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LUTHERAN CHURCH



No Greater Love

John 15:9-17

- May 9, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

This morning the altar flowers are lovingly given by Pastor Matt and Melina in honor of their 8th wedding anniversary! Praise God!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **We are asking you to wear face coverings.** All employees, members and visitors in attendance are asked to wear face coverings at all times in the building.
- ◆ **The double doors in the lower lot will be our only access point.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like they are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **There will be an elder checking people in for service.** If an outbreak occurs, this information will allow us to have a way to contact individuals that may have been exposed which may be critical to help save lives.
- ◆ **When you pick up your service elements we will have a recommended temperature check.**
- ◆ **Remember to layer up as the windows will be open and the fans will be on to help with air circulation.**

May 9, 2021
10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

Please be quiet during the prelude to help set a worshipful tone for those worshipping online.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” - arr. John Troutman

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LSB 700

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

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Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song: Let our joy be complete! Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song: Love one another! Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song: No longer servants but friends! Come, let our worship make a joyful noise, Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God,

C: We confess we often find it difficult to love others as You commanded. Though we intend to do Your will, our priorities lead us in other directions. We seek our own security before the well-being of others. We fulfill our own desires rather than act in Gospel love. We justify our own interests and fail to understand the cost they take on other people. Forgive us. Redirect our priorities and renew our commitment to live out Your love even when it demands more of us than we expect.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Hear the good news! Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, His Father, + and Holy Spirit we are forgiven all our sins and made new by God's generous grace.

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Psalm 98

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" - arr. Gerald Peterson

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

C: By His mighty power God raised from the dead, our Lord Jesus Christ, and seated him at his right hand in heaven; far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the age to come.

God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything everywhere and always. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

“God, We Praise You for the Women”

Tune: LSB 686 – Nettleton (Come, Thou Font)

Refrain:

God, we praise you for the women
who have taught us to be strong,
who have held us, who have raised us
with a prayer and with a song.

Sarah laughed to hear the promise--
God would bless her with a son;
Sarah laughed and Sarah doubted
till she saw what God had done.

Refrain

Pharaoh's daughter, like a mother,
lifted Moses from a pool,
brought him safely to the palace
where a slave would go to school.

Refrain

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Mary watched the killing madness
as her son died on the cross;
she who knew the joy of childbirth
now was torn by bitter loss.

Refrain

God, we praise you for the women
who have taught us to be strong,
who have held us, who have raised us
with a prayer and with a song.

As her life drew on toward evening,
after she had raised her own,
Lois held her baby grandson,
told him of God's love made known.

MESSAGE

No Greater Love

John 15:9-17

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the
"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAISE SONGS

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Bridge x2

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord
Blessed be Your name

Chorus x2

“Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble”

Did you feel the mountains tremble
Did you hear the oceans roar
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen Lord

Did you feel the people tremble
Did you hear the singers roar
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ the saving One

Pre-Chorus 1

And we can see that God you're moving
A mighty river through the nations
And young and old return to Jesus
Fling wide you heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

Chorus

Open up the door and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring your hope
Songs that bring your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice

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Do you feel the darkness tremble
When all the saints join in one song
And all the streams flow as one river
To wash away our brokenness

Pre-Chorus 2

And here we see that God you're moving
A time of jubilee is coming
When young and old return to Jesus
Fling wide you heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

Chorus x2

Open up the door and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring your hope
Songs that bring your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice

Did you feel the mountains tremble
Did you hear the oceans roar
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen Lord

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our 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.

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: Amen!

“Grace Like Rain”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see so clearly

Chorus 1

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away
they're washed away

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus 1

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing Your praise
Than when we first begun

Chorus 2 x2

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away

Chorus 3

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away
They're washed away

POSTLUDE

During the postlude please remain quiet in your seats or move into the lobby to have conversation to help keep it worshipful for those watching online.

“The Risen Christ!” - Lani Smith

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs: Dale & Suzy Lindeke
Elder: Bob Rothwell
Organist: Karen Tiffany Burgess
Reader: Karen Tiffany Burgess
Worship Team: Chris Linderman

In Our Prayers:

- **We pray for those who do not feel loved and cared for this day.** May we all have opportunities to share your love, even in small ways, with people hurting. Even if they have never encountered you Lord, find ways to kindle your love in their hearts!
- **God of forgiveness and renewal: Today we pray for those whose relationships are need of repair and for all who work for peace and reconciliation in the face of deep divisions.** We pray for families, churches, communities and countries facing conflict, and ask that your Spirit open hearts and minds to deeper understanding. Reconcile us through your love.
- **God our Father, we pray: for new mothers, coming to terms with both the joys and demands of motherhood;** for pregnant mothers, expectant and wondering, or fearful, for those mothers who are tired, stressed, ill or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the demands of work and children; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child through death or abortion; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; for those whose children have rejected their love; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves, but for God and for others.

Questions for Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

No Greater Love

What is an act of love your mom or someone else showed to you growing up?
How does this still impact you to this day?

Read John 15:9-17. Looking at verse 9 why is the love between the Father and the Son vital for us to understand just how much Jesus loves us?

Continuing on with verse 9, what does it mean to remain in the love of Jesus?

If we remain in the love of Christ what is the result? What does complete joy look like in the life of a Christian? What are things in this world that rob us of that joy? How can refocusing on the love of Jesus bring it back?

Looking at verse 12, what might it mean for you that Jesus commanded us to "love one another as I have loved you?"

In American society, it is typical to focus on how so many resources are limited. Contrary to this, how is the love of Jesus unlimited? That is to say, how does showing love often have multiplying effect?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessings and joy to all the moms at RLC and in our families! Have a awesome day in the Lord and with your families!

May Newsletters are Out!

If you don't get an electronic copy of the newsletter pick one up today in the lobby!

What's Coming Up-Living the Resurrection at 8 and 10:30 am Next Week!

We conclude our series, "Living the Resurrection" and next week we will finish the Easter season with resurrection joy and proclaim to the Lord, "We Are Yours." As we proclaim this it will be a reminder that we are not alone, that we continue to journey with the one who calls us and the one who saves us. So join us next Sunday in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 8 or 10:30 am to lift hands and celebrate Resurrection life in Jesus Christ!

Zoom Bible Study is Happening on Wednesday at 7PM!

Please join us at 7pm this Wednesday as we have another great zoom Bible Study. More than a study it is also a great time of fellowship, catching up and praying with one another. So we look forward to you joining us as we continue to focus on John 15 and how there's no greater love than that of our Resurrected Lord! If you would like an invite email the office at secretary@resurrection-lcms.org

Zoom Bible Study to Focus on CRU Say Yes Afterschool Program—May 19th at 7 PM

Join us for a special Zoom Bible Study on May 19th as we explore more of how we can get the church prepared to work toward launching an after school program here at RLC!

Pentecost Sunday-May 23rd at 10am!

Join us for Pentecost on May 23rd at 10am as we begin a new series called "When the Spirit Moves." This series will help us see and understand how to be a Spirit-filled people of God. And we will realize we are equipped to be communities of faith who are ready to go when the Spirit moves. Finally one last note applying to just May 23rd, due to no organists being available Dale and Suzy Lindeke will be leading the whole service. There will still be hymns, they will just be led from the piano.

Spring Voters' Meeting will be moved to June 13th

Much like the Fall Voters' Meeting we will be delaying the Spring Voters Meeting to give the Executive Council extra time to prepare. During this time part of the Executive Council will be meeting as the Nominating Committee to determine folks we might think would do well in open positions on the Executive and Parish Counsel. So keep your ears open you might be contacted to consider serving!

Office Hours: By Appointment Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm
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