



# ***Resurrection Lutheran Church***

*To Live & Share the Love of Christ*

Pastor Melissa Pagel

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*(Congregational responses are printed in **Bold** type.)*

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## ***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**

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that

nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

## **GATHERING**

*Gathering Hymn*

*Shine Jesus , Shine*

*music next page*

*Refrain*

A E/A D A/C# Bm B<sup>7</sup>

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the

E A E/A D A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

Bm Bm/A G E A E/A D A/C#

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the

Bm B<sup>7</sup> E A E/A

na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word,

D A/C# Bm E<sup>7</sup> A D

Lord, and let there be light!

*To stanzas*  
E/A D/A

*Last time*  
A

A D/A A E/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

A D/A A E/A

in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;  
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,

D E/D C#m F#m  
 Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

D E/D C#m F#m  
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

G Esus E G Esus E *Refrain*  
 Shine on me, shine on me:  
 Shine on me, shine on me:

Wait for the Lord.  
**God is full of love and promises to forgive.**

Wait for the Lord.  
**Do not lose hope, for God has come to save.**

## GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
 the God of manna,

the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

God of grace, we confess that we have failed to follow you.  
We rejoice in our own abundance and ignore the needs of our neighbors. We  
cite the letter of the law and forget the way of your Spirit.  
We boast about our strengths and try to hide our weaknesses.

**Forgive us, O Lord.**  
**Set us free from our sin and lead us to our salvation.**  
**Transform us by your grace, that we may live and share your love. Open our**  
**hearts to one another as you have opened your heart to us; through Jesus**  
**Christ our Savior. Amen.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
Everything old passes away.  
See, everything has become new!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle of Praise*

*Come Let us Join*

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### **Prayer of the Day**

God of creation, you make all things flourish and give life to all.  
You create a place for those who seek you and give comfort to those in distress.  
Thank you for the ways you bless us and for the promise of your reign to come,  
where all shall be well, and everyone shall find a home. In Jesus name we pray.  
**Amen.**

# WORD

(Please be seated)

## First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the top most of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.  
Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 92:1-4,12-15

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks <sup>1</sup>to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, <sup>1</sup>O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love <sup>1</sup>in the morning**

**and your faithful-<sup>1</sup>ness at night;**  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and<sup>1</sup> on the lyre,  
and to the melody<sup>1</sup> of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your<sup>1</sup> acts, O LORD;**  
**and I shout for joy because of the works<sup>1</sup> of your hands.**  
<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish<sup>1</sup> like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house<sup>1</sup> of the LORD**  
**shall flourish in the courts<sup>1</sup> of our God;**  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit<sup>1</sup> in old age;  
they shall be<sup>1</sup> green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how up-<sup>1</sup>right the LORD is,**  
**my rock, in whom there is<sup>1</sup> no injustice.**

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that

way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Mark 4:26-34

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Melissa Pagel

**Hymn of the Day** *Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil* **ELW 512**

**The New Canadian Creed**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God’s world.**



**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

God of life,  
You create us in love, you create us for love, and you hear us when we pray to you.  
We come with the troubles of the world weighing heavy on our hearts and seek your  
loving mercy.  
God of life, **hear our prayer.**

For countries at war, and those who suffer for an end to violence in deserts and  
mountains, our city streets and in our homes.

Healing God, **hear our prayer.**

For clean water to drink and enough to share, for clean air to breathe and renewable energy, for justice for all creatures of the earth.

Healing God, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to bigotry and acts of hate; for those whose bodies make them targets for persecution; for those who suffer at the hands of bullies and abusers,

Healing God, **hear our prayer.**

For your church, divided and dismayed; encourage faith and strengthen our mission, that we might follow you as true disciples.

Healing God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick or dying, for all who care for them, grant them healing, give them peace, and uphold them in your love.

Healing God, **hear our prayer.**

For our families and our friends, all those who are close to our hearts; bless them, embrace them, and supply all their needs.

Healing God, **hear our prayer.**

You are infinite in power and beauty, O God; you are our rock, our hope, and our salvation. Thank you for receiving our prayers and empower us to do your work in this world you so love, for Jesus' sake.

**Amen.**

**The Peace**

Please offer a word of peace to your neighbor as you feel comfortable.

**The Offering**

*(Please be seated)*

**Offering Prayer**

*(Please stand)*

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of 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 right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy*

*ELW 207*

### **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**

At this table Jesus opens his arms wide, inviting all who hunger and thirst, accepting all who call on him, loving all who seek him.  
So come, for Christ has prepared this feast for you.

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

*Post Communion Hymn      As the Grains of Wheat      ELW 465*

### **Announcements**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn      Built on a Rock      ELW 652 v1,2,3*

### **Dismissal**

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

## **This Week at a Glance**

Monday- Thursday Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday- Quilters 9:00am

Wednesday- Bible Study

Potluck 5:00pm-5:30pm Study 5:30pm-6:30pm

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

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

## **Upcoming Events**

Next week: June 23<sup>rd</sup> is **Noisy Offering**.

Recipient: **St Johns Homeless Shelter**

Altar Flowers are in celebration of **Melissa & Greg Pagel's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary**.

We are looking for a volunteer to take pictures of church members for a directory. We hope to gather these pictures over the next several weeks. Please let Pastor Melissa know if you want to help take pictures.

The meaning behind the hymn: *Shine; Jesus Shine* by Graham Kendrick. In the realm of Christian music, few songs have touched the hearts and soul of believers as profoundly as *Shine, Jesus Shine*. Released in 1987, this timeless hymn has become the anthem of faith, inspiring countless individuals around the world. With its simple yet powerful lyrics and captivating melody, "*Shine; Jesus Shine*" holds deep meaning for both the songwriter and the listeners alike. Graham Kendrick was inspired to write the song during a time of personal reflection and prayer. He desired to capture the essence of his relationship with Jesus and convey it to others through music. The song was born out of deep longing to see Jesus' love and light shine brightly in the lives of believers and transform the world.

What does the phrase "*Shine; Jesus Shine* mean?"

The phrase is a call to Jesus, inviting Him to illuminate our lives with His presence and love. It represents a desire to experience the transformative power of His light and be guided by his wisdom and grace.

Thank you, Jean Halloran, for this suggestion to add the story behind the hymns to our bulletins. If you have ideas that you would like to share as well, please talk to Pastor Melissa.

### **On Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> & June 30<sup>th</sup>**

There will be tables in the narthex with random items found as we have cleaned areas in the church. Take what you can use. The remaining items will be donated.

### **Assisting us this week June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Usher: Bob Bishoff  
Communion Deacon: Sandy Krakow  
Counters: Jim/Judy Gatske  
Lector: Cole Marcin  
Altar Guild: Kris Hartung

### **Assisting us next week June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Usher: Bob Bishoff  
Communion Deacon: John Koch  
Counters: Jim/Judy Gatske  
Lector: Caleb Marcin  
Altar Guild: Kris Hartung  
Fellowship: Jim/Judy Gatske

### **Church Council Members**

Council President: Carol Borremans  
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Food Pantry: Jodi Koch  
Celebration: Craig/Christina Marcin  
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Outreach & Wiener Wednesday: Sandy Krakow  
Personnel: Carol Borremans    Call Committee: John Koch

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