



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

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*(Congregational responses are printed in **Bold** print.)*

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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Please call any of us. Add us to your contact list. You may choose a Bible verse to give us when you call, or we will use an appropriate one. We are here in your time of need or in thanksgiving. Blessings, Linda.

Introduction



GATHERING

Announcements

Call to Worship

We come to worship because we long for mercy.

We long for community. We long for God.

We come to worship because we need a good word.

We need connection. We need moral reminders.

We come to worship because we are in between:

hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

Confession and Forgiveness

Friends, our faith calls us to live with both mercy and righteousness.

Somewhere along the way, however, we have forgotten that truth.

Somewhere along the way, we began arguing about who deserves mercy and whether or not they had acted with enough righteousness to receive it.

Fortunately, God does not act that way.

No matter what mistakes we have made or wrong turns we've taken, God consistently meets us with mercy and invites us to try again. So let us lean into that good news, and go to God in prayer:

Merciful God,

When we fail to be righteous, show us mercy.

When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right.

Again and again, bring us closer to you.

Again and again, show us the way. Amen.

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: When we fail to be righteous,
God is merciful.

When we fail to be merciful,

God invites us to try again.

Again and again,

God moves closer to us.

Again and again,

God shows us the way.

Thanks be to God for this unending love. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayer of the Day

Loving God,

Week after week we return to this space, because we long to see you.

Like Zacchaeus who climbed a tree to get a peek at you as you walked by, we come to this sanctuary hoping to get a peek of your goodness, of your joy, of your light. So speak to us through these ancient words. Let us get a peek of the love that lingers here. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Word

Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 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 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 righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Acclamation

Alleluia

p. 205

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 19:1-10

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Hymn of the Day Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness
ELW 488 vs. 1,3,4

Affirmation of faith

**In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers,
Jesus loved by different rules.
He offered mercy.
He invited people to dinner.
He told stories of love.
He chose to see the best in others.
We believe that small acts of mercy
and compassion have ripple effects in our lives. We believe that small acts of
righteousness and justice are integral to a life of faith.
So like Christ, we believe in offering mercy, inviting people to dinner,
telling stories of love, and choosing to see the best in others.
With God's help, may it be so. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair

habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of God be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of the Lord's peace with those around you.

Offering

Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

MEAL

Preface

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy....

We praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

Words of Institution

In the night he was betrayed,

Which is to say, on the night before he was sentenced to death by those who didn't like him challenging their power and disturbing their status quo,

Which is to say, on the night before he was subjected to an unjust trial, torture and humiliation,

On that night, with the heart of God on full display, as feet were washed, a meal was shared and encouragement to carry on ministry was given,

On that night, Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and shared it among them saying:

All: Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this, and remember me.

In the same way after supper,

In the same way, which is to say, with those same incredibly imperfect and fallible people there, His closest friends, the ones who knew him the best, the ones who had watched him heal, heard him teach and yet would doubt, deny and betray him, In the same way, among those same flawed and forgiven people, with their fear and confusion on full display,

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup and he gave thanks. He gave it to his friends, (his deeply loved, fully human friends), each of them in turn, saying:

Drink. This cup is poured out for you and for all people. It is the promise of God. Drink it, and remember me.

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break the bread and share the one cup.

Thanks be to God.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit 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 Communion

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you. God's grace, **Amen.**

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Post Communion Prayer

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

As you leave this place,
may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with
you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.
Believe that good news and go in peace.

Sending Hymn Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross ELW 335

Dismissal

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

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This Week at a Glance

Monday -Wednesday Office Hours 9:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday- 9:00 am Quilters

Wednesday-5:00 pm Choir

Wednesday-6:30pm Worship **Bethel**

Thursday 9:00am-11:00am Food Pantry

Thursday-2:30pm Worship Planning

Sunday- Bible Study 8:00am Worship 9:30 am

Lent Worship Schedule

April 9th Worship 6:30pm- **Bethel**

April 17th Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30pm **Here**

April 18th Good Friday Worship 6:30pm **Here**

April 20th Easter worship- 9:30am **Here**

There are envelopes in the narthex for **Easter Lillies or Tulips**. Please fill out and return in the collection plate.

Thank you volunteers for Fellowship treats. For those making the coffee, please be sure to empty the pot and rinse the coffee pot so it is fresh for the next time. Much appreciated.

Assisting us this week April 6th

Usher: Jeff Borremans

Communion Deacon: Debbie La Plante

Counters: Larry Nelson & Debbie LaPlante

Lector: Bill Hartung

Altar Guild: Jan Hansen

Fellowship: No one Assigned

Assisting us April 13th

Usher: Jeff Borremans

Communion Deacon: Sandy Krakow

Counters: Larry Nelson & Debbie LaPlante

Lector: Jim Gatske

Altar Guild: Jan Hansen

Fellowship: No one Assigned

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