



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Sunday, April 26th 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*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

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

Alleluia, Christ has risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
ELW 807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Geraniums for Pentecost

We will begin accepting orders for Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 3rd. The cost will be \$10 and the order forms can be found in the Narthex starting May 3rd.

Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering will be the first Sunday of every month, beginning with today, May 3rd.

Lincoln School Drive

Lincoln School is preparing for summer school from Mid-June to the end of July. If you would like to donate towards summer school, they're requesting the following items:

- Individually-wrapped snacks
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Colored markers
- New or gently used elastic waist pants or shorts in Youth sizes 4t-16

Treasurer's Snapshot for March

Total Income:	\$11,753.29
Operating Income:	\$6,351.98 (reflects donor request to direct funds to FP capital fund from previous donation to general fund)
Food Pantry/Noisy Offering:	\$18,105.27
March Expenses:	\$11,431.81
Checking: 3/31/2026:	\$103,364.58
Savings: 3/31/2026	\$67,666.37
(Includes Certificates of Deposits totaling \$80,000)	

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

Response: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Kyrie

ACSPg 31

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

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

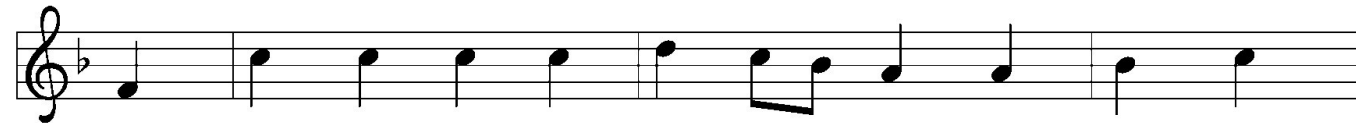
This Week at a Glance

Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday
Quilters 9:00 am
Thursday
Food Pantry 5:30-7:30 pm
Sunday
Worship Service & Confirmation 9:30 am
Noisy Offering 9:30 am

Upcoming Events

Assisting with Worship	4/26/2026	5/3/2026
Usher	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Deacon	Cathy Morgans	Kevin Wood
Counters	Larry Nelson & Debbie La Plante	Melissa Smith & Debbie La Plante
Lector	Sandy Krakow	Jim Gatske
Altar Guild	Jan Hansen	Jodi Koch & Joanie Swigert
Fellowship	Bill & Kris Hartung	Resurrection in honor of confirmation

O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
 I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
 and guide me along right pathways for your name's
 sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your
 staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
 enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running
 over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
 my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person
 endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you
 are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you
 endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a
 commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been
 called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an
 example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² “He committed
 no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he
 suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one
 who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the
 cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for

righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation

ACS 33

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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

Repeat alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th Chapter.
Glory to you O' God.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead

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.

Welcome to the Table

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to
anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to
the nations.
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Benediction

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ,
the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Holy, Holy

ACS Pg. 36



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

of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

Sermon Pastor Melissa Pagel
Hymn of the Day You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
ACS 954

On the night...let us pray as Jesus taught us.

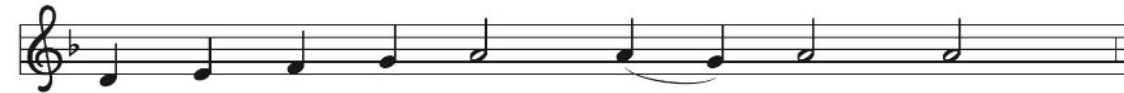
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



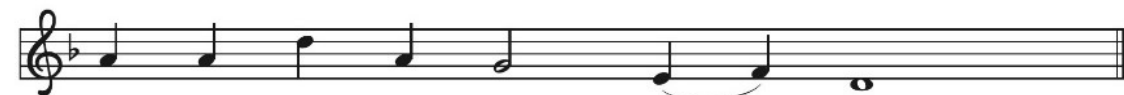
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.
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Choir Simple Praise Courtney

Offering

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,
 accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
 You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
 when we will hunger and thirst no more.
 Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
 that goodness and mercy may follow us
 and bless the world you love.
 In the name of Jesus. **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.