



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

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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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Please call any of us. Add us to your contact list. You may choose a Bible verse to give us when you call, or we will use an appropriate one. We are here in your time of need or in thanksgiving. Blessings, Linda.

Introduction

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

GATHERING

Announcements

Gathering Hymn

Just a Closer Walk

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Kyrie

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Canticle This is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands
of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy,
and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

Psalm 118:14-29

The LORD is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.” **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Hymn of the Day

We Walk by Faith

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Prayers of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega,
we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And always with you.

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

Please be seated.

Offering

Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Preface

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy....

We praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

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

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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Benediction

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Shine Jesus Shine

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Dismissal

Go in peace. To live and share the love of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

This Week at a Glance

Monday -Wednesday Office Hours 9:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday- Quilters 9:00am

Thursday- 9:00am – 11:00 am Food Pantry

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

Upcoming Events

We will have a **Congregational Meeting following worship on May 4th, 2025.** We will be discussing repairs to the church roof. This is the only topic. If you have any questions, please reach out to any Church Council Member

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive May 10th

The pantry is providing Pizza for the volunteers who will be sorting at the pantry. Pizzas will be available for the volunteers for lunch at about noon. There is no need to register to be a sorter. We are hoping for about 30 people to help with sorting. We will need at least one or two smaller children that can be lowered into the totes that can lift a bag of a few cans of food. The walls of the totes are about 40 inches tall, and it is not easy to reach the bags at the bottom from outside the totes when they are almost empty.

Bible Study June 11th – August 27th

Starting in June we will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:00pm for a meal and The Chosen with discussion.

Assisting us this week April 27th

Usher: Jeff Borremans

Communion Deacon: Kevin Wood

Counters: Larry Nelson & Debbie LaPlante

Lector: Bill Hartung

Altar Guild: Jan Hansen

Fellowship: No one assigned

Assisting us next week May 4th

Usher: Ken Rudie

Communion Deacon: Jodi Koch

Counters: Dick & Joanie Swigert

Lector: Cole Marcin

Altar Guild: Jan Hansen

Fellowship: No one assigned

Church Council Members

Council President: Carol Borremans

Vice President: John Koch

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