

Fourteenth Weekend After Pentecost

Saturday, August 29, 2026

5:00 PM

Sunday, August 30, 2026

9:00 AM



Resurrection Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP INFORMATION

Please silence your electronic devices during service.

“P” signifies the pastor, “L” signifies the leader, and “C” signifies the congregation.

For responsive readings, the congregation parts are in **bold**.

*** Indicates: “please stand (as you are comfortable)”**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

As we come to the final week of our **RENEW** worship series, we turn from the renewal God works within us to the way that renewal takes shape in our daily lives. Paul reminds us that genuine love is not simply something we feel, but something we live: in kindness, humility, generosity, hospitality, patience, forgiveness, and care for one another. As we worship today, may God renew our hearts and show us how to embody Christ’s love wherever we are called to live and serve.

PRELUDE

Saturday Jamee Haddorff, piano
Sunday Alex Bennett, organ

GATHERING

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called to live lives shaped by love.

C: We seek to follow what is good and hold fast to what is true.

P: God calls us to rejoice in hope and remain faithful in prayer.

C: We trust God's presence in every season of our lives.

P: Christ calls us to follow him, even when the way leads to the cross.

C: Give us courage to walk in his way.

P: The Holy Spirit equips us to live in harmony and care for those in need.

C: We open our hearts to one another and to the needs of the world.

P: Come, all who seek to live with genuine love. Come, all who long to be renewed in heart and life.

C: We come ready to follow wherever Christ leads.

*OPENING HYMN: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be -
3. Tho’ none go with me, still I will fol - low, Tho’ none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be -
with me, still I will fol - low, Tho’ none go with me, still I will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus,
fore me, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fol - low,
Je - sus?

TEXT: Source unknown
MUSIC: Folk melody from India; arranged by Eugene Thomas

*GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God of love,
C: **you call us to lives shaped by love. Teach us to rejoice in hope and remain faithful in prayer. When the way of discipleship is difficult, give us courage to follow Christ. Renew us in your Spirit, that we may reflect your love each day; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WELCOME HOME!

9:00 AM - CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

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

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 26:1-8

NRSVue

L: ¹ Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
C: ² **Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

L: ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.
C: ⁴ **I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

L: ⁵ I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.
C: ⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,**

L: ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.
C: ⁸ **O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



THE SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

NRSVue

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Taizé)



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:21-28

NRSVue

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save

their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise be to Christ!

SERMON: "Masks"

Pastor Carol George



***HYMN OF THE DAY:** Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

P: People of God, what is it we confess to be true?
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*universal

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

P: Renewing God,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your loving care, O God, we commend these prayers, trusting that you are at work even when we cannot yet see it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

- Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.

 - ELCA Grand Canyon Synod • Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
 - Interfaith Community Services (ICS) • Impact of Southern Arizona • Marana Food Bank
 - Canyon del Oro Assembly of God Food Pantry • Lutheran Campus Ministry of U of A.
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 - Primavera Men’s Shelter • The Renewal Centers of Tucson
 - ELCA Fund For Leaders In Ministry • Anna Lawrence Food Pantry
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MUSICAL OFFERING

El Shaddai

Laurie McCain, solo and piano

by John Thompson

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of abundance, receive these gifts and all that we offer of ourselves. Use them to bring hope to those who are struggling, welcome to those who feel alone, and care to those in need, that your goodness may be known in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose love is genuine, whose mercy is abundant, and whose grace renews us day by day.
C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,
C: we confess that we do not always love as you have taught us. We have been impatient when others needed understanding and indifferent when others needed care. We have protected ourselves rather than reached out in love. We have held tightly to what is ours when others were in need, returned hurt for hurt, and allowed differences to divide us. Forgive us and renew us. Teach us to open our hearts and our hands to others. Turn our hearts toward what is good, and make us people through whom your love can be known. Amen.

P: The God who calls us to love does not abandon us when we fall short. In Christ, mercy meets us where we are, forgiveness sets us free, and grace gives us the courage to begin again. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and renewed for lives of love and service.
C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*JESUS’ PROMISE AND COMMAND

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
C: **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.**

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED - All are invited to the Lord’s table.

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that we receive. This gift of grace is given freely by Christ for all. We welcome people of all ages to come forward to either receive communion or a blessing.

- Receive a wafer and dip it in either red wine or white grape juice.
 - Indicate you need a gluten free wafer by holding up two fingers.
 - Individually wrapped communion packs are available.
 - Those not receiving communion may come forward for a spoken blessing.
 - If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and we will come to you.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: *Christian Unity*



COMMUNION HYMNS: *Bind Us Together*

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken.____ Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with love.____
There is on - ly one God.____ There is on - ly one King.____
Made for the glo-ry of God,____ purchased by His precious Son.____
You are the fam'ly of God.____ You are the pro-mise di - vine.____
There is on - ly one Bo-dy,____ that is why we can sing.____
Born with the right to be clean,____ for Je-sus the vic - try has won.____
You are God's chosen de-sire.____ You are the glo-rious new wine.____

WORDS: Bob Gillman (Col. 3:14)
MUSIC: Bob Gillman
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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.



I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

P: May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace. May Christ strengthen you to walk faithfully in his way, and may the Holy Spirit, who renews your hearts and guides you in love, ✠ bless you and keep you now and always.

C: Amen.



*CLOSING HYMN: *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. ____

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)
MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

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ST. BRENDAN'S
76.76.86 with Refrain

***DISMISSAL**

C: Called by God’s Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.

P: Go in peace. Live out what God has renewed in you!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Saturday
Sunday

Jamee Haddorff, piano
Alex Bennett, organ



 NOTES

Lined area for notes, consisting of 20 horizontal lines.

Financial Information Update:

Financial updates will be published in April, July and October.
Thank you.

Attendance for last week:

Oro Valley: 442
SaddleBrooke: 72
Online: 334

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to continue the mission to which God has called us!

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Stewardship
and Giving



Altar Flowers for this weekend have been given by
Tom and Sandy Goodwin in celebration of
their 44th Wedding Anniversary.



ASSISTING US

5:00 PM Service:		9:00 AM Service:	
Altar Care Monica and Mitch Komro Richard Zering	Ushers/Greeters Nan Beecher Jenifer and Mark Boyce Kathy Wahl (Lead)	Altar Care Carole Ericksen Sue Maki	Ushers/Greeters Jim and Patty Horton Sherry Ulasien
Communion Assistants Monica and Mitch Komro Kristina and Scott Randolph	Reader Carla Williams	Communion Assistants Alan and Frankie Hirtle Lois Klein David and Mary Ann Waldron	Reader David Waldron

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for wearing your name tags. If you are in need of one, please contact the church office.

FACILITIES INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Childcare is available** (during 9:00 and 10:30 services) at the end of the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Wireless Sound Enhancement Units** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Offices** are located in the Administration Building.
- **Please Observe AZ State Law:** Please refrain from smoking within 20 feet of public entrances.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday Worship

5:00 PM – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.
First Saturday – Healing Service. Fourth Saturday – Holden Evening Prayer.

Sunday Worship - Regular Hours

9:00 AM – Traditional liturgical service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

9:00 AM – Traditional service at our SaddleBrooke location.

10:30 AM – Children's Sunday School for students grades K through 8th grade.

10:30 AM – Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

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