



**Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
*To Live & Share the Love of Christ*  
Pastor Melissa Pagel  
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***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**

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

## **Gathering**

### **Announcements**

*Please rise in body or spirit*

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob  
**Whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

***Gathering Hymn***

***Gather Us In ELW 532***

## Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,  
 van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,  
 brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.  
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and  
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,  
 we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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## Confession and Forgiveness

God desires for everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth: that there is one mediator between God and humanity, Jesus Christ, himself human who gave his own life as a ransom for all.

Trusting in this good news, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Immortal God,

**Dwelling in light, you give life to every creature, you provide us with all that we need. Yet we wander away from your path to pursue the treasures of this world. We fall into senseless temptation and are trapped by harmful desires. We are captivated by the love of money that is the root of all kinds of evil. We envy those who flaunt their riches and look down on neighbors in need.**

**Have mercy on us, holy God. Help us to turn away from evil. Teach us to do what is right and to be rich in good works, always generous and ready to share. By your grace, open our hearts and hands so that we may take hold of the life that really is life, life eternal, through the faith and love of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news of the Gospel: The grace of God overflows for us through the faith and love of Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners.

In the name of Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Faithful God,

**You have gathered us at this time to worship you. Renew in us the hope and desire to follow you, that we may be inspired to love and give honor to you in our actions, deeds, and words. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading: Amos 6:1a,4-7**

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 146**

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who  
hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who<sup>1</sup> are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on

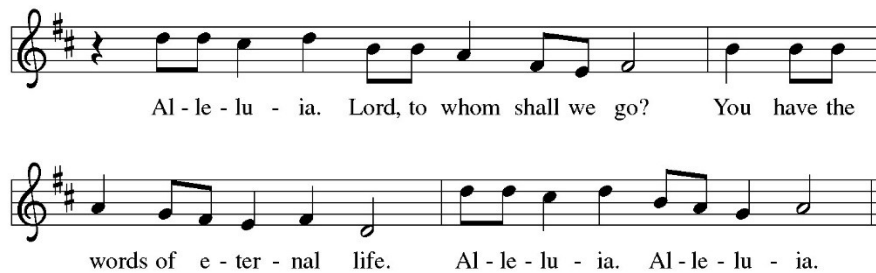
God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

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### **Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter,  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’”

But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Melissa Pagel**

*Please rise in body or spirit*



## Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## Prayers of Intercession

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in any need. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

## **Offering**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Offering Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

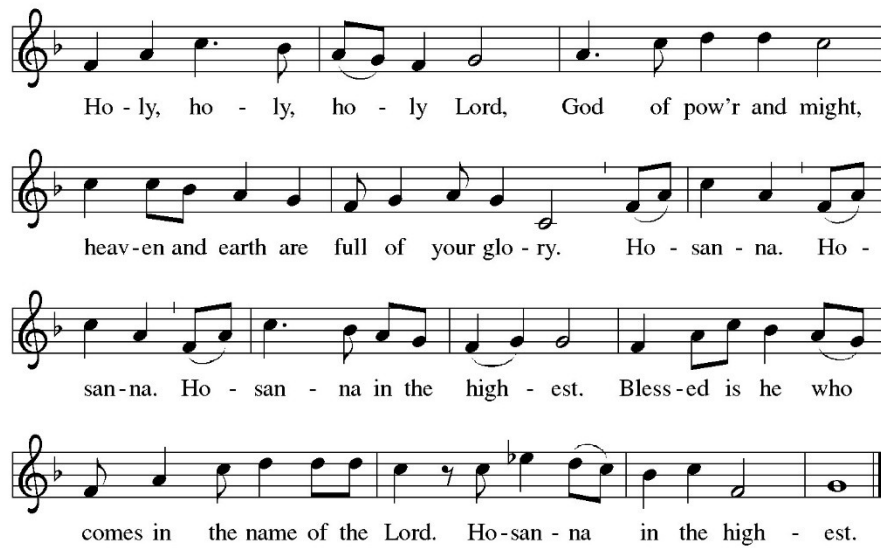
### **Preface**

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

We praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy***

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## Words of Institution

In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus....

Do this in remembrance of me....

## 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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

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

## Communion Hymn We Come to the Hungry Feast

## ELW 479

### We Come to the Hungry Feast

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,  
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay  
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

### Post Communion Prayer

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Benediction

Now, may the blessing of the Triune God, loving Savior, eternal Sovereign, and sanctifying Spirit✠ Comfort and strengthen you until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn Take my Life that I May Be ELW 583***

## Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## Dismissal

Go in peace. To live and share the love of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## This Week at a Glance

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

Tuesday - Quilters 9:00am

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

Confirmation - 5:00pm – 6:30 pm Mentors

Choir - 6:30pm

Thursday – *Unclobber* Book Study 7:00 pm

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

## Upcoming Events

<b>Assisting with Worship</b>	<b>9/28/2025</b>	<b>10/5/2025</b>
Usher	John & Jodi Koch	Larry Nelson
Communion	Sandy Krakow	John Koch
Counters	Dick/Joanie Swigert	John & Jodi Koch
Lector	John Koch	Bill Hartung
Alter Guide	Sandy Krakow	Jan Hansen
Fellowship	No one assigned	No one assigned

**Mark Your Calendar for Trunk or Treat on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm!**

**This is a free community event.**

This event takes a village (or congregation) to be successful! The Outreach committee is planning for 400 attendees this year which is a big undertaking, but we can do it! In the near future a volunteer signup sheet will be posted in the narthex.

**Wishes:** 15-18 cars (or scooters, motorcycles) to hand out candy (note: candy will be provided for those who can not afford to purchase)

- 6-8 volunteers for food prep/delivery, runners, greeter, etc.
- Donated items. Everyone was so generous last year, this helped offset costs.
- Thrivent Action Teams (hoping for 5-6)

**As your gardens grow:** Please share your overflow with the pantry.

Veggies and fruits can be dropped off on Wednesdays if you find you have more than you can use. Thank You.

The food delivery from Ascension will be today. Please plan to stay after worship to help sort and put away.