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***We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory
and the Homeland of the Métis people.***

***“Resurrection Lutheran Church exists to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour,
in an open accepting fellowship, a loving caring community that reaches
out to all people to serve Christ through worshipping, teaching, learning,
sharing and giving of ourselves to meet the needs of this congregation, the
community and the world, as the Holy Spirit moves us.”***

September 20th, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

The order of service is the ELW Communion Setting 4

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

Gathering Hymn: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 685)

Greeting

Kyrie (ELW p. 184)

Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 185)

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

First Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Acclamation (p. 188)

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers: Response to "Hear us, O God." is "**Your mercy is great.**"

Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion: Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymns:

- *Lamb of God* (p. 191)
- *Lord of All Hopefulness* (ELW 765)
- *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (ELW 656)
- *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471)

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* (ELW 669)

Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing and wholeness for Alannah Harper; Rose Schmid; Zoey Zalizniak; Linda Lee Paulson; Norm Ouelette for healing; Rebecca Gmeinweser for healing; Terry Dizon for comfort and healing; Shellee Hogan for healing; Connie Walters for healing; Avery Lemky, a toddler who is undergoing treatment for cancer; Gaylene Johnston for patience and comfort; Marilyn Smith for healing and Marleen Jacob for healing. We also pray for Art Davis and family as they mourn the passing of Art's mother, Rosemarie Inge Davis.

We also remember in our prayers:

- Missing and murdered Indigenous Women in Canada, the children and people buried in unmarked graves at Residential Schools and First Nations lands, all who have suffered the trauma of residential Schools.
- Those around the world impacted by the trauma of war, natural disasters, food insecurity, racism and those seeking refuge.
- World leaders, as well as those leading us in our own country, province and city.

GIVING AND EXPENSES

September Givings: \$2,645.00; Total 2026 Givings: \$87,183.75

September Income: \$8,554.59; Total 2026 Income: \$149,698.11

September Expenses: \$1,027.90; Total 2026 Expenses: \$153,919.27

Chequing Account Balance: \$23,697.06

Total Furnace Funds \$4,337.94! (July & August Donations \$400 will be transferred to the Savings Account from the Chequing Account)

Thank you very much!

If you would like to make your offering by Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) directly from your bank account, forms are available on the back counter or you can speak to Elaine. To make changes to your PAR amount, please speak to Elaine. Those who prefer e-transfer can send your offering to:
resurrectionchurch@sasktel.net

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THE WEEK OF SEPT 20th – SEPT 27^H

Monday 7 – 8 pm AlAnon (Meeting Room)
Tuesday 9 am – 3 pm Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday 7 – 9 pm Cantare Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm Artist Group (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday 6 – 7:30 pm TOPS (Meeting Room)
Friday 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Smitty's Restaurant (Lawson Heights Mall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ministry Team Luke** is on for September. Luke's Team Leaders are Judy Prociuk and Brenda Thiessen. The sign-up sheet is on the back counter and anyone, from any team, is welcome to sign up and help. The sign-up sheet for Worship Assistants and Musicians is also on the back counter.
- **Keep the Church Fires Burning Fundraiser:** you can contribute by e-transfer or a giving envelope marked for the Furnace Fundraiser. Your contribution to this fund is greatly appreciated.
- The Social Justice Committee will again be organizing **Sandwich making bees** for the last Sunday of every month. The first one will take place on Sunday, September 27 after church. We again call upon the generosity of the congregation to help supply everything that will be needed. Watch for the sign-up sheet where we will be asking for both monetary donations or the ingredients for making the sandwiches. The sandwiches will be delivered the same day to a shelter where they will be much appreciated. We will also be collecting personal items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, etc. There will be a basket in the Narthex to collect these items.
- The **Resurrection book club** will begin tentatively the first week in October, day of the week yet to be determined. If you are interested in the book club, please start thinking about a book that we can start with. Please contact Judy Prociuk at: Judyp1@sasktel.net. If you are interested, all are welcome.
- We have a new mural on display in the sanctuary titled **BIND US TOGETHER**. Next week, September 20th, each family will be given 1 square of paper to add to this project over the rest of the month. More details to follow with your square - Judy Poellet

- **COMING AGAIN – ADVENT – CHRISTMAS MARKET & TEA – to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Ave. November 21, 2026 10 am – 3 pm. WE ARE NOW INVITING VENDORS** – Crafters, artisans, DIY Creators - to be part of this festive market – featuring locally hand made items - a market full of a wide variety of creations! Table Rental is \$20 for an 8ft. table. For further information or to book a table, please email [**marketatredeemer@gmail.com**](mailto:marketatredeemer@gmail.com) or text/call Elaine at 306 220 8074 (Please include your first and last names in your text). Now is the time to inquire! Spaces are limited. We look forward to our 2026 Market along with our Advent Tea room and a collection of “New to You” Christmas items for sale.
- **Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser** supper is on Saturday evening, October 3rd at 5:00pm at Smiley’s Buffet in Saskatoon. Come to hear how the ministry of post-Secondary students is evolving and growing. You can enjoy a great meal (for free) at Smiley’s, fellowship, entertainment and have the opportunity to offer your prayers, stewardship and support. Contact Elaine Leite for tickets before September 29th.

THANK YOU TO THOSE HELPING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE:

Musician: Bonnnie Semenoff; Worship Assistant: ?????; Reader: Éva-Marie Alimezelli; Greeter: Judy Prociuk; Acolyte ?????; Ushers: Bob Berikoff & Brenda Thiessen; Communion: Betty Harper; Refreshments: Linda Simpson; and all others who helped with today’s service.

Please join us after service for Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall!

ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer is encouraging members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to contact Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs and their local Member of Parliament in support of Natalie Abudayyeh.

Abudayyeh is a 21-year-old university student and youth member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) who remains in Israeli detention. In a letter to the church, Bishop Kochendorfer shared an update received from ELCJHL Bishop Dr. Imad Haddad.

Natalie has now been held for nearly two months, with Israeli authorities denying requests for her release on bail and refusing to allow her family to visit or contact her. A military court has ordered that she remain in prison until her next court appearance on September 23.

"As your bishop, I continue to be deeply shocked and heartbroken by this news," writes Bishop Kochendorfer. "Each update weighs heavily on me. The thought that Natalie has now spent two months without being able to see or even speak with her family is profoundly distressing."

The bishop is inviting members across the ELCIC to join in advocating for Natalie's safe release by writing to Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Anita Anand, and to their local Member of Parliament. A letter template has been prepared to help members share their concerns and encourage the Government of Canada to continue its diplomatic engagement on Natalie's behalf.

"We cannot allow this situation to fade from our attention," Bishop Kochendorfer writes. "Our voices matter. When Members of Parliament and the Minister of Foreign Affairs hear from constituents across the country, it reinforces the urgency of Canada's diplomatic engagement and advocacy for Natalie and the others who remain detained."

Members are encouraged to join National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer in advocating for Natalie Abudayyeh's safe release by contacting Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs and their local Member of Parliament. Bishop Kochendorfer's letter, an advocacy letter template and additional resources are available on the ELCIC Holy Land webpage. **Find those resources here.**

The ELCIC also continues to invite prayers for Natalie, her family, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and all those affected by the ongoing violence in the region.