

Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church

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Worship Services
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hymns: 427—446—458—373

The Scriptures

Epistle—*Romans 13:1–10*

Gospel—*Matthew 18:15–20*

The Epistle, Romans 13:1–10, powerfully proclaims the Christian's role as a citizen under an unspiritual government and living among an unbelieving populace. Christians are more than God's watchmen; they are witnesses and living examples of his love.

The Gospel, Matthew 18:15–20, preserves for us the Lord's directive to be our brother's keeper. Jesus offers a recipe for the loving Christian admonition of erring brothers and sisters. We are watchmen, above all, for each other!

The common chord that rings through these readings is that the Lord calls his people to be his faithful watchmen. By our words and our way of living, we are to witness, admonish and set examples for all the citizens in our community. The unifying theme for this Sunday's service might be "We Are Called to Be Watchmen!"

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
WE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

M Blessed be the name of the only true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C **And Blessed be His kingdom, both now and forever.**

M The Lord is now among us in His holy temple.

C **Let us raise our voice in adoration and sing His glorious praises.**

(Sing: Tune of Christian Worship #259)

When all Your mercies, O my God, My hung'ring soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love and praise.
Through ev'ry passing phase of life, Your goodness I'll pursue,

And after death, in heaven above, That glorious theme renew.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Let us, in true repentance, confess our sins to God and receive His assurance of forgiveness in Jesus. Let us do this, because the psalmist tells us: "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against Him and in whose spirit is no deceit" (Ps. 32:1-2).

C (Sing Tune of Christian Worship #372)
I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God.
He bears them all and frees us, From the accursed load.
I bring my sins to Jesus, To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious, Till not a spot remains.

M We all know the truth of the psalmist's words: "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sins to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord and You forgave the guilt of my sins" (Ps 32:3-5).

C (Sing Tune of Christian Worship #372)
I lay my sins on Jesus—Full healing comes through Him.
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I bring my griefs to Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

ABSOLUTION OR ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

M Having confessed our sins to our gracious God, we trust the promise of forgiveness He speaks through the psalmist: "Let everyone who is godly pray to the Lord, and He will be found. His mercies will surround those who call on Him, and all who trust in Him will be glad in heart. The Lord is our hiding place. He will hear us in our time of need and lead us to sing songs of deliverance". (Ps. 32:6-7, 10-11).

C (Sing Tune of Christian Worship #372)
I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces; I in His arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus—Redeemer, Christ, the Lord.
Like fragrance on the breezes, His grace on us is poured.

Romans 13:1–10 (NIV84)

¹Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

²Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.

⁴For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

⁷Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

⁹The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Matthew 18:15–20 (NIV84)

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

SERMON: 2 Kings 6:17

THEME: Elijah – Discovering our resources

2 Kings 6:17 (NIV84)

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD

¹⁹"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Sermon Hymn:

431 I Walk in Danger All the Way

1 I walk in danger all the way; The thought shall never leave me

That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.

This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.

4 I walk with angels all the way; They shield me and befriend me.

All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me.

They are my sure defense; All fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,

When you farewell can gladly say To all your sin and sorrow.

All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.

O Lord, You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift. We stand in awe of the special supper You have instituted for us. In the Sacrament of the Altar You truly come to us and bless us. Under the humble elements of bread and wine You give us Your own body and blood. While eye cannot see and mind cannot explain this mystery of faith, our hearts truly believe it, for Your Word makes it sure. Teach us to contemplate the Holy Communion that takes place and lead us to approach Your table with believing hearts, so we may receive the blessings You give us in this meal. We ask this for Your love's sake. Amen.

C RESPONSE (Sing: Tune of Christian Worship #169)

Lamb of God, our gracious Savior, All our sins You take away.
Lamb of God, by Your great favor, Grant us mercy now, we pray.
Gracious Lord, our prayers attending, Never let Your mercies cease.
But, Your Holy Spirit sending, Grant us all Your gift of peace.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

C RESPONSE (Sing: Tune of Christian Worship #169)

Your own body, for us given, Under bread we now receive; And Your blood to us is given In the cup—this we believe.

What great mysteries are here, Lord, But Your promise makes them sure. Your rich grace that is here offered cleanses us and makes us pure.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LEAVE WITH THE BLESSING OF THE LORD

Please stand.

PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it You strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. (spoken)

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen, (spoken)

CLOSING HYMN 394 Blessed Are the Saints of God

1 Blessed are the saints of God; They are bought with Christ's own blood.

They are ransomed from the grave; Life eternal they shall have.

With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.

2 They are justified by grace; They enjoy the Savior's peace.

All their sins are washed away; They shall stand in God's great day.

With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.

3 They are lights upon the earth, Children of a heav'nly birth.

One with God, with Jesus one, Glory is in them begun.

With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.