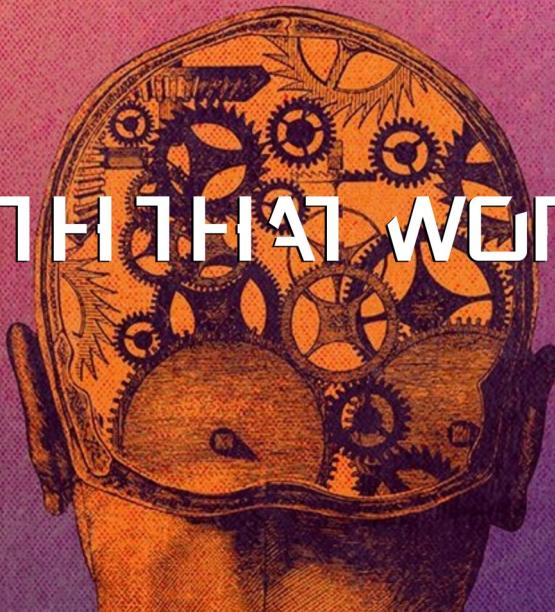


FATHAT WORKS



Resurrection  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Root of Conflict*

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

- September 19, 2021 -

## **Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

**10:00 am– Worship Service**

### **WHAT TO EXPECT**

- ♦ Masks are required even for fully vaccinated people.
- ♦ 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# **September 19, 2021**

## **10:00 am Service**

### **PRELUDE**

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

### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INVOCATION**

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

C: Amen.

### **OPENING HYMN**

**“Help Us Accept Each Other”** Tune: *Aurelia* – LSB 644

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for justice, and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Send us Your Holy Spirit, O God, so that Your Word will shed light on the path ahead.  
Help us understand the way we should follow. May Your wisdom bear fruit in us so that  
we may bear Your light into the world around us in the name of Jesus we pray.

C: Amen!

## ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Our Creator and Sustainer,

C: We confess that we are not always strong like the trees planted by the water's edge. Sometimes we are weak and indecisive. When the first big wind comes, we lean and break because instead of being rooted in You we are rooted in conflict. We plot revenge instead of letting You fight our battles. By our silence and busyness, we let wickedness and ugliness fester and flourish. Today, Lord, forgive us when we covet and lie and when we get caught up in things that displease You. Heal us, direct our paths, and be for us the peace we so desperately crave. Amen.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: "The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy." In the Father, Jesus Christ, + and Holy Spirit we are forgiven and we are given a new way to live. Let us accept God's grace, and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.

C: Amen!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:** James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

## GOSPEL READING

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 9:30-37

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

### **“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive” LSB 843 Tune: Consolation**

'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'  
    you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
    to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless  
    the unforgiving heart,  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
    old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals  
    the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us,  
    how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
    and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
    our lives will spread your peace.

## MESSAGE

### **Root of Conflict**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

*Pastor Matthew Mantey*

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

You can mail an offering or donate via the  
"Give to RLC" button at [resurrection-lcms.org](http://resurrection-lcms.org)

## PRAISE SONGS

### "Come People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth,  
We will lift our eyes to Him.  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in,

#### Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice  
Oh, Church of Christ, rejoice.

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.

#### Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice  
Oh, Church of Christ, rejoice.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land,  
Men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands,  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age:  
Our God is all in all.

**Chorus x2**

## **“Living Hope”**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### **Chorus**

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

### **(REPEAT)**

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

### **Ending**

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

## 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

“Christ Is Risen”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
For I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

The prodigal is welcomed home  
The sinner now a saint  
For the God who died came back to life  
And everything has changed  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

### Pre-Chorus

O death where is your sting  
O fear where is your power  
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you  
Delivered and redeemed eternal life is ours  
O praise His name forever

### **Chorus**

Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
And all throughout eternity  
Our song will be the same  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

And on the day You call me in  
To heaven's sweet embrace  
I'll see Your scars Your open arms  
The beauty of Your face  
Through tears of joy  
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

### **Tag**

Jesus is alive oh  
And all throughout eternity  
Our song will be the same  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

## **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.*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

<b>Pastor:</b>	Matthew Mantey
<b>A/V Techs:</b>	Dale & Suzy Lindeke
<b>Elder:</b>	Bob Rothwell
<b>Organist:</b>	Jackie Kinunen
<b>Reader:</b>	Suzy Lindeke
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Chris Linderman

## SERMON NOTES

### Root of Conflict—James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

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## PRAYERS & PRAISES

### Praise God:

- **We praise you for your gift of peace and how you so it in our lives every single day.** We give thanks for you being the ultimate peacemakers and we give thanks for all peacemakers who sow in your name. As we dwell in your peace, make all of us bold peacemakers. Give us strength to go into situations where there is conflict, that your peace may be sown in them.
- **We praise you for the gifts of technology that are joining the communion of saints together in this time and which also has allowed us to hear the message from Pastor Matt this morning.** We also pray for travel safety for he and Melina as they travel home on Tuesday.
- **We also give thanks for the gift of marriage in our congregation!** We give thanks for the blessings of marriage and love you have given to Jerry and Robin Thomas over all their years of being together. Continue to bless and keep them in your love and care in you and for one another!
- **We give you thanks for those who work for peace and mercy in a world divided by bitter conflicts, and for those who keep peace and lead negotiations in international disputes.** Give them courage and perseverance. We remember those who face violence, persecution, or discrimination daily, and pray for all whose lives are marked by danger or upheaval. Send your Spirit to protect the vulnerable and cause repentance to happen in the vicious so that justice and well-being will prevail.

## In Our Prayers:

- **We pray for all those who are rooted in conflict.** We pray for conflicts in our own families, that you would bring your healing presence to those wounds. We also pray for those rooted in conflict in our nation. We know there are so many issues that so many disagree on and get angry about. May your peace be sown in all these conflicted areas. We also pray your peace would fill and sustain those who are in conflict all the way around the globe. May every single heart feel and dwell in your peace.
- **Lord, the storms of life are raging, and we need you to stand by us.** The winds are trying to toss us to and fro, and we need you to stand by us. We want to be prosperous, like the tree planted by the streams of water the psalmist talked about. We, too, want to yield fruit, but life is threatening our productivity. Some of us are so stressed that our leaves are starting to wither. God, we need you to order our steps and give us the strength to handle whatever is on the path that you have assigned. Show us your grace and your favor.
- **We pray for all those anywhere who struggle with pain or illness, disability or daunting diagnosis.** O Healer stay by their side and use us to hold hands with them. Unite us in love, whatever we are facing, and grant us the peace and hope you have promised us in Christ Jesus.
- **Heavenly Father, draw us all to take refuge in Christ - when our conscience troubles us and when it doesn't.** Help us not to seek greatness in ourselves but spur us on to serve others, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ we are bold to pray as he taught us to pray Our Father....

## Weekly Personal Study Guide

### Root of Conflict

Take some time to think through what your understanding of peace is.

Read James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a. What is the root cause of fights and quarrels? What does James say is the solution?

Reading this passage what do you learn about humility and submission, how can these attributes help quell conflict? What does humbling yourself before the Lord look like in your life? What actions, practices, or habits would help us submit to God's ways and draw us nearer to God?

Looking at verse 17, what are the characteristics of the wisdom from above? How do these things help in the midst of conflict? How do they differ from what worldly wisdom tells us?

Reading verse 18, what are we called to be sowing? What does James say is the result of sowing peace? How might Pastor Matt's example of Melina's garden stick with you in times of conflict? What are ways you feel like you can sow peace this week?

How might you break an roots of conflict you are stuck in? What might God be calling you to do as a response to this passage?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Welcome to RLC as we see what the solution is to dig out the root of conflict.**

This morning as we look around the nation, we see so much conflict, some people even seem to be rooted in it. When this happens like a weed, it just chokes out life and causes chaos. So, what is the solution to it? Well in our message today via video we will be getting gardening pointers from Pastor Matt on how we root out conflict and sow something eternally better in its place! He is looking forward to you hearing and seeing it!

### **Next week we conclude our series, “Faith that Works” by looking at the power of prayer!**

Join us next week at 10am as Pastor Matt will be back and we will be concluding our series Faith that Works by looking at the power of prayer and how it can help those wandering away from the faith. We hope you can join us for this powerful message in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 10am and we will be reminded that this epistle of doing, of putting your faith to work in the world, of living out salvation in ways that impact the world around you, also believes that prayer is a power we need to use to do it.

### **Check the Office Copy of the Directory and Make Edits!**

We are working on an updated copy of the directory so please take a moment to doublecheck your information in the Office Copy in the Lobby. Please edit it where necessary. Finally, please do not take this copy home with you so we can make sure to get all the proper changes into the new directory.

### **Stewardship Thoughts—James 3:18**

“Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.”

It is the peacemaker who sows the seeds of peace, and that isn’t an easy job. You have to work hard to cultivate peace. Do fruit and grain grow up by themselves and take care of themselves? Do they produce an abundant harvest all by themselves? No! Ask any farmer! There is a lot of work involved. There’s the cultivation of the ground, adding fertilizer, sowing the seeds or planting seedlings, watering, weeding or spraying weeds, pruning, waiting, hoping, praying. Just because you’re a Christian doesn’t mean you automatically get along with others and never have conflicts. As individuals, and as churches, we need to work hard to cultivate peace with one another, listen to one another, express appreciation for one another, show kindness to one another, and settle arguments peaceably.

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