

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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PRELUDE

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Beneath the Tree of Life (*verse 1 only*)

Refrain



Come and gath-er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and



gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your



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|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------|
| Je - sus, | sing - ing | praise | to him | who |
| pas - sion, | Oh how | sweet | the taste, | how |
| va - tion, | come and | die | to sin, | rise |
| mer - cy, | we in - voke | your name, | re - | |
| Gos - pel, | may we | bear | the fruits | your |



leads us on from death in - to new life.
 deep and rich the well - spring of your love.
 up to life with - in the reign of God.
 mem - ber how your love has set us free.
 Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

To Refrain

GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. **A** 1. For the
A 2. For your

reign of God, and for peace through - out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Lord: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord:

A Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

fend us, O God: **C** A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on



To Verses 1 and 2
earth.

To Verse 3
earth.

Final ending
earth.

Verse 1



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry.

To Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Oh God,

C **We thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING Romans 12:9-21

A A reading from Romans

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let there be Peace on Earth"

Resurrection Choir



(Please stand as you are able)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

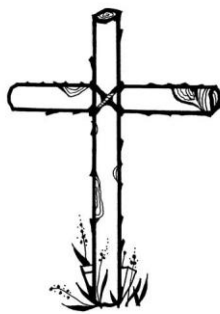
²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**



(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF RESPONSE Will You Come and Follow Me (Verses 1,2, and 4) ELW 798

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(After each petition concludes with ***“Merciful God”***, the congregation responds, ***“receive our prayer”***.)

PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

GIFTS OF OFFERING

(See inside cover for QR code to give electronically)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Loving God,

C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, mighty and immortal, through Christ, our Lord.

P You bid us return to you and be renewed, that your justice may shine like the sun and the poor of the earth be lifted up. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,

God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your

glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes lyrics for a congregational song. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing. The lyrics are: 'Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P On 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 to 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 welcome to outcasts and his eating with sinners, his own hunger and thirst, his death and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of our faith until he comes again to share the feast that has no end.



☐ Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.



P Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Bread of Life from Heaven

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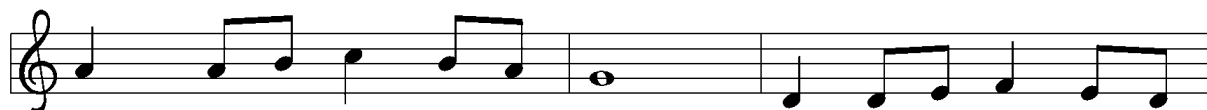
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



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|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break | now | the | bread | of | Christ's | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek | not | the | food | that | will | pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love | as | the | one | who, | in | love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in | the | one | who | now | dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink | of | this | cup | and | de - clare | his death; | eat this |



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| thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. | Eat, all of you, and be |
| hearts on the food that en - dures. | Come, learn the true and the |
| self for the life of the world. | Come to the one who is |
| home in the life - giv - ing Word. | Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly |
| bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; | trust his re - turn and, with |



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| sat - is - fied; | in Christ's pres - ence the | loaves will a - bound. |
| liv - ing way, | that the full - ness of | life may be yours. |
| food for you, | that your hun - ger and | thirst be no more. |
| One of God, | and be - lieve in the | truth you have heard. |
| ev - 'ry breath, | praise the one in whom | you are re - born. |

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.
3 Wor - ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;



for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

Refrain

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

C **Amen.**

P Compassionate God,

C **Through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever., Amen.**

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen.**



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx-i-ous soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Minister: Len Merkel

Lector: Melodee Mathay

Communion: Anne Merino & Kay Valler

Coffee Corner: Dave & Cheryl Seberger

Ushers: John Crostic, Kevin & Arla
Folbrecht

Altar Guild: Nancy Sappenfield

Altar Flowers: Josie Freiberg

The sanctuary flowers today are from Jill Goozen in honor of Bob and Marti Dennis

HELPING HANDS FOR AUGUST

During the month of August, Helping Hands will be collecting adult puzzles for St. Vincent de Paul. These should be new puzzles, or like-new if you are absolutely, positively know that all the pieces are there! In addition to adult jigsaw puzzles, we will also collect puzzle books – such as word search, sudoku, crosswords etc.



UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.