



# **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**

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between

Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

## GATHERING

*Gathering Hymn Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

*ELW 712 vs. 1,2,5*

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**God's Holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.**

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

**Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.**

Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

**God will be our guild forever.**

## GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.  
Where else can we turn?  
Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.  
Amen.**

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*

*p. 204*

### **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord, God of hosts, our constant companion and sure defense, to be pleased to dwell with us this day, to receive our worship and our praise, and truly transform our lives, that when we are sent out we may carry with us only your sufficient grace and perfect power, as we proclaim your healing love for the sake of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

(Please be seated)

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to

the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 123

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift <sup>l</sup> up my eyes,  
to you enthroned <sup>l</sup> in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand <sup>l</sup> of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show <sup>l</sup> us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O <sup>l</sup> LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough <sup>l</sup> of contempt,

<sup>4</sup> **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision <sup>l</sup> of the proud.**

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep

me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Hymn of the Day

God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold,  
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal,  
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least,  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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## **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**

Gracious God, as we ponder your steadfast love, we remember that this love is not for us alone but reaches to the ends of the earth. And so we pray: With power made perfect in weakness, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen the witness of your church...

Open us to be ready recipients of your deeds of power, that we may boast in nothing apart from your work and within and through us.

With power made perfect in weakness **hear our prayer.**

Forever guide the life of the nations...

Bring together the leaders of this world in humility, that they may shepherd your people in truth and rule with faithfulness.

With power made perfect in weakness **hear our prayer.**

Fill the earth with your grace...

Guide our consideration and care for the work of your hands, that beauty and bounty may be preserved for all generations.

With power made perfect in weakness **hear our prayer.**

Dwell with your people in need...

May those who are weak be upheld in your power, and any who are insulted find in you a sure defense. May those who suffer calamity find in you a stronghold, and any who know hardship discover your tender mercy.

With power made perfect in weakness **hear our prayer.**

Held by your steadfast love and guided forever by your wisdom, we list these and all our prayers to you, O 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**

In a world where welcome is not readily extended, Christ welcomes all to gather  
at his table,

In a world where hardships persist, Christ nourishes and strengthens us by his  
grace.

In a world where pride of power looks down upon weakness, Christ offers his  
broken and blood poured out in love.

Come to the table.

Receive Christ's welcome, nourishment, and love. **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*

*Spirit of Gentleness*

*ELW 396 v.4*

## **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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742 vs. 1,2,3*

## **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- Thursday Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm Friday- Closed

Tuesday- Quilters 9:00am

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

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

**Please take copy of the Lifeline for July in the narthex.**

## **Upcoming Events**

Thrivent offers grants of \$250.00 to each person who has a policy with

them. You may apply for this twice a year per individual. If you have Thrivent, please let us know, so we can fund our missional projects. 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.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**- Pie & Ice cream Social following worship

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Melissa's Installation

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

**Assisting us this week July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Usher: Alan Gabriel

Communion Deacon: Jodi Koch

Counters: July- John/Jodi Koch/ Debbie La Plante

Lector: Jim Gatske

Fellowship: No one assigned

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

Usher: Alan Gabriel

Communion Deacon: Jim Gatske

Counters: John/Jodi Koch/ Debbie La Plante

Lector: Jodi Koch

Fellowship: No one assigned

### **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

### ***The Story behind the hymn Spirit of Gentleness***

James (Jim) Keith Manley was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1940. He received his education from Whittier College (BA 1962), Pacific School of Religion (MDiv 1966), and Claremont School of Theology (DMin 1976). Ordained into the ministry of the United Church of Christ in 1966, Manley served as pastor of the Niles United Church of Christ in Fremont, California (1966–68), and taught at the Mid-Pacific Institute Prep School (1968–78). Manley returned to the pastorate at the United Church of Christ Church in San Marino (1978–88) and the Foothills Congregational Church (1988–99) in Los Altos.

He has toured and shared his music during his retirement in churches in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Micronesia. Recent songs have focused on mitigating the effects of climate change and living creatively in a global community. These are available on his CD *Pilgrim on a Brave New Planet* (Claremont, 2011).

Manley wrote “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” in 1975 after completing the first draft of his DMin thesis for Claremont School of Theology. The hymn, sometimes called “Spirit Song,” was first released on a cassette recording titled *Spirit* and a book (1980). It then appeared in a Lutheran contemporary songbook *Songs for a New Creation* (1982) and, later, in *After Eden* (1990) with an arrangement by California composer Jim Strathdee (b. 1941). The composer describes the song’s origins:

After a real but perplexing “born again” experience, I determined to understand it more fully, so on a sabbatical leave, I studied Process Theology with John B. Cobb [b. 1925] at the School of Theology in Claremont,

California, who inspired the writing of this song. Returning to Honolulu, I sang the first three verses at Waikeolu Congregational Church UCC.

A member commented that the hymn needed a fourth stanza to contemporize it. I disagreed, but after a sleepless night wrote the final verse. This is by far my most widely sung, reprinted and recorded hymn. (Manley, "Notes and Suggestions," n.p.)

The composer dedicated the song to John Cobb and Gene Kuehl, then the Director of Pilgrim Pines Camp, where he first sang it on the mainland of the United States.

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