



# ***Resurrection Lutheran Church***

*To Live & Share the Love of Christ*

Pastor Melissa Pagel

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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**

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

## **Gathering**

### **Announcements**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

***Gathering Hymn***

***God Is Here***

***ELW 526***

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not**

**give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✝ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said,

“Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

### **Psalm 15**

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those  
who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their  
word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown

### **Second Reading Colossians 1:15-28**

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the

head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## Hallelujah



Text: Traditional

Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

### Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to **Luke 10** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Melissa Pagel**

*Hymn of the Day*

*God, We Gather as Your People*

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# God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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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 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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Response: God of grace, **Hear our Prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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**

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

*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  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **Benediction**

The love of God abounds in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## ***Sending Hymn***

***How Great Thou Art ELW 856***

## **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

Wednesday- Bible Study 5:15pm

Thursday- 9:00am-11:00am

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

## **Upcoming Events**

Congregational vote following worship today.

Potluck Bible Study on Wednesday, dinner 5:15, The Chosen will start at 5:30

- **Next week is Noisy Offering-** Recipient St Vincent DePaul

## **Assisting us this week July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Usher: Alan Gabriel

Communion Deacon: Christina Marcin

Counters: John/Jodi Koch/ Debbie La Plante  
Lector: John Koch  
Altar Guild: Linda Bertrand  
Fellowship: No one Assigned

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