



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

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Lectionary 22 (Pentecost 14)

*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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Introduction

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

The Lord, our God is with us.
Stop and listen; turn and see!

The Lord our God is with us.
This place is holy ground.

The Lord our God is with us.
The God of our ancestors is here.
Will you come and be transformed?

Invitation To Discipleship

Jesus said,
“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me”.
Jesus promises that those who seek to save their lives will lose
them, but those who offer their lives freely for the sake of the
gospel will find abundant life.
Are you ready to find abundant life?
Come and share in our calling as disciples of the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Gathering Hymn Lift High the Cross ELW 660

End of Life Planning Workshop

Please join us on September 19 from 1-3 PM in the fellowship hall at Bethel for an End of Life Planning Workshop. We will be joined by the staff of Fort Howard Mausoleum for service and funeral planning, as well honoring your final wishes.

Confirmation for All Ages

Never confirmed? Don't remember a thing from confirmation class as a kid? Then this one's for you. **Starting Monday, October 26 from 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Room at Resurrection**, we're offering an 8-month course exploring what it means to be Lutheran — the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and Baptism and Communion — built for adults, not teenagers. We'll meet twice monthly for 1.5 hours in a discussion-based setting that welcomes real questions. The course concludes with an optional opportunity to affirm your baptism in worship — no pressure, just an open door.

Trunk or Treat Support

Outreach is looking for 4-5 individuals to apply for Thrivent Action Teams to help support Trunk or Treat on Oct. 10 so that the community can enjoy a free family event!

There will be a sign up for teams for the following categories:

- Printing/advertising
- Food
- Candy/s'mores
- Food pantry games

Please see Melissa Smith if you’re willing to apply for Thrivent Action Teams on Resurrection’s behalf.

Lift High the Cross

Musical notation for the hymn 'Lift High the Cross'. It consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.
1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:
Refrain
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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Confession and Forgiveness

Loving God,
While we were sinners, you sent Christ to die for us that we might be justified by grace through faith and have peace with you.

Yet, we continue to live in sin. We know what is good and right, but we do what is hateful and evil.
 We live according to the flesh and resist the work of the Spirit.
 We reject and deny your calling to the other children of Abraham.
 We fail to love our neighbors and thereby fail to fulfill your law.
 We do not contribute to those in need or extend hospitality to strangers.
 We ignore the groaning of creation and forget the hope of the gospel.

Forgive us, loving God.
 Pour out your Spirit into our hearts, that we may learn to live as those who are dead to sin and alive in you;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

Holy God,
 we give you thanks that you have spoken to us and revealed yourself to us through the gift of your word.
 Help us to heed your voice, that we may follow you faithfully and honor your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Upcoming Events

Assisting with Worship	Serving us today	9/6/26
Musician	Greg Pagel	Greg Pagel
Usher	Open	Ken Rudie
Communion Deacon	Kevin Wood	Christina Marcin
Counters	Jim & Judy Gatske	Jean Halloran & Debbie La Plante
Lector	Cathy Morgans	Christina Marcin
Altar Guild	Val Nelson	Sandy Krakow
Fellowship	Jeff & Carol Borremans	Open

The Chosen Bible Study

Please bring your own lunch and join us for episodes of *The Chosen* followed by a discussion in the Gathering Room at church on the following Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00 pm.

- September 15
- October 13
- October 27

Breaking Bread

Join us the second Tuesday of each month with Bethel for Breaking Bread at The Rite Place Restaurant at 5:30 pm. Food and drink will be available for purchase. The restaurant is located at 1580 Bellevue Street in Green Bay.

This Week at a Glance

Office Hours: Mon-Wed,	9 am-2 pm
Monday	
Meth Anonymous	6:00 pm
Tuesday	
Quilters	9:00 am
Thursday	
Food Pantry	9:00-11:00 am
Friday	
Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00-10:30 am
Cocaine Anonymous	7:00-9:00 pm
Sunday	
Worship Service	10:00 am

Pastor Melissa will be out of the office Tuesday, September 1 through Tuesday, September 8 and Pastor Diane Martinson will be providing the sermon for September 6 worship.

Reverend Rachel Knoke from Trinity Lutheran will be available for pastoral emergencies during that time at (920) 437-8124.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. The first system has five lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has one line of lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

The Blessing

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

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Amazing Grace ELW 779

are.¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.”²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!’

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia ELW pg. 174

Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

Sermon Pastor Melissa Pagel

Hymn of the Day Will You Come and Follow Me
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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 the Table

The Lord our God, the great I AM, is with us in this place.
Let us stop and stay here, to share the table of our Lord.

The God of our past, present and future, has prepared a feast for us.

Let us stop and stay here, to share the table of our Lord.

Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.

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Holy, holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
 3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .



Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a
 chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a
 deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a
 hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a



to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
 to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
 to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
 to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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On the night...let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 my name. Let me quell the fear in -



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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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 the People

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need and all of God's creation.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

Response: Hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

It is indeed, our right, our duty, and our joy...and join their unending hymn.

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