



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

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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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Cole Marcin's Confirmation verse.

Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it.

Matthew 7:13

Introduction

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

GATHERING

Announcements

Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 413

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

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

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Canticle

This is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6[7-20]

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get

up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored ¹ me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never ¹ be disturbed.

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with ¹ my Lord, saying,

“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might

forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!”
And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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Gospel: John 21:1-19

The Holy Gospel according to John 21:1-19. Glory to you, O Lord.

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Hymn of the Day

Wade in the Water

ELW 459

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this person, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present Cole Christian Marcin, who desires to make public affirmation of His baptism.

Merciful God, we thank you for this brother in Christ,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called him to yourself,
enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished him in the community of faith.

Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

Candidate: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
Candidate: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray
for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Candidate kneels.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new
birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Cole the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the
spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the
world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors,
Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture
vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries especially Lake Michigan and the Fox River so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in 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 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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you. God's grace, **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Benediction

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* *ELW 661*

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- 5:00 Confirmation

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

Saturday- Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive 12:00

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

Upcoming Events

We will have a **Congregational Meeting following worship today**. We will be discussing repairs to the church roof. This is the only topic. We encourage you to stay.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive May 10th

The pantry is providing Pizza for the volunteers who will be sorting at the pantry. Pizzas will be available for the volunteers for lunch at about noon.

There is no need to register to be a sorter. We are hoping for about 30 people to help with sorting. We will need at least one or two smaller children that can be lowered into the totes that can lift a bag of a few cans of food. The walls of the totes are about 40 inches tall, and it is not easy to reach the bags at the bottom from outside the totes when they are almost empty.

Bible Study June 11th – August 27th

Starting in June we will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:00pm for a meal and The Chosen with discussion.

Resurrection's Prayer Chain is available to you!

Linda Bertrand- 920-217-8770

Val Nelson- 920-499-5481 or 920-621-0474

Kathie McFarlane- 920-499-6381

Please call any of us. Add us to your contact list. You may choose a Bible verse to give us when you call, or we will use an appropriate one. We are here in your time of need or in thanksgiving. Blessings, Linda.

Assisting us this week May 4th

Usher: Ken Rudie

Communion Deacon: Jodi Koch

Counters: Dick & Joanie Swigert

Lector: Cole Marcin

Altar Guild: Jodi Koch, Joanie Swigert

Fellowship: No one assigned

Assisting us next week May 11th

Usher: Ken Rudie

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Fellowship: No one assigned

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