

October 4, 2026
RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

We invite you to help us create sacred space by turning off your electronic devices, breathing deeply, recognizing yourself and the people around you as created in God's image, and praying to be open to the Spirit of God among us.



YOU ARE WELCOME at Resurrection Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

CHILDREN are welcome in worship, and we give thanks for joyful noises made to the Lord! The playground table near the entrance has coloring supplies and the carpeted area in Fellowship Hall (through the doors by the pulpit) has toys and books for children and rocking chairs for parents.

Our sanctuary is great for music but can make hearing spoken words tricky. The pulpit side speakers work best and **HEARING ASSISTANCE** aids are available in the narthex (entryway) or from an usher. Larger print bulletins are also available in the narthex.

RESTROOMS are available at the bottom of the west stairs in the narthex (entryway) of the church. Accessible restrooms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher or pew neighbor if you need help locating facilities.

We are a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST** congregation, openly welcoming, celebrating the participation of, and advocating for/with people of all sexual orientations, gender expressions, and gender identities. In our baptismal affirmation, we promise to strive for justice and peace in all the earth and are committed to anti-racism in the church and world.

We receive **HOLY COMMUNION**, trusting God's promises that Jesus is fully present in, with, and under the bread and wine and that these elements are given and shed for us. Jesus is the host of this holy meal, and we trust he would invite all to come forward to receive. You can also come forward for a spoken blessing.

WORSHIPPING VIA ZOOM, the meeting link is on our website www.rlclakeview.com or go to www.zoom.com and use the following credentials: Meeting ID: 864 1603 4369 and Passcode: 588633. You can also call in using +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago).

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Guide My Feet

Spiritual

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, bringing the gifts of your lives before the Lord.

**With all our offerings,
we offer ourselves in gratitude and faith.**

Christ says, "You are the salt of the earth."

**Season us with covenant faithfulness,
that our lives may preserve hope,
share love, and give thanks.**

May our worship be sincere, our witness distinctive,
and our generosity full of God's abundance.

**We come to worship the faithful God
who calls us to be salt for the earth.**

HYMN

My Lord of Light

ELW #832

We face the cross in procession in reverence to Jesus who leads us in faith.



- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing:
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en



but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.
your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.
all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

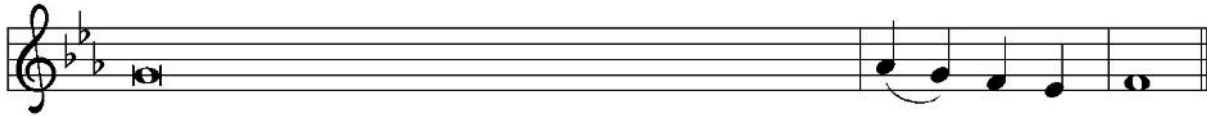
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



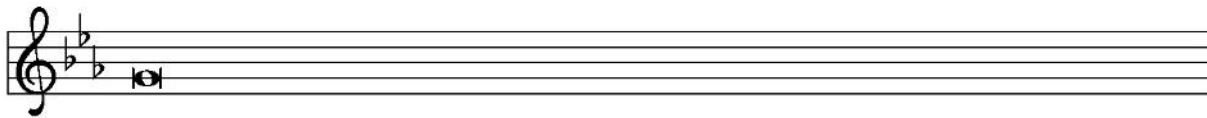
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



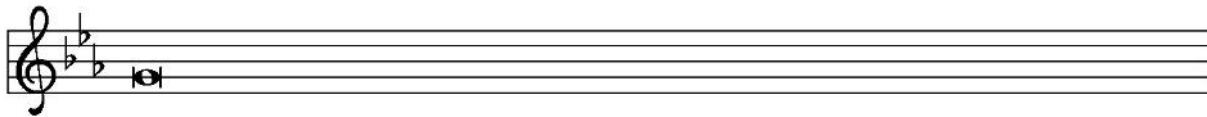
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Bill Chin

A reading from Isaiah:

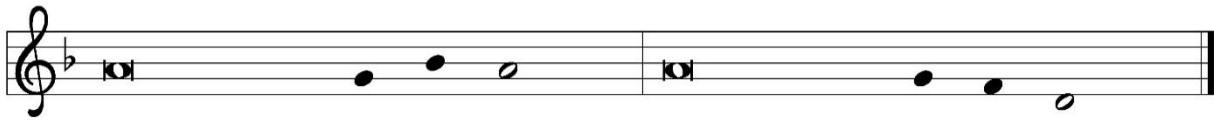
- ¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.
- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
- ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?
- ⁵ And now I will tell you

- what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
- ⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and
thorns;
- I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
- ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15



- ⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- ⁸ **You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
- ⁹ You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.
- ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered | by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.
- ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.
- ¹² **Why have you broken | down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
- ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴ **Turn now, O | God of hosts,**
look | down from heaven;
- ¹⁵ behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Sarah Leahy

A reading from Philippians:

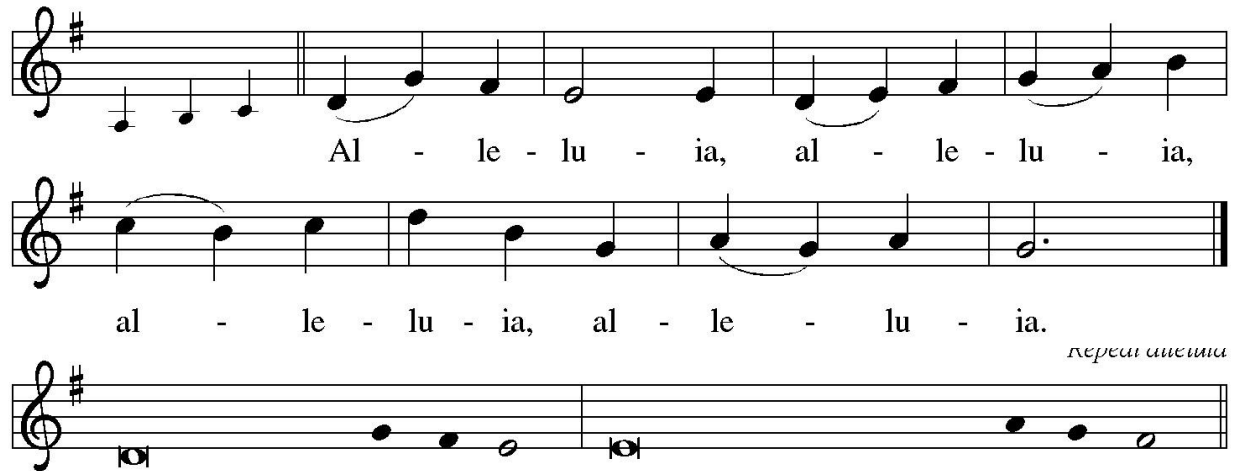
[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor sings Alleluias once, all repeat. Cantor sings verse then all sing Alleluias.



Jesus says, I chose you and ap- | pointed you*
to go and bear fruit | that will last.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for meditation follows the sermon.



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
 life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
 we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
 us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
 bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
 hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
 vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
 not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
 fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church we confess our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Beth Barer

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of abundance,
Inspire us to attend the education and coffee hour get togethers the Stewardship Team has planned for the first three Sundays in October. Help us to embrace your admonition that "you shall not omit from your grain offerings the salt of the covenant with your God; with all your offerings you shall offer salt." Grant us wisdom as we contemplate how best to utilize our time, abilities, resources, and attention in response to your enduring promises of faithfulness to and love for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We sit after greeting one another in peace.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

STEWARDSHIP MISSION MOMENT

Tricia Gigstad

OFFERING

Non nobis, Domine

William Byrd (1529-1623)

Not to us, Lord, but to your name be glory

Our offerings include our time, talents, and treasures.

Please bring forward when you come to commune or receive a blessing.

If you prefer to give online, please visit www.rlclakeview.com/give.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Beth Barer

Let us pray:

Faithful God, you have made a covenant of mercy with your people and called us, in Christ, to be the salt of the earth.

Receive our offerings of money, time, abilities, and love.

Season them with gratitude, integrity, and purpose,
so that through this congregation hope may be preserved,
neighbors may be served,
and your abundant love may be shared.

Keep us from losing our saltiness;

make our stewardship a living witness to your faithfulness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes with some eighth notes. There are repeat signs at the end of the first and second staves.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food...

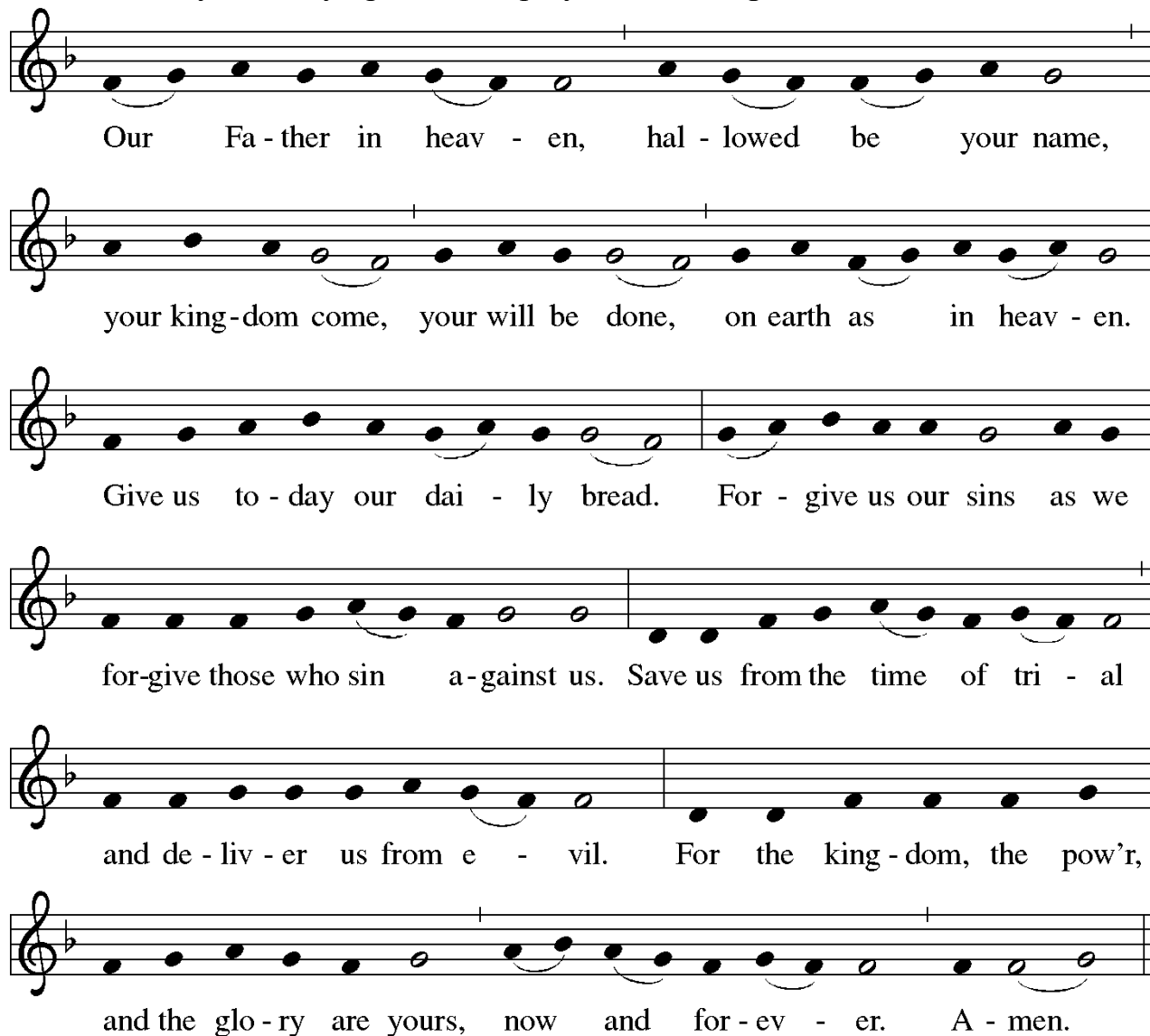
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our congregation sings or prays the Lord's Prayer in a variety of ways. During this season, we sing the prayer in unison.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

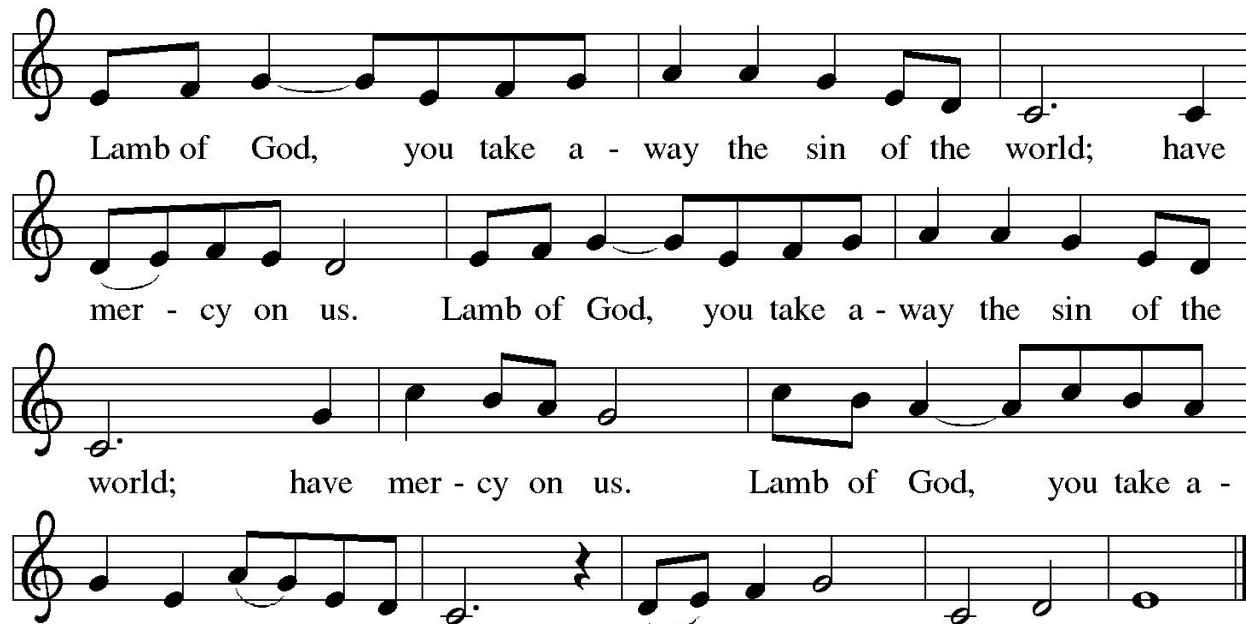
Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

We receive communion in the form of bread or wafer (a gluten-free option is available) and wine or grape juice by intinction (dipping just the wafer in the chalice). We trust that Jesus is fully present in, with, and under the bread and that the sacrament is given “for me.” Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a spoken blessing.

AGNUS DEI

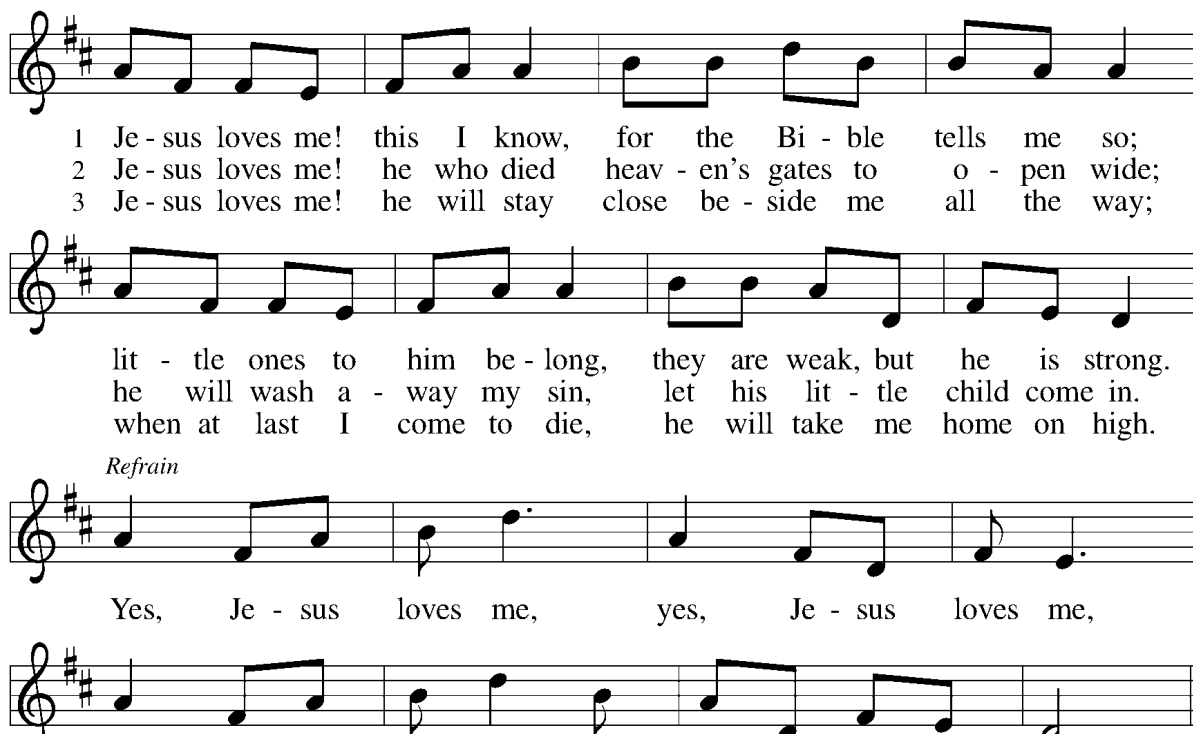


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW #595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;
lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

After all have returned to their places, we stand as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Beth Barer

Let us pray: Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

HYMN

Guide My Feet

ACS #987

Leader All

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Beth Barer

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Following the dismissal, some people will remain in the pews to listen to the postlude. Others will quietly greet one another or depart toward Fellowship Hall (through the door next to the pulpit) or out the doors onto the sidewalk when weather is mild.

POSTLUDE

Mit Freuden Zart

Charles Callahan

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER
Pastor Kelly K. Faulstich

TABLESETTER
Melissa Jensen

ZOOM HOST
Chris Barer

ASSISTING MINISTER
Beth Barer

ACOLYTE
Kira Hunt

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Gary Jensen

LECTORS
Bill Chin
Sarah Leahy

USHERS
Sarah Leahy
Erik Leahy

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226
Sunday, October 4, 2026

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787
Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986
Saturday, October 10, 2026

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

STEWARDSHIP TEAM PRAYER

God of abundance,

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, HOSPITALIZED, OR RECOVERING AT HOME

Lois Baumann	Jenny, <i>friend of the Youngmans</i>
Ed Blaus, <i>father of Linda Chin</i>	Joan and Bob Madsen, <i>sister and brother-in-law of</i>
Eddie Blaus, <i>cousin of Linda Chin</i>	<i>Eloise Thompson</i>
Ericks Blaus, <i>brother of Linda Chin</i>	Padraig McGuire
Ian Carlson, <i>friend of Rick Kline</i>	Patricia McGuire, <i>mother of Padraig McGuire</i>
Clemmer family, <i>friends of Dirlams</i>	Anne Roberts
Mark Flinner, <i>friend of David Thoele</i>	Lauren Schmees, <i>sister-in-law of Katie Schmees</i>
Clayton Gard, <i>nephew of Harry Tingley</i>	Mike Schmees, <i>father of Katie Schmees</i>
Sandy Geiwitz, <i>family of Linda Chin</i>	David Schuman, <i>nephew of Opal Katsma</i>
Tyrone Generette, <i>friend of Sherman Hicks</i>	Robert Schuman, <i>brother of Opal Katsma</i>
Michael Hazard, <i>friend of David Thoele</i>	Sandy Shew, <i>father of Nick Shew</i>
Larry Jensen, <i>friend of the Youngmans</i>	Margaret Traves, <i>cousin of Linda Chin</i>
Harvey Kahler	Charlotte VanDenburgh, <i>mother of Ann Marie Walsh</i>
Jim Lee, <i>father of Brett Lee</i>	

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alexandra and Spencer Crowe, <i>niece and spouse of Rick Kline</i>	Joshua Fairbanks, <i>family of Rick Kline</i>
Jonathan and Mark Bangert, <i>family of the Ericksons</i>	Christian Youngman

FOR THOSE BAPTIZED THIS YEAR

Miller Mainquist 2.15	Joanne Fong 5.3
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

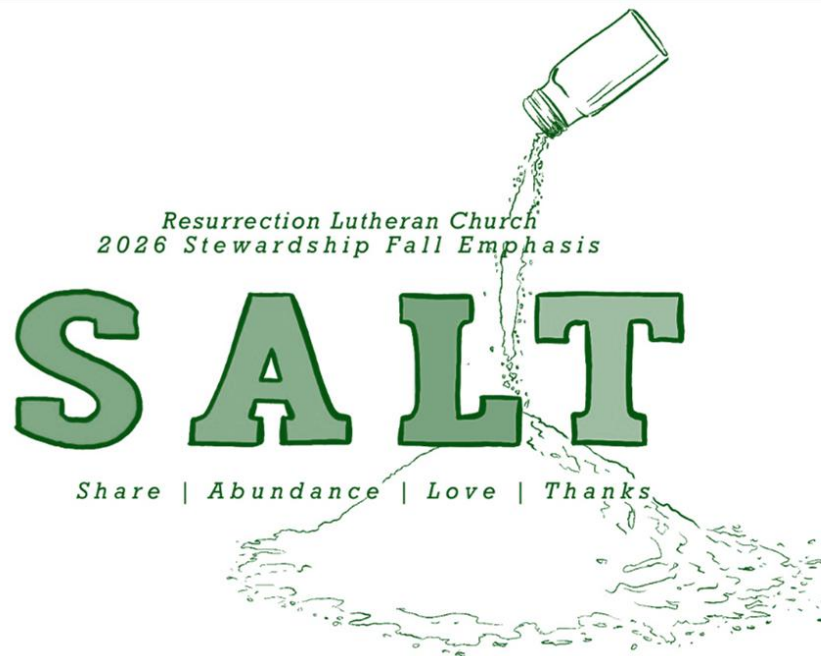
Katie Schmees	10/2	Madeline Kopa	10/10
Bill Chin	10/3	Christy Domin	10/14
Betsy Shuman Moore	10/5	Sarah Leahy	10/16
Carys Domin	10/6	Lexia Gray	10/17
Kira Hunt	10/7	Clark Prickett	10/19
Alma Angelino	10/10		

We try to keep our prayer list up to date. If you would like to add or edit someone, please let us know by leaving a note in the offering, emailing or calling the church office (773) 525-0605

IN OUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN RESUMES TODAY - OCTOBER 4TH @ 8:30AM

Our one room Sunday School for children Kindergarten - 6th grade resumes October 4th at 8:30am. From September through May, we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 8:30-9:15am and enjoy singing with Gary, a bible lesson with Pastor Kelly, and prayer and snack time. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate with their children.



During the month of October, our Stewardship Team will lead us in celebration, learning, and prayer under the theme “SALT: Share, Abundance, Love, Thanks”

October 4

SALT in scripture with Pastor Kelly
(Leviticus 2:13)

October 18

SALT in scripture with Sherman Hicks
(Matthew 5:13)

October 11

Salt tasting led by Stewardship Team
members Linda Chin & Stephanie
Youngman

October 25

Congregational Forum, Celebratory Potluck,
& Return of 2027 Contribution Cards

METROPOLITAN CHICAGO SYNOD BISHOP INSTALLATION

From the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Website

Under the theme verse “The one hope of your calling” (Eph. 4:4), nearly 500 worshipers filled St. James Cathedral in downtown Chicago Saturday, Sept. 19, for the installation of Bishop Erik Christensen. The service and reception were a labor of love from the synod, with more than 100 names listed in the bulletin as participants and planners of the service. In subsequent days, more than 1,000 had also watched the livestream.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry preached and presided. Bishop Paula Clark of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago gave a welcome, and Bishop G.A. Seane of the synod’s companion, the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa, brought a greeting and gift.

Seane and four other ELCA bishops offered scriptural charges. Readers, intercessors, communion assistants and greeters/ushers were chosen to reflect not only important relationships with Bishop Erik, but partnerships, welcome/hospitality and feeding ministries of the synod. Keith “Doc” Hampton of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago directed the music that included an installation choir, soloists, brass and a gospel band.

Bishop Curry spoke to both the new bishop and the synod, to whom he said, “...seven years ago, at our last installation, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton said words that have stayed with me. ‘We need to support this bishop.’ Those words stayed with me because you did. And today I offer those words back to you: ‘Church, we need to support this bishop. Pray for Bishop Erik. Walk with him and encourage him. Because this ministry does not belong to one bishop. It does not belong to one congregation. This is Christ’s church.’”

Bishop Erik received an extended standing ovation after Curry presented him to the assembly following the installation. He responded with heartfelt remarks about his own full and grateful heart. “...My heart is filled with wonder at what God has done and continues to do in us, and for us, and through us. My heart is filled with hope for Christ’s church here and now...”



FROM ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP YEHEIL CURRY

Bishop Yehiel Curry offers monthly message at www.elca.org. This website can also be used for daily bible reading, finding congregations while traveling or moving, and more information about the denomination of which we are a part.

All Together in One Place + September 28, 2026 + Celebrating Our Diversity

Dear beloved children of God,

As a church, we collectively continue to celebrate the diversity with which God has created the world. Scripture tells us that, from the very beginning, we were made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). In the book of Acts, many were gathered in one place when the Holy Spirit came upon them. Each was given the power to witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:32-33). In 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, the human body serves as a metaphor, demonstrating that a healthy Christian community relies on the many distinct gifts and qualities of each unique member — emphasizing unity through continuing to be a connected church.

I am thankful to serve this church in the office of presiding bishop. I am also grateful for my experience as an activist and leader in communities and congregations that are at the margins. Whatever our role and wherever our place in the church, God calls us to develop trusting relationships with our neighbors. In the service of Affirmation of Baptism, the presiding minister asks, “Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism ... to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?” (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236). Striving for justice involves learning about underlying causes of division and inequity. It is a commitment our church makes because of baptism.

Celebrating diversity and striving for equity, inclusion and accessibility for all reflect this baptismal call. The words “diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility” and the initialism “DEIA” mean different things to different people. For the ELCA, as church together, these terms reflect our “delight in the fact that the people called, gathered, and enlightened” by God represent such a wide array of identities, backgrounds and life stories (ELCA social statement Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture, 1993, p. 3). The terms remind us of the gospel vision of community, in which all are truly welcome. They are terms this church has chosen to include in its teachings and constitutions as reflections of our faith in God, who creates, redeems and sustains all people.

Everyone matters in this church. I have celebrated with synods and congregations as they build communities that reflect the people and neighborhoods around them. I have worshiped in places where many languages are spoken and people from different backgrounds feel welcome. Together we have expanded our understanding of what it means to be church through relationships with companion churches around the world and through relationships between congregations in rural, urban and suburban settings here in the United States. We are joined together through holy baptism, through which God calls us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. “Diversity,” “equity,” “inclusion” and “accessibility” are reflections of justice when it is fulfilled. Like many saints before us have said, justice is the form love takes in society.

The road is long, but we go forth in faith, trusting in the risen Christ and inspired by one another for the work ahead. Let us continue in the covenant God has made with us, to serve all people in love.

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THIS WEEK @ RLC

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

11 a.m. Stewardship Session

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

8:45 p.m. NA

Saturday, October 10 & Sunday October 11, 2026

Lake Town Productions

Sunday, October 11, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

11 a.m. Stewardship Salt Tasting

District 19 Mutual Aid Item Drop-Off

Tues & Wed 5:30pm-8:30pm

Thurs & Sat 9am-1pm

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