

GET CONNECTED

Participate! Help out! Join in!

Just sign up below and drop this in the offering box.

I would like to help with the Garage Sale.

Name (please print)

Please fill out whichever is the best contact for you:

E-mail

Phone

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

At Resurrection, all kids are welcome in worship. We expect wiggles and giggles. Parents, we are honored that you choose to have your children as part of our faith community.

You are invited to keep your cell phone on, but please make sure it's in silent mode.

Free Wi-Fi Network: Unifi-RLC-Guest

Password: allarewelcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: Ministry Fest on Sunday September 24th. **One service at 9:30 am** with the ministry fest immediately after and some food to sustain you through the rest of the morning and early afternoon.

RLC Family Night is BACK! Family Connection is a small-ish group for families raising kids. We meet monthly on Saturdays from 4-6pm for family games & potluck-style meals @ Church or other locations. Please RSVP for the SEPT 30th LAKE DAY here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BADAE22A6FC1-rlcfamily6>

Reminder that Altar Flowers are \$20/bouquet and \$40 if you sign up for both spots. If you have ordered flowers the last few months and need to pay for them, **please be sure to note on your offering that the funds be designated for flowers.** Beginning in October, we are going to require that flowers be paid in full prior to being ordered, Robin J will send out a reminder for payment on the 15th of every month to anyone who is signed up for the following month. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at office@rlcfw.org

RLC's Sunday School begins October 1 at 9:45 in the Godly Play Green Room. Please register your children - Preschool through Fifth Grade, using the online form <https://forms.gle/xaZnXJPSC4t2MvDU9>

Paper copies will be available soon at the Welcome Center. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Garage Sale October 21 and 22, save your JUNK FOR JESUS! You can start bringing your garage sale donations on October 1st and putting it in the youth room. More information on volunteers to get ready, set up, work and tear down will be available at a later date. If you have items to donate but need help moving it please contact the church office.

Wednesday Wonderings will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 27 from 10 am to 12 pm. We meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month. This is a devotional style bible study and support group for women of all ages and stages. Can you bring your kids? YES! The Play Room is open. We are currently reading through "Finding Hope, Cultivating God's Gift of a Hopeful Spirit" by Marcia Ford. Come join us. Lunch is usually served following the meeting.

Weekly Attendance and Giving

Attendance	9/10/2023	
8:30	40	
10:45	30	
Total		
Giving	Weekly	Year To Date
Offerings	5,905.16	141,286.84
Required budget	6,884.08	192,754.24
Total Over/(Short)	(978.92)	(51,467.40)

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mission Statement: Being an example of God's acceptance and grace to all.



September 17, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

READING:

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept,

fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

READING ROMANS 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the

weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven

times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have

patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

PRAY FOR...

Jack Bigham
Eddie Carnahan
Lela & George Dunn
Becky Schoepp
Mike Hudecki
Bruce Schlosser
Allan Sonnenberg & Family
Steve Flynn & Family
Carolyn Aker
Steve Maxwell

Jan Hieber
Terra Dunn
Diann
Ron Knepper
Jenny Hobby
Stephanie Haft
Pastor John Roberts
Bob Hobby
Jo Belans

FAMILY OF RUSSELL SNYDER

Military Service:

Bailey Beyer
Jaidyn Beyer
Collin Monteith
Dakota Francis
Jon Popovich
Matthew Gephart
Alex Horvath
Homebound:
Cindy Dankert
Bob & Cheryl Goble
Norma Greener
Sarajane Hill
Joyce Svoboda
Jen Knepper

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, 9/17

Worship & FB Live Stream 8:30A
Fellowship between services
Worship 10:45A
Jazzercise 1:00P

THURSDAY, 9/21

Church Council Mtg 6:30P

SUNDAY, 9/24

Worship & FB Live Stream 9:30A
Ministry Fest
Jazzercise 1:00P

WEDNESDAY, 9/20

ALZ Support Group 1:00P
Chimes 5:30P
Jazzercise 5:45P
Choir 6:30P

COMING UP...

September 24 - 9:30A Worship Service

September 24 - Ministry Fest

October 20-21 - Garage Sale

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Whether in the building, by drive-thru, or at home, all are welcome to receive Communion. Instructions for each option will be given during worship. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Today's altar flowers are given by Brent & Christie Serre celebrating Addy's birthday and also by Dave & Marsha Martin celebrating their 53rd anniversary!

WELCOME!

We are glad you're here!
Would you like to receive more information about things coming up in the church?
Please let us know what you are interested in:

- Monthly Newsletter (email)
- Weekly e-News (email)
- Please contact me
- I'm interested in joining

Name

E-mail

Phone

Please check if you are:

- First-time visitor
- Returning visitor
- New to area

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← Tear off and drop into the offering box after service.
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PRAYER REQUEST

All requests will remain confidential.

Name(s) to pray for:

Reason for prayer:

Your Name

How many weeks to keep on prayer list? _____
(optional)