



# **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**

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

# GATHERING

*Gathering Hymn*

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

*ELW 805*

In days of joy and tenderness  
**We lift up our eyes, seeking you.**

In days of anger and frustration,  
**We lift up our eyes, seeking you.**

When we suffer injustice and oppression,  
**We lift up our eyes, seeking you.**

When we sing and clap with joy,  
**We lift up our eyes, seeking you, knowing you are there,  
O ruler of the heavens.**

## 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 to 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 has passed away:  
See, everything has become new!

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

*Canticle of Praise      Come Let us Join*

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### **Prayer of the Day**

O God of the Sabbath, speak to us even when we are hardheaded and hard-  
hearted, even if we have rebelled against you, even if we refuse to hear.  
Speak to us so we can stand up on our feet and proclaim your Word through  
word and deed. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

(Please be seated)

### **First Reading: Amos 7:7-15**

<sup>7</sup> This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall  
built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to  
me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord  
said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’ ”

<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 85:8-13

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying,  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts  
to you.

<sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go be-<sup>1</sup> fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for<sup>1</sup> God a pathway.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 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 6:14-29

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put

him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Pastor Melissa Pagel

*Hymn of the Day*

*Faith of Our Fathers*

*ELW 813 vs. 1,2,4*

**Creed (Christine Sine in Journey Into Wholeness)**

**We believe in God above us,  
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,  
Companion and friend,  
Redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in the Spirit deep with us,**

**Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.  
We believe in God's resurrection created world,  
Where all things are fixed,  
And all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.  
We believe in God above, beside, within,**

**God yesterday, today and forever,  
The three in one, the one in three,  
We believe in God. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you . In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**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**

Knowing we bring nothing for the journey,  
Christ has prepared an abundant feast for us,  
A safe place for us to rest and recharge,  
A community to call home.  
Let us come to the feast ready to receive these gifts.  
Go and listen to the voices of prophets near and far.  
Be prophets and speak truth wherever you see injustice,  
For God will put the right words in your mouth.  
**Amen.**

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      Listen, God is Calling      ELW 513 v. 1,3*

## **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      How Great Thou Art      ELW 856 v. 1,3,4*

## **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 & Friday- Office Closed

Tuesday- Thursday Office Hours 9:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday- Quilters 9:00am

Wednesday- 5:00pm Bible Study

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

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

## **Upcoming Events**

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**- Pie & Ice cream Social following worship with Bethel joining us.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Melissa's Installation 10:30 am

**August 18<sup>th</sup>** - Church picnic following worship

**Assisting us this week July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Usher: Alan Gabriel

Communion Deacon: Jim Gatske

Counters: John/Jodi Koch/ Debbie La Plante

Lector: Jodi Koch

Fellowship: Adria's cake for final day- Best Wishes

Altar Guild: Linda Bertrand & Judy Gatske

**Assisting us next week July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Usher: Alan Gabriel

Communion Deacon: Christina Marcin

Counters: John/Jodi Koch/ Debbie La Plante

Lector: John Koch

Fellowship: Pie & Ice cream Social

Altar Guild: Linda Bertrand & Judy Gatske

**Church Council Members**

Council President: Carol Borremans

Vice President: Bill Hartung

Secretary: Jodi Koch

Treasurer: Debbie LaPlante

Pastor: Melissa Pagel

Secretary: Jean Kaster

Organist: Adria Cary

Choir Director: Beth Krepline

Financial Secretary: Chris Peterson

**Committees**

Resource & Finance: Jim Gatske

Education: Debbie LaPlante

Worship & Church Choir: Carol Borremans

Food Pantry: Jodi Koch

Celebration: Craig/Christina Marcin

Church Support & Property: Bill Hartung

Outreach & Wiener Wednesday: Sandy Krakow  
Personnel: Carol Borremans Call Committee: John Koch

### *Story of Faith of Our Fathers*

Faith of Our Fathers is a popular hymn that was written by Frederick William Faber in 1849. It was curated in memory of Catholic Martyrs persecuted by the Church of England in the time of Henry VII and Elizabeth. When e'er we hear glorious words. Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith! We will be true to thee till death.



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