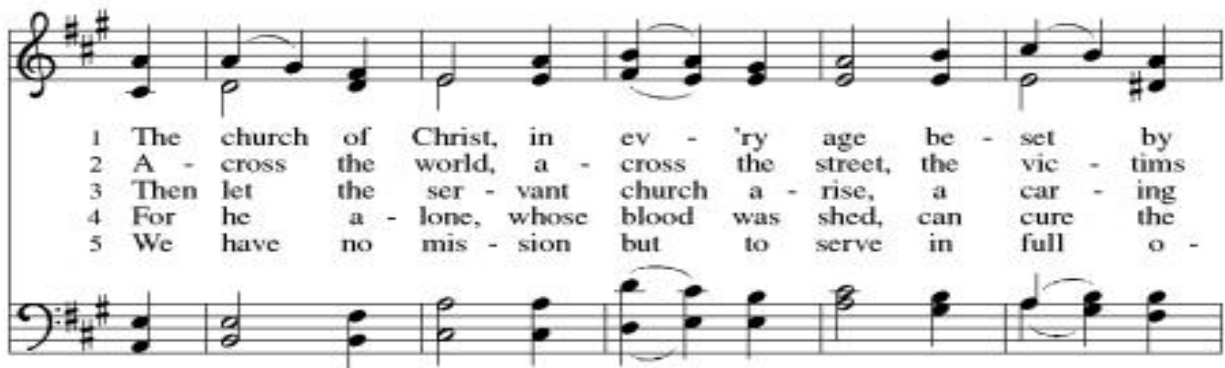
**Amen.**



Now read or sing the following Hymn. Accompaniment is at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200802/playlist>

## HYMN # 729

### The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to with -  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000  
Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768  
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*Then conclude with these prayers:*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light in our dark sky,  
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
A Lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

**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.*

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord.  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

**Readings for the Week:**

**Monday** Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29. **Tuesday** Acts 2:37-47. **Wednesday** Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35. **Thursday** Psalm 85:8-13. **Friday** Acts 18:24-28. **Saturday** (commemoration of Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers [Dominicans], died 1221) 1Kings 18:41-46. **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

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