

*Welcome to Worship at
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection*

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [Lectionary 21]—August 23, 2020

11:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From this gathering we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

— GATHERING —

WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.

SABBATH REFLECTION "Way Maker"

—Osinachi Kalu Okoru Egbu

MORNING DIALOGUE

O Lord, open my lips

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,

Who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.

Alleluia!

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

GATHERING SONG "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

ELW # 763

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

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

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a - tion. No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm
sing - ing?
giv - eth.
sing - ing?

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

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God,

with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

—WORD—

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138 (*read responsively*)

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

**⁸You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY "Who is This Jesus?"

Pastor Dave Helfrich



SONG OF THE DAY "Jesus Messiah"

-Carson / Tomlin / Cash / Reeves



1. He be-came sin Who knew no sin, that we might be-come His
2. His bod - y, the bread; His blood, the wine; bro - ken and poured out



right-ous-ness. He hum - bled Him self and car-ried the cross.
all for love. The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.



Love, so a-maz - ing. Love, so a-maz - ing.



Je-sus, Mes-si - ah. name a-bove all names;



bless-ed Re-deem - er, Em-man - u - el.



The res-cue for sin - ners, the ran-som from heav - en;



Je-sus, Mes-si - ah, Lord of all. All our hope



is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glo-



- - ry to You, God, the Light of the world.

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 Je-sus, Mes-si ah, name a-bove all names;

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 bless-ed Re-deem - er, Em-man - u - el.

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 The res-cue for sin - ners, the ran-som from heav en;

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 Je-sus, Mes-si - ah, Lord of all. Je-sus, Mes-si -

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 - ah, Lord of all, the Lord of all,

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 the Lord of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care, especially those affected by COVID-19 and those we name in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You call us into this community, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead that we name in our hearts. Bring us with them to our heavenly home.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

—THANKSGIVING—

*Collect an **OFFERING** for God's mission. Financial gifts can be made online www.lcrmarietta.org/give, Canned food can also be collected.*

LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Breathe"

setting by Tom Crawford

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth.

We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word, we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life.

Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ;

Renew in us the living fountain of your grace;

And raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life;

For you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,

And with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

— SENDING —

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING SONG "May the Peoples Praise You"

- Getty/ Getty/ Townend/ Cash/Zimmer

VERSE

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1. You have called us out of dark - est night, in -
 (2. May our) ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that
 (3. All the) earth is Yours and all with - in, each
 (4. May the) seeds of mer - cy grow in us for
 (5. This our) ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your

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to Your glo - rious light, that we may sing the won - ders of the
 broke in - to our strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with
 har - vest is Your own, and from Your hand we give to You, to
 those who have not heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to
 prais - es and Your Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue Your

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1. 3. Back to VERSE

2. 4. 5. to CHORUS

CHORUS

ris - en Christ. 2. May our
 end - less life. May the peo - ples praise You, let the
 make Christ known. 4. May the
 spread Your Word.
 church pro - - - claim.

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na - tions be glad! All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may

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1. 2. Back to VERSE

3. to BRIDGE

praise the Name of Je - sus. 3. All the Je - 5. This our

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BRIDGE

sus. Ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord Al might - y.

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1. Repeat BRIDGE

2. to ENDING

Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. praise Your glo - ri - ous All cre - a - tion

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CHORUS

Name. May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad! All Your

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bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of ___

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Je - sus. May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be

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glad! All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may

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praise the name of ___ Je - sus.



DISMISSAL

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!



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