

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

The readings today narrate "theophanies," manifestations of the presence and word of God in the midst of human need. If you are able, join the congregation from your home in reading, singing and praying around the presence of Christ amid our world's need on Sunday, August 9, at 10am.

## **RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 9, 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.*

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

### **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

<sup>9</sup>At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>Elijah answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a

voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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/20200809/playlist>

## **PSALM 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people  
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who ask for help. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to preach? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, here I am; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the

water.”<sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

*Having read these readings, think of this:*

*In the story, Elijah is in trouble, threatened with death. Peter is in trouble too, drowning in the chaos of the sea. Let the stories reflect our times. We and all our world also know the threat of death and chaos. But then, listen. God comes to Elijah not in wind, earthquake or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence and in a voice that gives him a mission. Those sounds may be little in the world, but they are the very presence of God. And Jesus comes to the storm-tossed disciples with a word of comfort, “Here I AM; do not be afraid.” He comes as the very presence of God, the one named “I AM” in the scripture. As Paul says, this life-giving word from God is not far away, but here, now, in this time of prayer, on our lips and in our hearts. With the Psalmist, let us say, “I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.” God in Christ is speaking peace to us right now. Then let us undertake the mission to speak that peace also to our neighbors.*

*At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Tenth Sunday after Pentecost sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200809/playlist>*

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200809/playlist>

## HYMN OF THE DAY #756

### Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav-'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of chords and single notes.

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

*Then pray these intercessions:*

Confident of your care and upheld by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each petition with the words “Save us, we pray.”

*A brief silence.*

For your church throughout the world, we pray: Strengthen the faith of all who believe. Speak to us through your word of power and mercy. Abide with those Christians who are isolated from others. Give wisdom and stamina to Pastor Linman and to all preachers who bring your good news to the world.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For the well-being of your creation, we pray. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Tame the storms that threaten human habitations. Maintain the health of pets.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, creator God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For the leaders of nations, we pray. Inspire those who govern to keep peace with their neighbors and to maintain justice for their citizens. Calm the world’s violence. Strengthen the world’s democracies, and keep autocrats in check. Uphold a free press around the globe.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, sovereign God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For those in need we pray. For those who are unemployed, or homeless, or hungry, or hospitalized; for those whose money has run out; for those who are fearful of the future; for Don Hanson, Karen Huff, Barb Jensen, Jack Mulloy, and those we name before you now:

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, compassionate God:

**Save us, we pray.**



For the world facing the coronavirus we pray. Sustain medical workers for their arduous tasks. Assist our Congress and governors in legislating wisely during the pandemic. Give wisdom to educators as they plan the fall semester. Give us kindness with one another and patience for ourselves. And we beg: give us a vaccine.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, merciful God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For the end to racial injustice we pray. Frustrate all prejudices between peoples that are based on ethnic origin or skin color. Unite into one body politic all who share this land.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, generous God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For ourselves, we pray. Reach out your hand to us; save us when we are sinking; and receive now the petitions of our hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

Hear us, faithful God:

**Save us, we pray.**

We praise you, O God, for all who have died in the faith, for martyrs, for leaders in the struggle for civil rights, for victims of Covid 19, for those dear to us. Especially this week we glorify you for Mary, the mother of our Lord. Bring us at the end with all your saints into your everlasting life.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, eternal God:

**Save us, we pray.**

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/20200809/playlist>

## HYMN # 763

### My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,  
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.  
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

#### *Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

*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.*

**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** (commemoration of Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258) Psalm 18:1-9.

**Tuesday** (commemoration of Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253) Genesis 19:1-29.

**Wednesday** Matthew 8:23-27. **Thursday** (commemoration of Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society) Psalm 67. **Friday** (commemoration of Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs) Isaiah 63:15-19. **Saturday** (Mary, Mother of Our Lord) Luke 1:46-55. **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28.

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