Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Sunday, October18th 2026

Lectionary 29 (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

*Congregational responses are printed in **Bold** Type.*

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran Church where different people come together for the shared purpose of worshiping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.

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Introduction

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First, they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Call to Worship

In worship we tell a story:
A story of an unfettered love that changed the world.
In worship we tell a story:
A story of how we live and how we long to live.
In worship we tell a story:
Because we are forgetful people.

So may we remember who we are.
May we release the narratives that trap us.
May we reimagine this world to see what God sees.
And may we work toward restoration.
It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.
Let us worship holy God.

Gathering Hymn Take My Life, That I May Be
ELW 685

Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

<u>October 25 is Reformation Sunday</u>
If possible, please wear red on Reformation Sunday.

<u>Stewardship Commitment Cards</u>
Please complete a Stewardship Card to share your time and talents with Resurrection in 2027! Now available in the Narthex.

<u>November 1 is All Saints Day</u>
All Saints Memorial Cards are now available in the Narthex to complete in honor of those who have passed on.

<u>Confirmation for All Ages</u>
Monday, October 26 from 6-7:30 PM in the Sanctuary at Resurrection.

The Blessing
Go in peace, to live and share the love of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

This Week at a Glance

Office Hours: Mon-Wed,	9 am-2 pm
Monday	
Meth Anonymous	6:00 pm
Tuesday	
Quilters	9:00 am
Thursday	
Food Pantry	5:30 pm-7:00 pm
Friday	
Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00-11:00 am
Cocaine Anonymous	7:00-9:00 pm
Sunday	
Choir Sings at Bethel	8:30 am
Resurrection Worship	10:00 am

Serving Us Today:

Lector	Carol Borremans
Communion Deacon	Debbie La Plante
Musician	Greg Pagel
Usher	**Open**
Counters	John & Jodi Koch
Fellowship	Michelle Le Cloux
Altar Guild	Jan Hansen

Confession and Forgiveness
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Holy God,
To restore is to bring back; So today we bring our hearts back to you, our thoughts back to love, and our prayers back to peace. We try to stay in this place, but we confess, it's never been that easy for us. We flirt with reconciliation and then back away. We come face-to-face with an opportunity for justice but get scared. We are offered an opportunity to re-write our story, but we lose our way. Bring us back to this moment. Bring us back to your story where siblings extend grace to one another and even the one who denied it was forgiven. Bring us back. Restore us. Forgive us. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Prayer of the Day
God,
We cannot do the work of restoration without your Word. We cannot do the work of remembering, releasing, or reimagining without your Word. We need you like the earth needs rain and a sailboat needs wind. We come to you in prayer to ask that you breathe new life into us. Grant us the clarity needed to hear your Word anew. And as you do, restore us to your breath. Restore us to your Word. Restore us to one another. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Choir Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) Tomlin/Raney

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

12 Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up
this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send
with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have
also found favor in my sight.’ 13 Now if I have found favor in
your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you
and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is
your people.” 14 He said, “My presence will go with you, and I
will give you rest.” 15 And he said to him, “If your presence will
not go, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how shall it be
known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people,
unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and
your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”
17 The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you
have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know
you by name.” 18 Moses said, “Please show me your
glory.” 19 And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before
you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord,’ and I
will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy
on whom I will show mercy. 20 But,” he said, “you cannot see
my face, for no one shall see me and live.” 21 And
the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall
stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you
in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I
have passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall
see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Table Blessing
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion
Holy God,
We are not sure what restoration for this world will look like, but we're pretty sure it'll feel like this— a meal where all are fed, a place where all are welcomed, and a table with a seat saved for each and every one of us. Remind us of this truth in the coming day and continue to restore all of us to you. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Benediction
The God of grace ✢ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory ELW 705

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
2 **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
3 Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.
4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
6 **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**
9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.
10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.**
13 You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you
in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and
sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as
you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for
your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for
in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the
Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers
in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has
sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but
in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we
have no need to speak about it. 9 For they report about us what
kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God
from idols to serve a living and true God 10 and to wait for his
Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who
rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!'

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

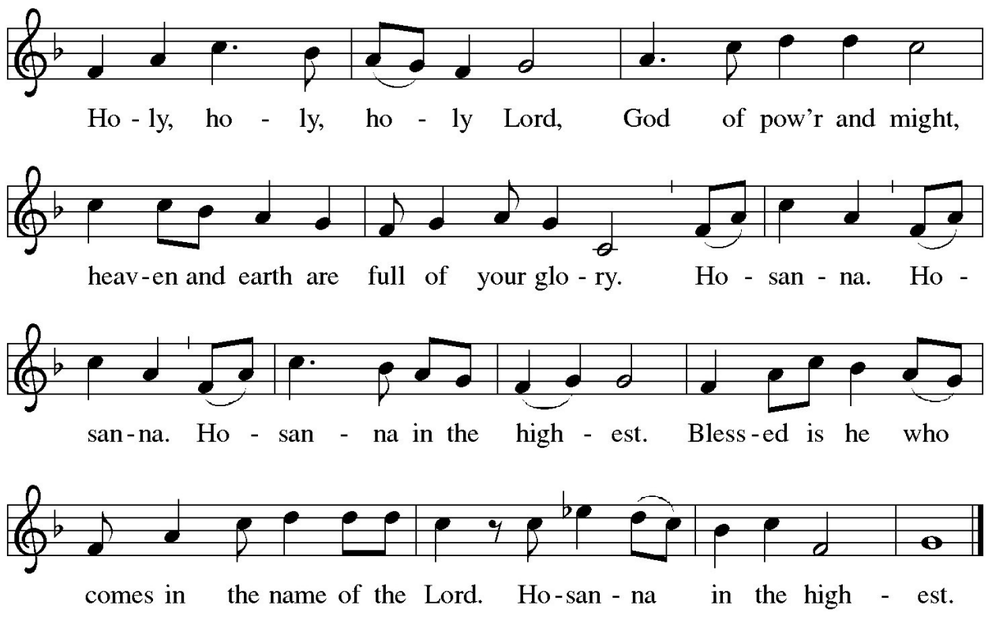
Invitation to the Table

On the night of his arrest, Jesus had dinner with his friends. And for a moment, all was right in the world. Betrayal would come, suffering would come, grief and death would come, But for a moment—for that moment—they were together, and everything was holy. So many years later, we gather around this table to get a glimpse of that moment. for when we gather around this table, we remember that all are welcome here. When we gather around this table, we release the worldly narrative that only those with status or wealth deserve to be fed. When we gather around this table, we can reimagine what could be—what a world could look like when all belong. And so we gather around this table as an act of restoration, as an act of resistance, as an act of faith. So, come. Come with your dreams and your memories. Come with your full authentic self—scars and all. Come with your questions, your wonderings, your hopes, and your prayers. Come—not because you have to, but because you can. Come because this is a moment of restoration, a moment where everything is holy. So, come.

Thanksgiving at the Table
The Lord be with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise.

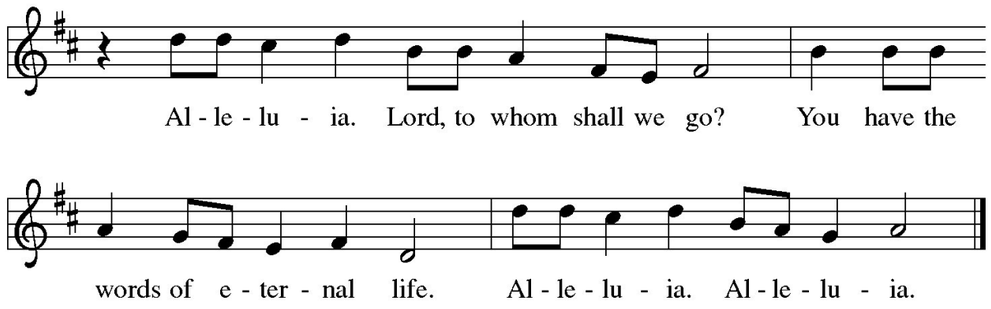
It is indeed, our right, our duty, and our joy…and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy ELW Pg. 144



On the night…let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Gospel Acclamation ELW Pg. 142



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

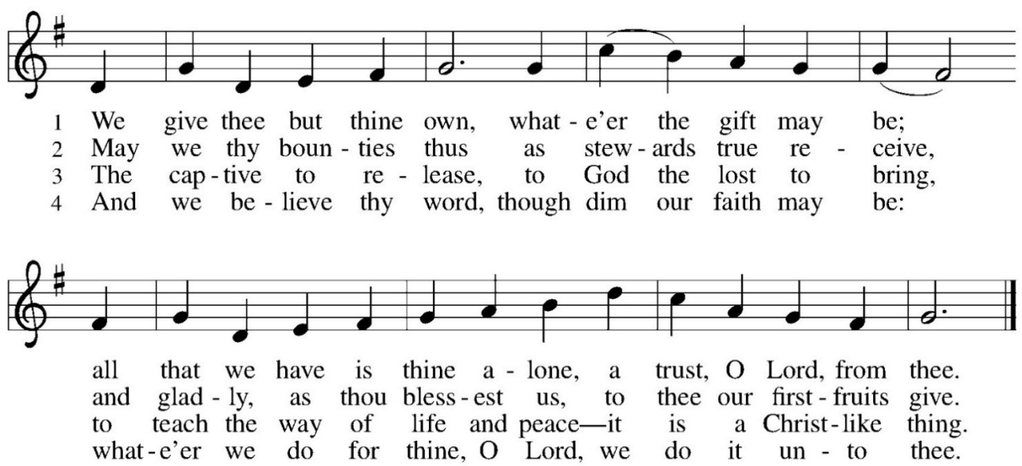
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22
15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he
said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the
Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and
teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show
deference to no one, for you do not regard people with
partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay
taxes to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
"Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me
the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a
denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and
whose title?" 21 They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to
them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and
to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they
were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Melissa Pagel

Hymn of the Day We Give Thee but Thine Own ELW 686

We Give Thee but Thine Own



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a restoring God, Who restores our bodies through the gift of Sabbath. We believe in a restoring God, Who restores our souls through the gift of grace and second chances. We believe in a restoring God, who restores this hurting world through the gift of mercy and God's son Jesus Christ. And we believe in a restoring God who invites us to join in this restoration work. As people of faith, we seek to restore creation to Godby feeding the hungry, loving our neighbors, forgiving seventy times seven, welcoming the

children, seeing all, loving all, and living like we belong to all. And so we will work until God's promised day. All: This we believe. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Response: 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.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Holy God,
There was Eden, and then there was east of Eden; Which is all to say—this world is not what you intended it to be. You planted a garden and dreamed of Sabbath—and it was good. It was so very good. However, when we look around today, we know that we have lost our way. So today we bring our hearts, minds, and money back to you in hopes that you will sow good. This is the work of restoration, for we want to be a restoration people. Use these gifts for your hurting world. Restore us to you, oh God. Amen