

***Resurrection Lutheran Church***

 *To Live & Share the Love of Christ*

 Pastor Melissa Pagel

**Sunday, May 25th, 2025*. Sixth 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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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**

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

 **Gathering**

**Announcements**

***Gathering Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW 834***

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that make a people your own,

that restore to wholeness,

and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church;

waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

***Canticle Gloria pg. 148***

**Prayer of the Day**

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **First Reading****: Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”  When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

  We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,  and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.  On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

### **Psalm** **67**

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
  may the light of God’s face shine upon us.
  **Let your way be known upon earth,**
  **your saving health among all nations.**
  Let the peoples praise you, O God;
  let all the peoples praise you.
 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the**

**peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**
  Let the peoples praise you, O God;
  let all the peoples praise you.
 **The earth has brought forth its increase;**
  **God, our own God, has blessed us.**
 May God give us blessing,
  and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

### **Second Reading: Revelation 21:10,22-22:5**

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.  Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.  But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.
 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.  Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;  they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.  And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***Gospel Acclamation    Good Soil ELW 512***

**Gospel: John 14:23-29**

The Holy Gospel according to John 14:23-29.  **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
   Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.  One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.  When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.”  Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

**Sermon Pastor Melissa Pagel**

***Hymn of the Day Amazing Grace ELW 779***

 **Prayers of Intercession**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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**

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **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 pg. 153***

 **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**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

**Post Communion Prayer**

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

**Benediction**

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn We Are Marching ELW 866***

**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**

Tuesday -Thursday Office Hours 9:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday- Quilters 9:00am

Thursday- 5:30pm-7:30pm Food Pantry

Sunday- Worship 9:30 am

**Upcoming Events**

**Bible Study June 11th – August 27th**

Starting in June we will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:15 pm for a meal. We will begin an episode of *The Chosen at 5:30* and conclude with a discussion.

**Teamwork makes the Dream work**

Now that the kitchen cleanup is finished (an amazing job!)

We are moving on to another part of the church building that needs attention. A new task force is starting up to clean up the nursery, youth room and lounge. The objective is to determine what should stay, be sold or taken away.

If you are interested in participating in this task force, please see Carol or call the church office.

Thank You to the Kitchen Task Force. Carol B.

**Assisting us next week May 25th**

Usher: Alan Gabriel

Communion Deacon: Carol Borremans

Counters: Dick & Joanie Swigert

Lector: Jodi Koch

Altar Guild: Jodi Koch, Joanie Swigert

Fellowship: No one assigned

**Assisting us next week, June 1st**

Usher: Bob Bishoff

Communion Deacon Debbie LaPlante

Counters:Jim/Judy Gatske

Lector: Bill Hartung

Altar Guild: Kris Hartung

Fellowship: No one assigned

**Church Council Members** Pastor: Melissa Pagel

Council President: Carol Borremans Secretary: Jean Kaster

Vice President: John Koch Musician: Greg Pagel

Secretary: Jodi Koch Choir Director: Beth Krepline

Treasurer: Debbie LaPlante Financial Secretary: Chris Peterson

**Committees**

Resource & Finance: John Koch

Education: Melissa Pagel

Worship & Church Music: Carol Borremans

Food Pantry: Debbie LaPlante

Celebration: Christina Marcin

Church Support & Property: Kevin Wood Wiener Wednesday: Jodi Koch

Outreach: Sandy Krakow Personnel: Carol Borremans

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