



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

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Sunday, July 12th 2026

Lectionary 15 (Pentecost 7)

Congregational responses are printed in

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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

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Invitation To Discipleship

Scripture teaches us that there is no condemnation in Jesus Christ.

Wherever you have been and wherever you are headed, you are not far from God's liberating grace through Jesus Christ.

You are invited to experience this freedom so that others might also know the emancipation of God's restorative love.

We come to remember.

We come to learn.

We come to offer praise.

**We come to live in God's truth, to hold fast to God's laws
and to rejoice in God's word.**

Gathering Hymn God of the Fertile Fields
ACS 1063

God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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Confession and Forgiveness

We are dust and to dust we shall return.
Yet into this dust, God has breathed the Spirit of life.
Into this dust, God pours out the gift of grace.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.
**God of our ancestors, you have remained faithful to us
from generation to generation.
But we have broken our promises.
We hear your plans for us and we laugh in disbelief.
We test your patience and question your providence.
We bargain away our birthright and grasp at what is not
ours.
We succumb to jealous rivalry and betray those we love.
Forgive us, we pray.
Recreate us as your people and restore us to your image.
Continue to bless us and let us be a blessing for others.
Keep us in your mercy and cover us with your grace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God has made an everlasting covenant with us; to preserve us
from destruction, despite our sin.
When the clouds come and the rain falls, we see the rainbow and
remember God’s promise—
The gift of overflowing mercy and abundant grace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

School Supply Drive

The giving tree will be collecting new, unused school supplies soon
and will be distributed to three area elementary schools. Thank you
so much for your donations to this very important outreach project!

Supplies needed:

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| Pens | Pencils |
| Markers | Colored Pencils |
| glue sticks | wide ruled notebooks |
| Crayons | Erasers |
| Folders | Rulers |
| Scissors | Index Cards |
| Sticky Notes | Rubber Bands |

Beer & Theology

Join us the second Tuesday of each month with Bethel for Beer and Theology at Cheesecake Heaven at 5:30 pm. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

Congregational Vote Today

Congregational vote today after worship for the following topics:

1. To use the house for the Food Pantry or 4th Dimension.
2. To change time of worship to 10:00 AM.

Church Picnic, Sunday, July 19

Please join us on Sunday, July 19 at **10 AM** for worship and the picnic at the church. Please bring a dish to pass and your own chairs.

There is a clipboard in the Narthex for sign-up to help take down and clean up after the picnic if you're able to help.

Church Council Meeting Date Change

The church council meeting has been moved to Monday, July 27 at 6 PM.

Used Sheets and Blankets Needed

Have you cleaned out your linen closet lately? If so and you have sheets and blankets you no longer need or use, please bring them to the church so the quilters may recycle them into their beautiful quilts!

Prayer of the Day

O Wisdom,

We strive to follow your word but often gather as unruly siblings, with petty fights and concerns distracting us.

As you draw us together, hold us in your Spirit of righteousness and unity, so we might set our minds on you. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains¹ by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths over flow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Upcoming Menus:

- **Monday, August 17th:**
Great Northern Enchiladas with Cilantro Lime Corn
Baked Ziti
Cilantro Lime Chicken
Fresh Berry Dessert Salad
- Time is 6-8 PM

- **Saturday, September 5th:**
Stuffed Bell Peppers
Beef & Broccoli Teriyaki (Local Beef)
Quinoa Pizza Bites
Lazy Day Oatmeal Cake
- Time is 1-3 PM

Flyers are in the Narthex and the cost is \$60. You can call, email or text Emily Cowles to register: Please sign up by the Wednesday prior to the workshop.

- 605-515-3910 or RDEmily@emskitchentable.com
- Or Purchase Online:
<https://emskitchentable.com/productdetails/product/mealprep>

The Chosen Bible Study

Please bring your own lunch and join us for episodes of *The Chosen* followed by a discussion in the Gathering Room at church on the following Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00 pm.

- July 15
- July 29
- August 12
- August 26

Assisting with Worship	Serving us today	7/19/2026
Fellowship	The Quilters	Church Picnic

Softball Schedule

It’s that time again for the church softball games! There are flyers in the Narthex. All games will be played at Cornerstone Sports Complex.

Games:

- July 12 4:15 PM Field 4
- July 19 4:15 PM Field 2
- July 26 Playoffs
- August 2 Playoffs
- August 9 Playoffs

Meal Prep Workshops

Are you looking for healthy, tasty meals? There will be a series of workshops held in the church kitchen. This workshop has you walking away with three different dinners, each giving you 4-6 servings, along with a dozen delicious muffins or some sort of dessert.

All the planning and grocery shopping are done for you! You’ll go home with one meal ready to eat and two prepped for whenever you need them.

If the meal isn’t to your liking, give it as a gift!

All meat is sourced from local farmers and ranchers

Come prep three amazing meals with a fun group!

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation Hallelujah ACS 1088

Hallelujah



Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Traditional
Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty,

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

This Week at a Glance

Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday	9:00 am-2:00 pm
Monday	
Meth Anonymous	6:00 pm
Tuesday	
Quilters	9:00 am
Thursday	
Food Pantry	9:00-11:00 am
Friday	
Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00-10:30 am
Cocaine Anonymous	7:00-9:00 pm
Sunday	
Worship Service & Picnic	10:00 am

Upcoming Events

Assisting with Worship	Serving us today	7/19/2026
Musician	Greg Pagel	Greg Pagel
Usher	Open	Open
Communion Deacon	Melissa Smith	Debbie La Plante
Counters	John & Jodi Koch	John & Jodi Koch
Lector	Bill Hartung	Open
Altar Guild	Linda Bertrand	Linda Bertrand

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”
¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.
²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Sermon Pastor Melissa Pagel

Hymn of the Day We Plow the Fields and Scatter
ELW 681

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



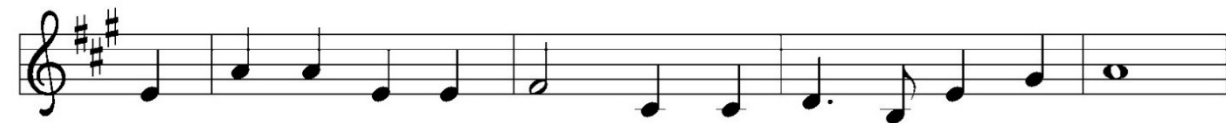
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold
you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Sent Forth by God's Blessing
ELW 547

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 the Table

We come to this table aware of all the ways that we thirst and hunger for God's restorative work within and among us. As we take our place at the table, we remember that the ways in which we suffer and cause suffering need not be the final chapters of our stories.

For when we dine at God's table, we feast alongside so many others who have also grappled with the ways they have not lived up to God's highest ideals.

We remember that our invitation is not contingent upon our actions but upon our willingness to show up and receive the welcome of God and her saints across space and time. Let us gather at the table.

Table Blessing

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

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 God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,
Response: Hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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.

Holy, holy W & P, #60, Verse #1

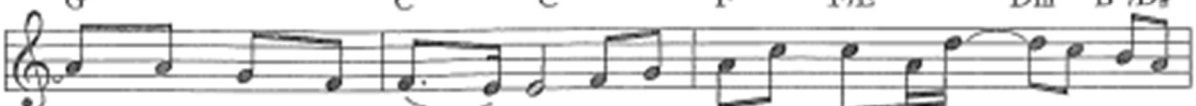
60Holy, holy

C Em7/B Am7 C/G FM7 F6 G7 Dm Dm7



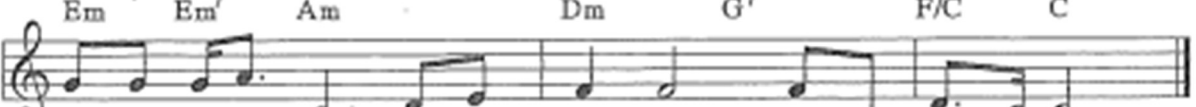
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -
5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .

G7 C C7 F F/E Dm7 B7/D#



Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a
chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a
deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a
new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a
. hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a

Em Em7 Am Dm G7 F/C C



to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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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.