



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

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*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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Connections Worship Companion, David Gambrell, editor.
2022, Westminster Press.*

Introduction

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

Gathering

Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord!

Gathering Hymn Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

**Mark Your Calendar for Trunk or Treat on October
11th, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm!
This is a free community event.**

This event takes a village (or congregation) to be successful! The Outreach committee is planning for 400 attendees this year which is a big undertaking, but we can do it! In the near future a volunteer signup sheet will be posted in the narthex.

Wishes: 15-18 cars (or scooters, motorcycles) to hand out candy (note: candy will be provided for those who can not afford to purchase)

- 6-8 volunteers for food prep/delivery, runners, greeter, etc.
- Donated items. Everyone was so generous last year, this helped offset costs.
- Thrivent Action Teams (hoping for 5-6)

As your gardens grow: Please share your overflow with the pantry. Veggies and fruits can be dropped off on Wednesdays if you find you have more than you can use. Thank You.

The food delivery from Ascension will be here next week. Please plan to stay after worship to help sort and put away.

Dismissal

Go in peace. To live and share the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

This Week at a Glance

Monday Office Hours 8:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday- Quilters 9:00am

Wednesday Office Hours 8:00am-1:00pm

Choir 6:00pm

Thursday- 9:00am-11:00am

Unclobber book study 7:00pm

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

Upcoming Events

Assisting with Worship	9/21/2025	9/28/2025
Usher	John & Jodi Koch	John & Jodi Koch
Communion	Debbie La Plante	Sandy Krakow
Counters	Dick/Joanie Swigert	Dick/Joanie Swigert
Lector	Beth Krepline	Bill Hartung
Alter Guide	Sandy Krakow	Sandy Krakow
Fellowship	Bake Sale Goodies	No one assigned

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Confession and Forgiveness

The weight of our sin may be heavy in our hearts. But when we call this to mind, we have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God’s mercies never come to an end.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O Lord our God,
You knew us before we were born and called us to serve you faithfully. You delivered us from captivity and provided abundantly for our needs. Yet we have forsaken you. We have abandoned your way and followed false gods. We are like cracked vessels that can hold no water. We are skilled at doing evil and unable to do what is right. Forgive us, O Lord. Reshape us with your hand. Renew your covenant with us. Put your law within us and write it on our hearts, so that we may be your people as you have been our God; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God’s mercies never come to an end-they are new every morning! Great is the faithfulness of the Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Kyrie

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with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**
Benediction

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn **Rise Up, O Saints of God** *ELW 669*

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf earth’s frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom’s task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God’s bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin’s cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it’s pow’r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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Do this in remembrance of me....

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 Communion

Praise the Lord! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

We give thanks to God for the gracious gifts that are present here at the table of the Lord. May we rejoice and respond to the invitation to partake of the feast that Christ has prepared.

You may be seated.

Please rise in body or spirit

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you. God's grace, **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions

The musical notation is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy." The second staff contains the lyrics "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord." The third staff contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." The fourth staff contains the lyrics "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God," The fifth staff contains the lyrics "and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." The sixth staff contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." The seventh staff contains the lyrics "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise," The eighth staff contains the lyrics "let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy." The ninth staff contains the lyrics "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men." The notation includes various note values, rests, and bar lines.

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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

Preface

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy....
 We praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

Holy, Holy *pg. 144*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

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

Words of Institution

In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus....

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of the Lord's peace with those around you.

Please be seated.

Choir

One Spirit, One Church Keil

Offering

Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, that you have set a plumb line in the midst of your people, showing us what is just and right. Use these gifts to do justice. Use our lives to make things right.

Wake us up from comfortable slumber and shake us from our lives of ease. Silence noisy songs of praise until we hear your people cry. With prophets of old and protesters today keep us working and praying for the time when people who are poor are no longer trampled underfoot. Rise up, O God of justice, and bring justice to the earth. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, the bread of life for all. **Amen.**

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, you know us better than we know ourselves. May the Holy Spirit guide us to be faithful to you and all those we encounter. Give us a heart to serve you and glorify your name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over

so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,

and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 113

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for-evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the
people.**

The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a
joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for
kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a
quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is
right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who
desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of
the truth. For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth
and its resources, that all people may benefit from your
abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be
marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace, **receive our
prayer.**

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of
economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are
most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your
example of generosity and compassion. God of grace, **receive
our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near
death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones. May they find
comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them
with your healing care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic
justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our
community and sharing resources generously through our
outreach and justice ministries. God of grace, **receive our
prayer.**

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the
heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust
of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of
grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus
Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Apostles’ Creed

**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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.
A brief silence.
O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia pg. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may

welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’

He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**


Sermon
Melissa Pagel

Pastor

Hymn of the Day
ELW 710

Let Streams of Living Justice

Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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