



# **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

*To Live & Share the Love of Christ*

Pastor Melissa Pagel

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*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**

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Alleluia, Christ has risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn Bind Us Together***  
***WOV 748***

748

## Bind Us Together

*Refrain*  
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C<sup>7</sup> F F  
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F  
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F  
1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.  
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

*Refrain*  
F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>/C  
There . . is on - ly one Bod - y, that . . is why we can sing:  
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**Response: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Kyrie

ACS Pg 31

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Upcoming Events

Assisting with Worship	Serving us today	5/24/2026
Musician	Greg Pagel	Greg Pagel
Usher	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Deacon	Debbie La Plante	Carol Borremans
Counters	Debbie La Plante	Debbie La Plante
Lector	Jim Gatske	Kris Hartung
Altar Guild	Jodi Koch & Joanie Swigert	Jodi Koch & Joanie Swigert
Fellowship	Jeff & Carol Borremans	Jim & Judy Gatske

## Geraniums for Pentecost

You may order Geraniums for Pentecost through today, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10 and the order forms can be found in the Narthex.

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

**This Week at a Glance**

Monday-Wednesday Office Hours	9:00 am-2 pm-
Tuesday	
Quilters	9:00 am
Thursday	
Food Pantry	9:00-11:00 am
Sunday	
Worship Service	9:30 am

**Pastor Melissa will be out of the office:**

- 5/22/26-5/25/26
- 5/29/26-6/9/26

Pastor Rachel from Trinity is available during these times in an emergency. Her phone number is (920) 437-8124.

**Prayer of the Day**

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**First Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup> When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,

James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup> **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup> In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.** <sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup> **Your people found their home in it; in your goodness,**

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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**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.**

### **Welcome to the Table**

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

### **Table Blessing**

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn      Great Is Thy Faithfulness      ELW 733*

**O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in

Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

**ACS 33**

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**Glory to you O' God.**

**Gospel: John 17:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own

**Holy, Holy**

**ACS Pg. 36**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

**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**

**Response: Receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

*Choir            Let the Word of Christ...            Slagle Mayo*

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus. **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.

presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the  
world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave  
me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me,  
and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything  
you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to  
me I have given to them, and they have received them and know  
in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you  
sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf  
of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because  
they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I  
have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the  
world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy  
Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so  
that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

**Sermon            Pastor Melissa Pagel**

*Hymn of the Day            Spirit, Open my Heart*  
*ACS 1043*

## Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953  
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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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,