

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

As we also observe Reformation Day on this Lord's Day, we will explore how God's commandments can also be expressions of divine grace in addition to embodying the demands of the law. If you are able, join the congregation with your own worship at home at 10am on Sunday or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances at home.

## **RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 25, 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 Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **REFORMATION DAY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

## **FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

A reading from Leviticus.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or

defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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/20201025/playlist>

## **PSALM 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!  
<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.  
<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.  
<sup>4</sup>It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

A reading from Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,  
<sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our

hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>Jesus said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup>‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

<sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give Jesus an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Having read these readings, think of this:*

*Two principles mark the Christian way to read the Bible: First, loving God and neighbor is all the law. And second, the crucified Jesus Christ is Lord. But here is the deep truth, a truth we rightly repeat to our shame: “We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.” What shall we do? Where do we turn? In the crucified and risen Jesus Christ we meet the very Lord who is holy, and here is his holiness: even more than Paul who was his follower, this Jesus shares with us his very own self, doing so in the word and, when we can come to it, in the supper. Forgiven by this gospel of God, we are made free in the Spirit to turn in love to our neighbor again. Such is the heart of any commemoration of the Reformation.*

*At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20201025/playlist>*

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20201025/playlist>

## HYMN OF THE DAY #750

### Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;  
2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have  
3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos - om bear me home,

with ten - der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea - sure I would share,  
in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place  
that I may die un - fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep

yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.  
may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.  
my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.

And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.  
Let no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
 O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend,

my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.  
 my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: HERZLICH LIEB, B. Schmid, *Orgeltabulaturbuch*, 1577

*Then pray these intercessions:*

Let us offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with the words “Grant us your tender care.”

*A brief silence.*

On this day commemorating the Reformation, O God, we pray: that Christian churches around the globe be reformed and renewed; that ecumenical collaboration be widened and deepened; and that Lutherans stand firm in the gift of the gospel. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Attending to the natural earth, O God, we pray: that the seas and lands be cleansed of pollution; that both rainstorms and droughts be moderated; and that animals retain their necessary turf. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, steadfast God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Aware of disorder around the world, O God, we pray: that wars and armed terrorism cease; that violent extremism everywhere be calmed; that governments meet the needs of their poorest residents; that the days before our election be peaceful; and that all prejudice based on color or ethnicity be rejected. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, sovereign God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Facing the coronavirus, O God, we pray: that the pandemic and its anxieties subside; that medical personnel and services be everywhere supported; that the unemployed find work and the evicted find housing; and that a trustworthy vaccine be developed. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, compassionate God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Moved by the needs of all our neighbors, O God, we pray: for those suffering from discrimination; for those incarcerated or held in immigrant camps; for farmworkers

and their children; for all who are hungry; and for those we name here before you:  
Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, David Collins, Don Hansen, Karen Huff,  
Lyle Kubly, Jack Mulloy, Gretchen Zeltner, Olivia Baker and Don Oaks.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, mothering God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Thinking lastly of ourselves, O God, we pray: that we be enabled to love our  
neighbors as ourselves, and that you receive our personal petitions. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, loving God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Grateful for the lives of all who have died in the faith, especially for all the men  
and women whose efforts reformed and renewed the church, O God, we pray that  
at the end we join with them in your glory:

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, eternal God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, as we trust in your might and  
your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Now read or sing the following Hymn. Accompaniment is at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20201025/playlist>

## HYMN #504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe!      With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he!      Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!      His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,      though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight.      On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored.      He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail!      One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day.      The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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*Then conclude with these prayers:*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O Holy One of wisdom, throughout human history and today among us here, you call us to walk the paths of justice and peace. We praise you, O God of truth, for your precious words. Grant that sheltered under their richness as under the tree of life, we live in gratitude and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, your Word and our Wisdom, now and 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.*

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,  
and let this food to us be blessed.  
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,  
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

#### **Readings for the Week:**

**Monday** (commemoration of Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters) Psalm 119:41-48. **Tuesday** James 2:14-26. **Wednesday** (Simon and Jude, Apostles) John 14:21-27. **Thursday** Psalm 43. **Friday** 2 Peter 2:1-3. **Saturday** (Reformation Day) John 8:31-36. **All Saints Day** Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12.

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