

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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## PARABLES OF JESUS

AUGUST 7, 2022

10am Outdoor Worship

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*Hearing assisted devices are available at the sound booth.*

### GATHERING SONG

Instrumental

### WELCOME & GREETING

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the Lord require of you?

**To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.**

Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.**

**Amen.**

### OPENING SONG

*"Come Now Is The Time To Worship"*

CCLI# 2430948

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.... Almighty God,

**you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **A READING FROM ISAIAH**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

**Matthew 13:3-17**

<sup>3</sup>And (Jesus) told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!" <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. <sup>12</sup>For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>13</sup>The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' <sup>14</sup>With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. <sup>15</sup>For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn — and I would heal them.' <sup>16</sup>But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. <sup>17</sup>Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

## **REFLECTION**

Vicar Chip Lutz

## **REFLECTION SONG**

*"The Power of Your Love"*

**CCLI# 917491**

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance:

you gather our financial offerings, the offerings of who we are, and you welcome us to feast at this table of grace and goodness. Strengthen us to labor in the fields of this world and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

*Stand as you are able.*

## THE APOSTLES' 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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

Vicar Chip is not yet authorized by Bishop Erickson to preside over communion in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. We lift him and the synod in prayers as he prepares for ordination this fall. Communion will be available next week at LCR, when Pastor Kelly returns.

## 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.

## BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

CCLI# 117947

## SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

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

## POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us next week for Worship:

8am – In Person & Livestream Worship

10am – **Outdoor** Worship

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# Come Now Is The Time To Worship

## **Chorus**

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

## **Verse**

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

## **Chorus**

## **Verse**

## **Instrumental**

## **Verse (twice)**

## **Chorus**

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come Come Come Come Come

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# The Power Of Your Love

## Verse 1

Lord I come to You  
Let my heart be changed renewed  
Flowing from the grace  
That I found in You  
And Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the pow'r of Your love

## Chorus

Hold me close  
Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near  
Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait  
I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the pow'r of Your love

## Verse 2

Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love  
As You live in me  
Lord renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living ev'ry day  
By the pow'r of Your love

## Chorus

## Instrumental

## Chorus

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# Lord I Lift Your Name On High

## Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

## Chorus

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

## Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
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I'm so glad You came to save us

## Chorus (3x)

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's boundless love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be the helper and shield for people and places torn by violence. We especially pray for our neighbors of the Sikh faith, who this weekend have commemorated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on their temple in Oak Creek by a white supremacist gunman. Provide comfort, courage, and new life as they seek partnership with people of all backgrounds to heal, unite, and act against hate. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you *especially Carrie, John, Mardell, Myrna, Shirley, Pastor Kara, Marcia, Doris, Sandy, Scott, Mark, Sandy, and Jim*. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation *especially Living Faith Community Meals, HALO, Veterans Tiny Homes, Hospitality Center, Lutherdale Bible Camp, Racine Interfaith Coalition* and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**