

Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am & Monday 7:00pm

THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament—*Isaiah 44:6–8*

Epistle—*Romans 8:26, 27*

Gospel—*Matthew 13:24–30*

THE CHURCH YEAR

In the Old Testament reading, Isaiah 44:6–8, the prophet brings words of encouragement from the Lord Almighty, Israel's "King and Redeemer," to a people who will be surrounded by the temptations of false gods. He assures his faithful remnant that he, Yahweh, is the only true God. He has proved this in Israel's past history, and in spite of Israel's troubles suffered during its captivity he will again according to his promise prove himself to be the Rock in which deliverance and refuge can be found. These verses introduce a portion of Isaiah in which the greatness of the Lord is contrasted with the nothingness of idols.

The Epistle, Romans 8:26, 27, continues a series of lessons from Romans. In last Sunday's lesson Paul called attention to a believer's desire for his final redemption, a desire reflected in the groaning's of all creation. This Sunday's Epistle continues with the same thought, adding as an encouragement that the Holy Spirit of God, by means of his own intercession, will help strengthen believers in their time of weakness until they reach their time of glory.

The Gospel, Matthew 13:24–30, is Christ's Parable of the Weeds. Instead of pulling up the weeds which an enemy sowed among the good wheat, the harvesters are instructed to "let both grow together until the harvest," when the final separation is to be made. This course of action is taken in order to prevent rooting up the wheat with the weeds during the time of growth. Judgment will come, but not prematurely.

All three readings encourage God's faithful people to be patient in times of stress and discouragement, waiting upon the Lord for a final deliverance according to his promise.

The Service

Hymn: Holy Spirit Light Divine

1 Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.

2 Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me; From sin's bondage set me free.

3 Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;

Fill me with your heav'nly peace; Let it grow and still increase.

4 Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne; Reign supreme and reign alone.

5 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;
Your own temple I would be Now and for eternity

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

C: Almighty Lord God, we have come together to stand in your presence, to hear your word, and to worship you.

P: But who may appear in your presence, Heavenly Father, and who may call on you for help?

C: He who has clean hands and a pure heart: he shall receive blessings from the lord.

P: O holy and righteous God, you alone can make us clean. We have rebelled against you and become worthless. But your mercies never end; they are new every day. At your command and promise, therefore, we come to you and confess our sins.

C: O holy and most merciful Father, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But at your gracious word I come to you, and for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ I plead: God, have mercy on me a sinner!

P: Having heard your confession, I as a called minister of God's Word assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

C: (spoken) Amen

Response to the Forgiveness Of Sins

To the melody of "Jesus! Name of Wonderous Love" (CW #76)

Glory be to God above!
glory too the Lord we love!
blessing, worship, thanks and praise
sing we now and all our days!

O Lord God, be glorified
by your church both far and wide!
now we sing adoringly,
praise to you, great Trinity!

Lord, you take our sin away;
send your mercy now we pray.
Lord, you take our sin away;
listen to the prayer we say.

The Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us Pray

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may, by your help, be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

The Word

Isaiah 44:6–8 (NIV84)

⁶"This is what the LORD says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.

⁷Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let him foretell what will come.

⁸Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV84)

²⁶In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Matthew 13:24–30 (NIV84)

²⁴Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

²⁵But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

²⁶When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸" 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹" 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them.

³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' "

Hymn: O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Christian Worship #373

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful, O Majesty renowned,
O Conqueror invincible, In whom all joys are found,

2. When once you visit darkened hearts, Then truth
begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

3. O Jesus, Light of all below, O Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire,

4. May ev'ry heart confess your name, Forever you
adore,
Enkindled with the Spirit's flame To love you more and
more.

5. Oh, may our tongues forever bless And honor you
alone,
And may we in our lives express The image of your own!

Sermon: Matthew 13:44–46 (NIV84)

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Theme: The Pearl of Great Price - What is it? What makes it valuable – How is it found

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I Believe 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 is seated at the right hand of the God the
Father almighty
From there 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

Communion Liturgy

P: Oh may the good Lord be with you
C: **And may the Lord be with you too.**
P: Oh, Praise Him!
C: **Alleluia!**
P: With hearts uplifted thank the Lord.
C: **We lift them up. Be God adored!**
P: Oh, praise Him!
C: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Holy, Holy, Holy

To the tune of "Rock of Ages" (CW #389)

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of hosts, by all adored:
Heav'n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of Your name!
With the heav'nly host we sing
Highest praises to our King:

2. Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame
Be to Him who, in God's name,
Now draws nigh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hail! Hosanna! Praises be
To the Lord eternally!

The Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

The Thanksgiving

To the tune of "Jesus Came the heavens rejoicing" (CW #26)

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing
For His promised faithfulness!
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing
Tell His love His name confess,
For He leads us, with thanksgiving
In the paths of righteousness.

At Your Word, Lord, let Your servant
Go in peace, for with my eyes
I have seen Your bright salvation,
Israel's Light, begin to rise
As the Glory of the nations,
Leading us to Paradise.

Benediction