



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Sunday, October 4th 2026

Lectionary 27 (19th Sunday after Pentecost)

*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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Introduction

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Call to Worship

Through Moses, God said, **“Let my people go.”**

In scripture, the law declares: **“In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts.”**

With grace, Jesus said: **“Give one coat away.”**

With honesty, Jesus taught: **“Sell what you have, give that money to the poor.”**

Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free, dropping our nets, giving to others, and following. **So in this hour of worship, may we release that which binds us. May we worship with open, untamed, and porous hearts, so that we can walk freely with God.**

Let it be so. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn Thy Word W & P Pg. 144

Empty Amber Pill Bottle Donation Collection

If you have empty, clean, amber pill bottles with the labels removed, please drop them by the church office going forward.

Noisy Offering October 4

Please gather your spare change to benefit the *Feed My Children* charity.

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Thy word

Refrain

F C⁷ F B^b C⁷ F B^b F

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

C Gm Dm Am B^b C

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -

B^b/F F C Gm Dm Am

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

B^b C Dm D A/C[#] Csus C⁷ Refrain

Please be near me to the end.

C Gm Dm Am B^b C

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

B^b/F F C Gm Dm Am

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

B^b C Dm D A/C[#] Csus C⁷ Refrain

I will love you to the end.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
We admit to holding tight to that which we know and understand. We put you in a box to avoid the shades of gray that come with faith. We put worship in a box to avoid the discomfort of change. We put ourselves in boxes labeled with gender expectations and societal norms. We put others in boxes labeled “worthy” and “unworthy.” We put all that we have in a box and pray we won’t run out. So in this moment, we confess to holding tight to fear, greed, and worldly structures. Forgive us for missing the point. Open our eyes to a new way— to a holiness found in open boxes, unclenched fists, shades of gray, and holy release. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
We release our hearts to you. First, we remove the pressure, for release requires the freedom to be moved. Then we allow our hearts to return to their original resting position— In sync with you, with the rhythm of summer cicadas, and this whole wild creation. Then, we pray that you will find our hearts available— Not just physically, but emotionally and

Service Participants

Assisting with Worship	Serving us today	10/11/26
Musician	Greg Pagel	Greg Pagel
Usher	Open	Open
Communion Deacon	Kevin Wood	Melissa Smith
Counters	John & Jodi Koch	John & Jodi Koch
Lector	Bill Hartung	Pete Peterson
Altar Guild	Jan Hansen	Jan Hansen
Fellowship	Outreach Group	OPEN

The Chosen Bible Study

Tuesday, October 13

RIC/Living the Promise Meeting

The next meeting will be October 14th at 5:00 PM.

Confirmation for All Ages

Monday, October 26 from 6-7:30 PM in the Sanctuary at Resurrection.

Trunk or Treat Support

The participation sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 10 from 2-4.

The Blessing

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

This Week at a Glance

Office Hours: Mon-Wed,	9 am-2 pm
Monday	
Meth Anonymous	6:00 pm
Tuesday	
Quilters	9:00 am
Wednesday	
Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Thursday	
Food Pantry	9:00-11:00 am
Friday	
Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00-11:00 am
Cocaine Anonymous	7:00-9:00 pm
Sunday	
Worship Service	10:00 am

Pastor Melissa will be Out of Office from 9/28-10/10.
Pastor Rachel from Trinity will be covering for any pastoral emergencies.

spiritually. So like the mockingbird releases her song, We release our hearts to you. Move in them. Stir us awake. Speak to us now. We are waiting. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**
⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.
¹² **Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look¹ down from heaven;**
¹⁵ behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the

Sending Hymn All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia! Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home. Alleluia.	6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.
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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. 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

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation ELW Pg. 142

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

freely or reluctantly given— And use them to build a more beautiful world. For that is who you are. You are forever building castles out of sand, disciples out of people, and new life out of cautious gifts. We believe; help our unbelief. In Christ’s name we pray, 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 ELW Pg. 144

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

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Choir His Eye is on the Sparrow Hayes

Offering

Offering Prayer

Holy God,

It is not always easy to give what we have. We count pennies.

We weigh the pros and cons. We calculate what we have given before, and we remind ourselves what we are giving to now. We all have our money stories.

And yet, even though it can take work for us to practice release, we trust that you can take these gifts— However

Sermon

Pastor Diane

Hymn of the Day There in God's Garden ELW 342

Verses 1, 2 & 3

There in God's Garden



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that on the first day,
 God released love and creativity over a void;
 and that void became mountains and rivers, sunsets and
 starry nights. We believe God released God's people from
 the grips of slavery, liberating us day in and day out.
 We believe God laid down with death and was released from
 its grip, knowing suffering and freeing us from this fragile
 life. And we believe God invites us— day in and day out— to
 release our fears, let go of assumptions, tear down walls,
 throw open the doors, and walk closer to love. May it be so.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for
 the church and the world. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought
 to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow
 their example in our own day. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those
 who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped
 us to see your Spirit in, Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's
 conflict zones and shelter those who live within them. We pray
 especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees.

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

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