



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE RESURRECTION

SUMMER RENEWAL

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, for a time of Worship, to a quiet time and place.

Our souls thirst for a time to worship, a time for peace and quiet.

Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

Our lives need moments of rest.

Come, lift those concerns that are upon your hearts, for God to hear.

Our hearts, minds and souls need the gift of forgiveness this day.

Come, find a blessed center. Come, be at peace and receive the gift of forgiveness.

Praise God who offers to us shelter, grace, peace and a resting place.

AMEN.

GATHERING SONG

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray..... Beloved God,

through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-34, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."



REFLECTION

"The Kingdom of Heaven is here!"

Pastoral Intern John

GOSPEL SONG

"Isn't He"

CCLI# 1541

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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 THE PEOPLE

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

We will pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.

L: Hear us O God C: **Your Mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

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POSTLUDE

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HAPPENINGS....

Virtual Coffee Hour after Worship this week.

Check Our Website & Facebook for other daily inspiration during this time.

We will gather on Thursday's at 11am & 7pm for a devotional time / theological topic time, plus check-in with one another about life. Any other ideas, thoughts or comments please contact Pastor Karen, Intern John or the office.

Grace & Peace be with you.

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Isn't He

Verse 1

Isn't He beautiful
Beautiful isn't He
Prince of Peace Son of God
Isn't He

Verse 2

Isn't He wonderful
Wonderful isn't He
Counselor Almighty God
Isn't He isn't He isn't He

Verse 3

Yes You are beautiful
Beautiful yes You are
Prince of Peace Son of God
Yes You are

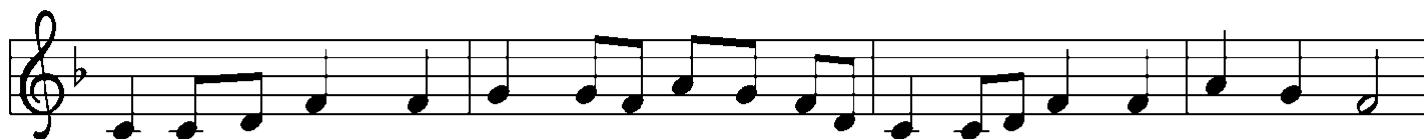
Verse 4

Yes You are wonderful
Wonderful yes You are
Counselor Almighty God
Yes You are Yes You are Yes You are

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in-ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Prayers of the People – July 2020

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for Churches young and old around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their longing for justice and equality. We pray for our adversaries. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities and our world to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, grant your loving care for all who are in need in mind, body or spirit (*especially.....*). For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those who need direction, give guidance. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain the ministry and mission of LCR and deepen our relationships with one another and with the wider community of Racine and beyond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died and gone before us, (*especially today we pray for.....*). Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection and the gift of eternal life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**