



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

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

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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

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

Announcements

Gathering

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord:
How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and destitute.

Rescue the vulnerable and needy from the hands of those who oppress them

Arise, O God, and judge the earth!
All the peoples belong to you.

Please rise in body or spirit

Gathering Hymn Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky: Lord I lift your name on high.

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.

Prayer of the Day

God of overflowing grace and ever-blazing glory,
You are the maker of heaven and earth
And the author of all things past, present, and future.
Teach us to interpret the signs of the times
So we will be ready to greet your holy realm
At the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 82

God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’ ”

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. **Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelujah



Text: Traditional
Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 12:49-56 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

Sermon

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Hymn of the Day *Here I am Lord* *ELW 574*

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 power of 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

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

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

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

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.

Offering

Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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

By faith, our ancestors found manna in the wilderness.

By faith, the disciples fed a multitude with a few loaves and fish.

By faith, we taste and see the grace of God, and are nourished with Christ's body, and receive the gifts of the Spirit.

Come to the table, to share this holy feast with a great cloud of witnesses.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves

Charge

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lest us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus-the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
Amen.

Benediction

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815

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

Tuesday- Quilters 9:00am

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

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

Upcoming Events

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.

(Note: date has changed)

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 cannot 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)

Please plan to join us after worship on September 7 for a meal together in thanksgiving for all the work of those before us, including **YOU**. The council will be serving a meal made from recipes taken for Resurrection Lutheran Church cookbooks. (The Packers are home and don't play until 3:25)

Confirmation Students and Parents/Guardians

Please plan to meet for an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 10 at 7pm in the lounge.

Greg Pagel will have a recital, here at the church, on September 14 at 2pm. A bake sale as well as a good will offering will be collected for the Capital Fund. A sign up for the bake sale will be in the narthex. (it is a by-week)

Assisting with Worship	8/17/2025	8/24/2025
Usher	Alan Gabriel	Alan Gabriel
Communion	John Koch	Bill Hartung
Counters	Jim/Judy Gatske	Jim/Judy Gatske
Lector	Kris Hartung	Jim Gatske
Alter Guide	Val Nelson	Val Nelson
Fellowship	Ken/Diana Rudie	No one assigned

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