



geared Up
for life

Resurrection
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Rooted & Grounded
In Love

Ephesians 3:14-21

- July 25, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **Masks are optional for fully vaccinated people.** If you are not fully vaccinated we ask that you still wear your mask in accordance with local and national guidelines.
- ◆ **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 you 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.
- ◆ **We will no longer be doing a temperature check at church, but do ask you to self monitor your temperature at home before coming to church.**

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10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

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

“Jesus Loves Me” ... Janet Linker

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790 verses 1, 2, 4, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We pray that out of Your glorious, unlimited resources, You would strengthen our hearts and minds through the power of Your Holy Spirit. May Your love be the rich soil in which our lives are rooted. May Your love be the firm foundation on which we build, so that, together with all Your people everywhere, we would come to truly understand how long, how high, how wide and how deep Your love really is— how it far surpasses anything we can imagine. God, fill us with the love, fullness, and the power that comes from You alone, so that our lives would reflect Your love, goodness, and grace to the world around us.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Gracious and Generous God,

C: We gather each week to be fed by Your love, trusting that You embrace each of our lives. We confess we are not nearly so generous with our love. We hold back what we have, fearful we lack enough for our own purposes and desires. We take advantage of opportunities for ourselves, and forget to see if someone else is in need. Forgive us, O God, when our fear makes us stingy with Your gift of abundant love.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: The Letter to the Ephesians declares that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, for we are being rooted and grounded in His love. The forgiveness He offers is a gift of this love that is wider and deeper than we can ever imagine. So receive our Triune + God's forgiveness of all your sins with faithful hearts, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

C: Amen!

SENDING PRAYER TIME FOR THE CROPPS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me" LSB 588 verses 1, 2

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong:
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Let's His little child come in.

Refrain

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

SERMON HYMN

“O Love, How Deep” LSB 544 verses 1, 5-7

Tune: O Waly, Waly – LSB 595

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

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For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

MESSAGE

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Ephesians 3:14-21

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

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

PRAISE SONGS

"You Never Let Go"

Even though I walk
Through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught
In the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know You are near

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus

Oh, no, You never let go
Through the calm
And through the storm
Oh, no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh, no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light
That is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end
To these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the Earth

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus

Oh, no, You never let go
Through the calm
And through the storm
Oh, no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh, no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

Bridge 2x

Yes, I can see a light
That is coming
For the heart that holds on
And there will be an end
To these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You

Chorus 2x

“Your Name”

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

Chorus

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

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!

CLOSING SONG

"I Am Not the Same"

You restore the wasted years
You build the broken walls
Your love replaces fear
Your mercy makes us whole

Pre-Chorus 1

Adopted healed and lifted

Chorus 1

I am not the same I'm a new creation
I am not the same anymore
I am not ashamed I will not be shaken
I am not the same anymore (anymore)

I bow before Your cross
A broken life made new
Amazed at all You are
And who I am in You

Pre-Chorus 2

Adopted healed and lifted
Forgiven found and rescued

Bridge

You have overcome
It is finished it is done
Now my heart is finally free
Every chain undone
By the power of the Son
Risen Savior reigning King

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.

“Fantasia in C” ... J. S. Bach

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs:	Dale & Suzy Lindeke
Elder:	Joe Thomas
Organist:	Carl Kishline
Reader:	Dale Lindeke
Worship Team:	Chris Linderman

SERMON NOTES

Rooted & Grounded In Love —Ephesians 3:14-21

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Praise God:

- **We are eternally grateful that we are rooted and grounded in your love!** As we lift hands this morning we are in awe at how wide and long and high and deep your love is. May we continue to experience the totality of this love in new and amazing ways this day and every day!
- **We thank you God for loving us when we are unloving for caring for us when we are uncaring, and for calling to us when we go far away.** Help us dear God to love one another in this way.
- **We give thanks for you continuing to strengthen and care for all the marriages in our congregation.** This week we lift up our dear friends in Christ Aaron and Mimi Peatow as they celebrate their anniversary tomorrow! May they continue to grow in love with you and one another through this next year!
- **We are so thankful for the love, friendship and care in Christ we have all had with our co-laborers in Christ Steve and Barb Cropp.** We give thanks for all the gifts and talents they have shared here at RLC over the years and ask your moving safety and blessings over their new home and adventures in California!

In Our Prayers:

- **We lift up all people who do not feel rooted and grounded in love.** We know there are so many places, things, and people others try to find everlasting love in, but all too often they feel let down and betrayed. Heal their hearts and soothe their souls. May they feel true love. This is love. That you spoke the living word, walked a painful road to the Cross, shared living water, bread of life, brought Salvation to the world and died for the sake of all. This is love. It is a seed sown in the ground, which germinates, blossoms, and spreads its sweet perfume. With this as our prayer may your love take root around the world!
- **Holy God, bless those who govern—Bless the leaders of nations, countries, towns, and cities.** And those who lead in all manner – social, political, and religious –Bless us all. Fill the hearts of all with your wisdom. Guide us in the way of justice and integrity for all. Guide us to walk by faith.
- **Holy God, tend to those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit.** Tend to the tired, the dying, the poor and the hungry. Help us to follow the love of Christ, a love which urges us on. Help us to seek and serve Christ in others, bringing forth a new creation.
- **Anoint us with your grace, that what we desire is also what you desire.** Help us to understand that our hearts' true desire is the love of you. May Give to your church, O God, the power to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, that your power at work within us may accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine. May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and thank you God, for all our blessings.

Zoom Bible Study Questions

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Share an experience of feeling loved (for example, love expressed by parents, family, or friends).

Read Ephesians 3:14-21. Looking at verses 18-19, what do the measurements of God's love reveal to you? How might the vastness of his love change the way you view everything around you? For example, how might you care for his creation differently, understanding that God's love stretches over all of it?

What might Paul be referring to by observing that "the love of Christ surpasses all knowledge"? What does that say about the limitations of our knowledge? About the vast scope of God's love?

How might verse 20 shape our prayer life and our expectations of what God desires to do in us and through us?

What might it mean for you to be "rooted and grounded in love"? How would you live differently if you were more aware of that?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Coming Up-We Wrap Up the First Part of Our Series "Geared Up For Life."

Make sure to join us next week at 10 am to continue to get geared up for life. Next week we will be jumping into part 2 of our series and will be looking at chapter 4 of Ephesians. We will be looking at what it means to live a life worthy of the Lord. To do this there are choices to be made in how we live out our faith. And some of those choices reveal whether we are indeed "rooted and grounded in love" or not. So join us next week to get geared up for a worthy life in the Lord in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 10 am!

Pastor Will Be Out of Town Friday through Monday

This coming week I will be out of town to do my step-grandpa's funeral back in Michigan. If you need something please contact your elder. For service next week Andy Andrew will be leading the service and the message will be done via video.

Join Us For Our Last Zoom Bible Study Before Break– Wednesdays at 7 PM

Just a reminder to join us for Zoom Bible Study one last time Wednesday at 7 PM! We continue to be digging into the book of Ephesians and exploring how it can gear us up for life! More than just a study, it is also a great time to catch up with brothers and sisters in Christ here at RLC! Then we will be taking off the month of August and some of September before starting up again!

Stewardship Thoughts—Ephesians 3:20

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ..." We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm
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