



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Sunday, May 11th, 2025. *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*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

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Gathering

Announcements

Gathering Hymn Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs ELW 847

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.**

Canticle

Gloria

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Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room

upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to John 10:22-30. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name

testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Sermon

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Hymn of the Day The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502 vs.1,2,5

A Mother's Day Prayer

We pray for and give thanks for mothers everywhere and for all the women who have nurtured and care for us throughout our lives with a mother's deep love.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones each day, wearing the badge of honor of food stains, we appreciate you and uphold you.

To those who are tested daily with all the challenges and difficulties of motherhood, we lift you up and pray for strength, patience and wisdom.

To those overwhelmed with schedules and carpooling and activities, we pray for times of rest and renewal.

For women who are pregnant and those who have given birth, we celebrate you.

For women waiting for adoption, we pray for patience and hope.

To those who became mothers through adoption, we rejoice with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, full of tears and disappointment, we walk with you and pray for comfort and peace.

To those who are foster moms and mentor moms, we give thanks for your generosity and your ability to share your time and love.

We lift up those for whom this day is painful and not joyful; mothers whose children are missing, mothers who have lost children to miscarriage, mothers who have had abortions; mothers who have lost custody of their children or whose children are incarcerated. We mourn with you.

We pray for mothers, who themselves are incarcerated.

For mothers who are homeless or unable to provide for their children, we pray for assistance, for mentoring and for support. O Lord, grant healing and comfort through all difficult and painful situations.

For those who are feeling alone or forgotten, show them your presence in their lives. We pray for all whose mothers have abused or abandoned them. Grant healing and wholeness.

We pray for all whose mothers have died. Console them in their grief as they entrust their mothers into your loving arms.

We remember and pray for mothers living in war-torn countries; mothers where disaster has struck, where famine is rampant and who fear every day for their children's health and safety.

For all the good experiences of motherhood, we thank and praise you, Lord. For all the painful and disappointing experiences of motherhood, we pray for healing, for reconciliation, for comfort, for peace and hope.

You alone, O God, are the source of love and life, of healing and promise.
Continue to empower women with strength, courage, love and compassion.
We pray in the name of your precious Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Anthem

How Beautiful

Twila Paris

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....

Mothering Lord's Prayer

Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us, We call upon your names. Your wisdom come, Your will be done, in all the spaces in which you dwell. Give us each day sustenance and perseverance. Remind us of our limits as we give to the limits of others. Separate us from the temptation Of empire and deliver us into community. For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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

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

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 Love Divine, All Love Excelling ELW 631

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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This Week at a Glance

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

Monday- R& F mtg 2:00pm

Monday- Council mtg 6:00pm

Tuesday- Quilters 9:00am

Wednesday- 5:30pm Choir

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

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

Upcoming Events

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 May 11th

Usher: Alen Gabriel

Communion Deacon: Jodi Koch

Counters: Dick & Joanie Swigert

Lector: Caleb Marcin

Altar Guild: Jodi Koch, Joanie Swigert

Fellowship: No one assigned

Assisting us next week May 18th

Usher: Alan Gabriel

Communion Deacon: Christina Marcin

Counters: Dick & Joanie Swigert

Lector: Larry Nelson

Altar Guild: Jodi Koch, Joanie Swigert

Fellowship: No one assigned

Church Council Members

Council President: Carol Borremans

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