Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Sunday, October 25th 2026

Reformation Sunday

Lectionary 30 (Pentecost 22)

*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
Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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.

Gathering Hymn A Mighty Fortress is our God ELW 504

<u>Noisy Offering</u>
The Noisy Offering will be November 1 to benefit our local school supplies drive so please bring any spare change to church next week,

<u>All Saints Remembrance Cards</u>
All Saints Day is November 1st so please turn your cards in to the office by Monday, October 26 to be included in next Sunday's Bulletin.

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

This Week at a Glance

Office Hours: Mon-Wed,	9 am-2 pm
Monday	
Confirmation for All Ages	6-7:30 pm
Meth Anonymous	6:00 pm
Tuesday	
Quilters	9:00 am
The Chosen	11:30 am-1 pm
Thursday	
Food Pantry	5:30-7:00 pm
Friday	
Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00-11:00 am
Cocaine Anonymous	7:00-9:00 pm
Sunday	
Worship Service	10:00 am

Serving Us Today:

Lector	Debbie La Plante
Communion Deacon	Christina Marcin
Musician	Greg Pagel
Usher	**Open**
Counters	John & Jodi Koch
Fellowship	**Open**
Altar Guild	Jan Hansen

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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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.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Built on a Rock



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Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

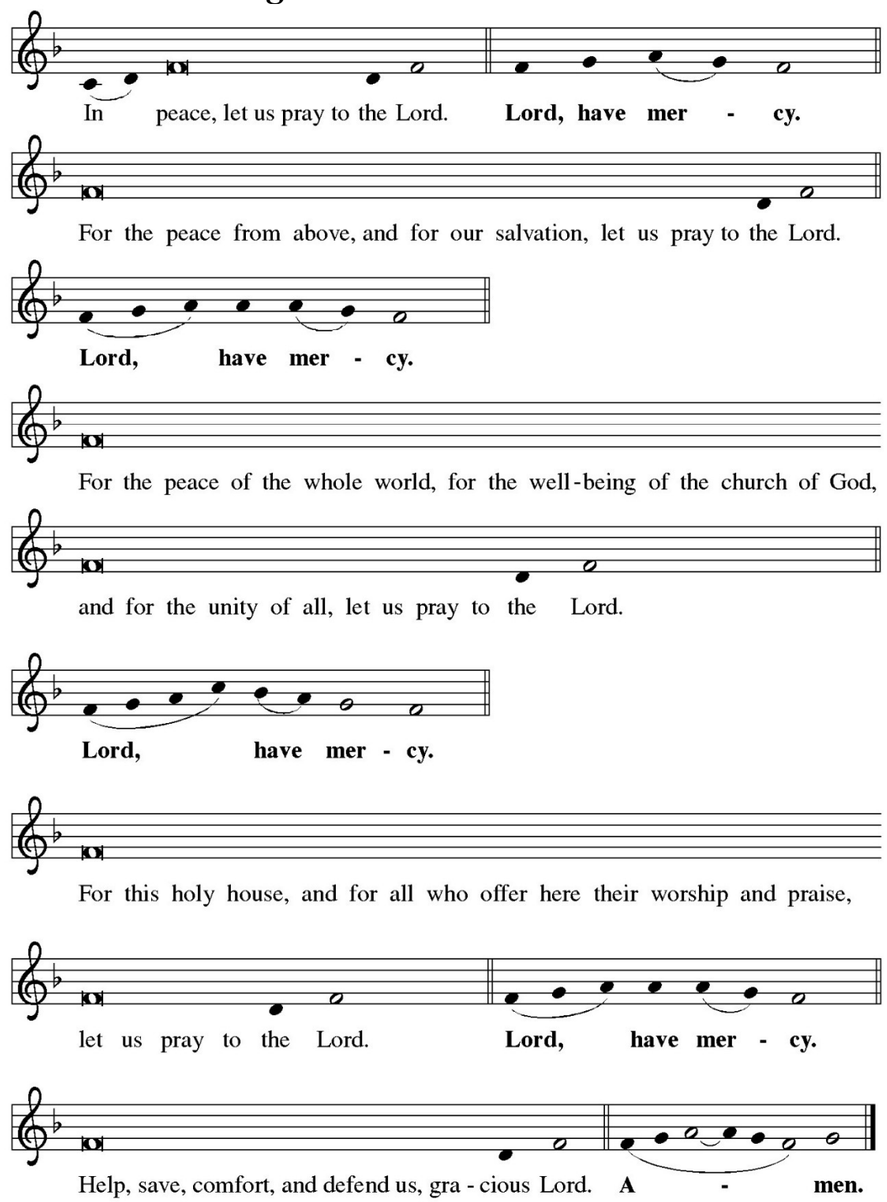
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

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

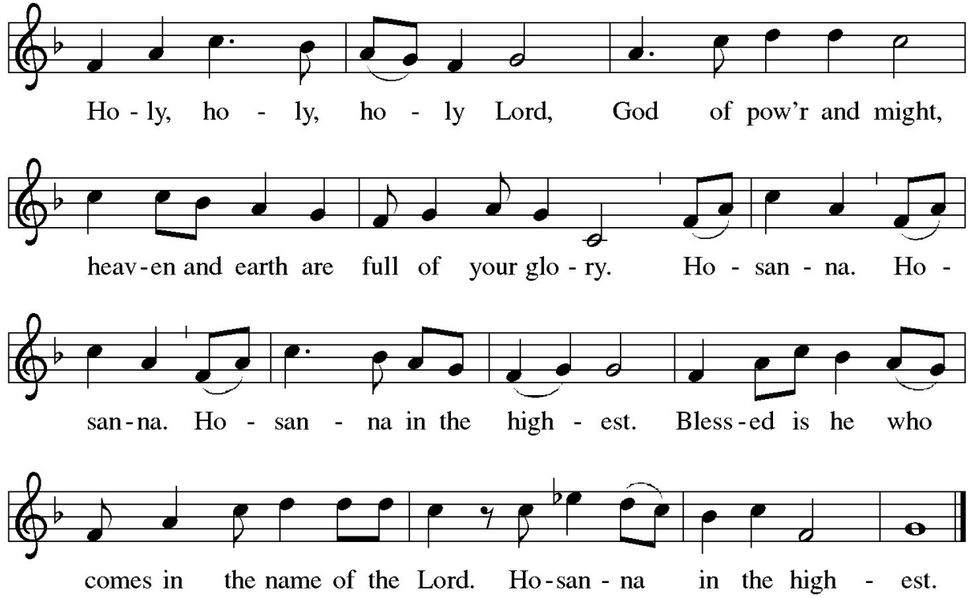
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Feast This is the Feast ELW Pg. 140





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!

Offering

Offering Prayer
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. 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.

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Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, gracious Lord,
we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone Tomlin
Singing at Bethel (8:30 AM)

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make
a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of
Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their
ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the
land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their
husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will
make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I
will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No
longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know
the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to
the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and
remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm: Psalm 46

[1] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
[2] **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
[3] though its waters rage and foam and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
[4] **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
[5] God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
[6] **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
[7] The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
[8] **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
[9] behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
[10] **"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
[11] The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.
We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air.
Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.
We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free.
We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering
Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.
We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead.
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.**

Nicene 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

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

A brief silence.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those
who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and
the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no
human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the
law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has
been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the
righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all
who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his
grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ
Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by
his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his
righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed
over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at
the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous
and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what
kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of
faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from
works prescribed by the law.

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Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation ***ELW pg. 142***



The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31-36
31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you
continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will
know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They
answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never
been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will
be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who
commits sin is a slave to sin.
35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household;
the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free,
you will be free indeed."

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

Sermon Pastor Diane

Hymn of the Day Spirit, Open My Heart ACS 1043

Spirit, Open My Heart



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