

**Sunday
Oct. 18, 2020**

9:30am
Online Worship
10:00am
Drive-In Worship

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
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**Nothing Is
Impossible:
A Fall of Faith,
Blessings
& Hope**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(For 9:30am Online Worship Only)*

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW 839

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray..... Sovereign God,

as we were created by you, let us live in your image. Acting for your glory; let us be redeemed by you, giving you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile.

The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God.

Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

- ¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
- ²I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
- ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel,
who call you by your name.
- ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
- ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
- ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions.

First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

- ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

REFLECTION

Pastor Karen Pahl

GOSPEL SONG

"World Needs Jesus"

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THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(10am Affirmation of Faith)*

Erica Rose Ericksen

Let us rejoice with this Sister in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.

L: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(Drive-In Worship Only)*

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you, May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face,

May the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again.....

May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Today Is The Day"

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SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

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

POSTLUDE

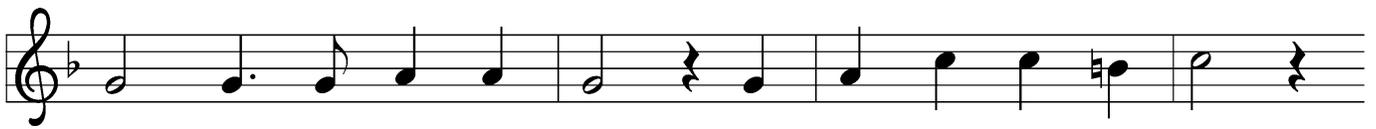
Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

World Needs Jesus

Verse 1

When our homes are hit by heartbreak
Let Your presence meet us there
When the pain seems overwhelming
We hold onto You

Verse 2

When the streets are torn by chaos
We will be Your hands and feet
When the darkness brings division
May we be Your light

Chorus 1

We know our world needs Jesus
We know our world needs freedom
So give us eyes to see the hurting and the broken
Let our lives align with every word You say

Verse 3

When the nations ache from violence
We will be Your blessed peace
When the headlines scream injustice
May we shout Your Name

Bridge

Let every heart turn to Jesus
Let every voice sing of Your great name
Let all the earth know Your freedom
We believe for more
Let every heart turn to Jesus
Let every voice sing of Your great name
Let all the earth know Your freedom
We believe for more
We believe for more

Chorus 2

I know I need You Jesus
I know this heart needs healing
So from my knees I lift this prayer to You my Savior
For my life and for the world You're the answer
Jesus

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Today Is The Day

Verse 1

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

Chorus 1

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day today is the day

Chorus 2

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day (5X)

Verse 2

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

Bridge

I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live for You)
And I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You welcome us O God, when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen and nurture our faith through worshiping you and help us grow with questions, ideas, and hope in Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The vastness of the heavens shows us the enormity of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. We continue to hold all those struggling to recover from devastating storms, fires, rain and natural disasters. We look to you O God, for healing and renewal for our world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your ways known to the nations, O God. Speak kindness to a world full of bitter grudges, war, hatred, racism and disagreements. Be with our government, our communities, our leaders and us your people and we prepare to vote in the upcoming election. Give us all patience, knowledge and wisdom in these challenging times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the voices of all who call out to you and satisfy their deepest needs and prayers. We pray for those experiencing the loss of loved ones because of COVID-19, those struggling to fight the virus and those recovering. Bring wholeness and healing to those who struggle in body, heart, soul, and mind (especially Bob, Barb, Carol, Mary Jane, Betty, Karla, Dee, Joyce, Mark, Adele, Bill, Don, Sandy, Earl, Hazel, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie and Shirley.) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Whether we live or whether we die O God, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, and for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**