



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Sunday, September 13th 2026

Lectionary 24 (God's Work, Our Hands)

*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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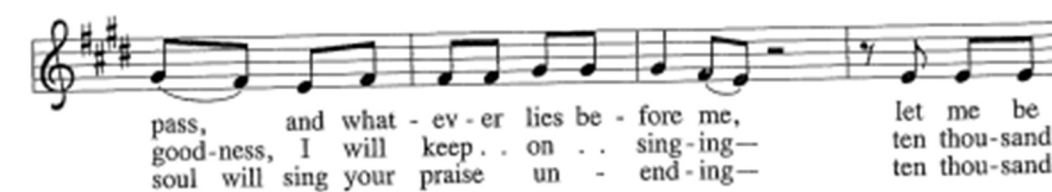
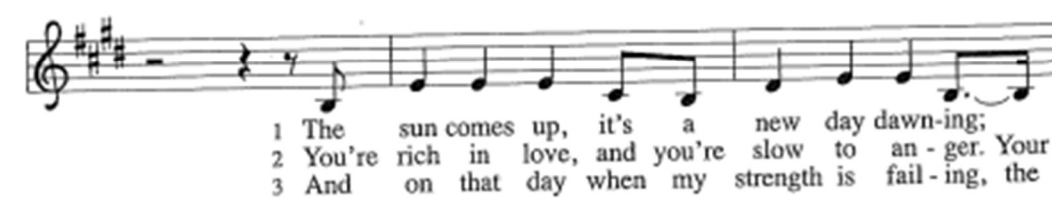
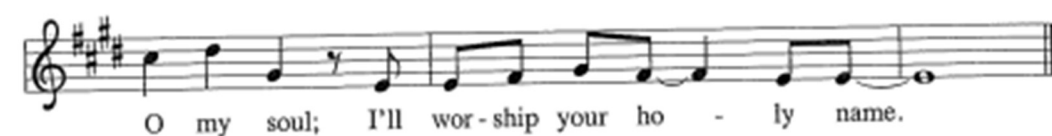
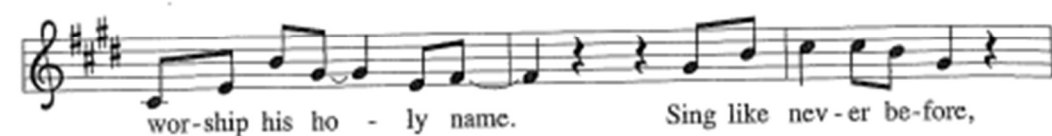
Introduction

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Gathering Hymn Ten Thousand Reasons ACS 1097

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Ten Thousand Reasons

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

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Music: Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

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TEN THOUSAND REASONS

Irregular

The language in the refrain may be adapted to correspond with Psalm 103 in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*: "... worship God's holy name."

Trunk or Treat Support

Outreach is looking for 4-5 individuals to apply for Thrivent Action Teams to help support Trunk or Treat on Oct. 10 so that the community can enjoy a free family event!

There will be a sign up for teams for the following categories:

- Printing/advertising
- Food
- Candy/s'mores
- Food pantry games

Please see Melissa Smith if you're willing to apply for Thrivent Action Teams on Resurrection's behalf.

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.**

Kyrie ELW Page 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Upcoming Events

Assisting with Worship	Serving us today	9/20/26
Musician	Greg Pagel	Greg Pagel
Usher	Ken Rudie	Ken Rudie
Communion Deacon	Carol Borremans	Sandy Krakow
Counters	Jean Halloran & Debbie La Plante	Jean Halloran & Debbie La Plante
Lector	Larry Nelson	Bob Bishoff
Altar Guild	Sandy Krakow	Sandy Krakow
Fellowship	Open	Open

The Chosen Bible Study

- September 15
- October 13

End of Life Planning Workshop

Please join us on September 19 from 1-3 PM in the fellowship hall at Bethel for an End of Life Planning Workshop. We will be joined by the staff of Fort Howard Mausoleum for service and funeral planning, as well honoring your final wishes.

Confirmation for All Ages

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

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God’s hands at work in the world!

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
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	10:00 am

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Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?”¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died,¹⁷ ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him.¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.”¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

God’s Work, Our Hands



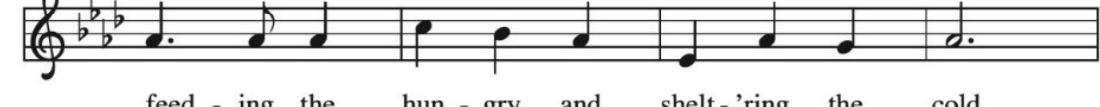
1 God’s work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God’s work, our feet: trav - ’ling to - geth - er,
3 God’s work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread’s on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ’ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God’s fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God’s love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God’s love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. Amen.

Blessing

God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love,
+ bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn God's Work, Our Hands ACS 1000

Psalm: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear¹ you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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

Offering Prayer

Holy God, giver of all good things, **receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you...

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

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Holy Jesus, **in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with**

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 Intercession

Trusting God at work in and among us, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world. God of grace,

Response: Hear us when we call.

Receive these and all our prayers, gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Choir One Spirit, One Church Keil

Offering

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 18th Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and

pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Sermon Pastor Melissa Pagel

Hymn of the Day Where Charity and Love Prevail
ELW 359

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842
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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;**