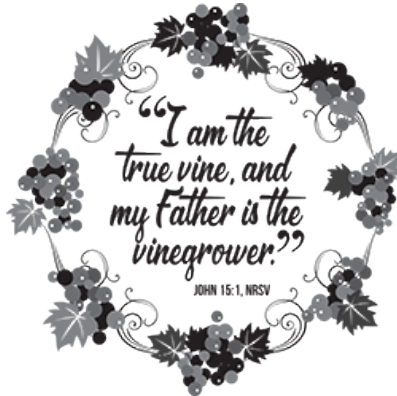


## Resurrection Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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### Our Mission Statement

Grounded in the Word, we *Gather* in Grace  
*Grow* in Faith and *Go* with love to change the world!

### *We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

As such, we uphold the words of the Apostle Paul: "In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28)

Christ has made us all one. We believe that this oneness extends to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identities, or religious, economic, or political affiliation.

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10:00 Worship  
April 28, 2024  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Here I Am to Worship*

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed!**  
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**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

We gather in the name of the + Triune God:  
The Word from the beginning, our Creator; the word made flesh, now  
risen from the dead, Jesus Christ, our Savior; and the Spirit, who breathes  
the word into our hearts.

Amen

Opening Song: *Lord of the Dance*

Responsive Reading

Here in this great gathering for worship I have discovered this praise-life.  
**And I'll do what I promised right here in front of the God-worshippers.**  
Down-and-outers sit at God's table and eat their fill. **Everyone on the hunt  
for God is here, praising him. "Live it up, from head to toe. Don't ever  
quit!"** <sup>27-28</sup> From the four corners of the earth people are coming to their  
senses, are running back to God. Long-lost families are falling on their faces  
before him. **God has taken charge; from now on God has the last word.**  
<sup>29</sup> All the power-mongers are before God—**worshipping!**  
All the poor and powerless, too —**worshipping!**  
Along with those who never got it together —**worshipping!**

<sup>30-31</sup> Our children and their children will get in on this as the word is passed along from parent to child. **Babies not yet conceived will hear the good news — that God does what God says.** (*Psalm 22:25-31, The Message*)

## *Glory to God*

**Reading:** *1 John 4:7-21*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>**In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us** and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>**God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.** <sup>16</sup>**So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.**

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>**There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear;** for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>**We love because he first loved us.** <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

<sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Announcement of the Reading of the Gospel: John 15:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)*

### The Reading of the Holy Gospel:

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>**I am the vine, you are the branches.** Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>**If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Children's Message and Noisy Offering

#### Homily

Song: *His Banner Over Me is Love*

*Quilt and cabinets blessing.*

## The Prayers of the Church

We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and reigns as Lord of life. Increase in our hearts and minds the hope of life we share in Christ both now, and in the day to come.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Be with all who have occasions of joy, especially . . .

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Be with all in need of healing, especially . . .

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Be with all who grieve, especially . . .

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Lord, God of life,

as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect; may our strength come not from violence, but from love; may our wealth come not from money, but from sharing; may our path be one not of ambition, but of self-giving; may our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Offering

Offering Song: *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

It is truly right and good, evermore praising you, and singing.

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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

Reception of the Meal

Songs: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death (ELW 452);*

*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (ELW 814)*

Communion Blessing

Announcements

Song: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (ELW 619, vs. 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8)*

Benediction: *Go Now in Peace*

## Sending

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

And All God's people said-

**Amen!**

## Announcements

Sign-ups to help are in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all for your help last service.

Next week **May 5: Altar Flowers: \_\_\_ Assist Pastor: \_\_\_**

**Children's Sermon: \_\_\_ Greeter: \_\_\_; Communion Prep: Padurs PowerPoint: \_\_\_**

**Coffee hosts: Padurs; Marion**

Happy Birthday Tia O! We Give Thanks for You!

*Pr Karen is out of the office on Tuesdays from 11:30-2:15 for Continuing Ed.*

*Holly will be out of the office for a few days this week as she recovers from surgery.*

**Book study!** – We are beginning a book study “Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the 12 Steps” by Richard Rohr. All are welcome to join. The study will be offered starting May 2<sup>nd</sup>, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 3pm, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Monday of the month at 6:30 via Zoom starting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase the book on Amazon.

We welcome back the Ashley House on the following dates: 12:30-4:30  
4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/28 and 6/4.

## **Mark your calendar for upcoming events!**

-Senior Healthcare Resource Fair, May 18<sup>th</sup>: Please spread the news to the community, there will be community resources, speakers, CPR certification class (ask Holly for details), and more!

-Parking lot sale, June 21<sup>st</sup> (12-4), and 22<sup>nd</sup> (9-3). Please hold items at your home as we don't have storage space at the church. If you would like to help out, speak with Elvira.

## Continued prayers:

Mary & her husband (Paul's sister) due to a death in family. Steve (Wes's stepdad for medical issues). Jessica Green (Friend of Doolittle family). Linda Varner (Sheila's good friend). Karen K's sister-in-law, she has been diagnosed with multiple melanoma. Kathy (Ed's sister). Keep Nikki (knee surgery) in your prayers. Mary. Tiffany and her family (Gail's daughter in law). Laurel (Len T's sister). Rob (Lynne's brother). Josephine H. Ann (Gail's sister-in-law). Hans (Cindy and Bill's brother-in-law).

### Sunday, April 28

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Join us for fellowship after worship, all are welcome!

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online Worship

Noon: Outreach meeting

3:00: Jump into music concert.

### Monday, April 29

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

### Tuesday, April 30

#### Pr. Karen out of office – cont. education

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

12:30-4:30: Ashley House

2:30: Jump Into Music

6:00: AA

### Wednesday, May 1

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

9:30: Worship Team Practice

4:00-5:00: JIM Lessons

### Thursday, May 2

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

10:00: Quilting

### Friday, May 3

1:00: JIM

### Saturday, May 4

### Sunday, May 5

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online Fellowship after worship!

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