

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
May 11 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Gathering Song: *I Am the Resurrection*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed!**
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Opening Song: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)*

Responsive Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.** You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. **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.** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (*Psalms 23*)

Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)

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

Come, Risen Lord, and be our guest –
Move among us, to make us blest. And from that blessing, give, we pray,
Strength to give our lives away. Amen

Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, **“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”** ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, **“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”**

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ **They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;** ¹⁷ **for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

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

Announcement of the Reading of the Gospel: *John 10:22-30*

Gospel Acclamation: *Gospel Verse*

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ **What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.** ³⁰ **The Father and I are one.”**

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Children's Message and Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering Song: *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy*

Noisy offering Donations will go to Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Homily

Song: *Shepherd Me, O God (ELW 780)*

Honoring of Mothers and All Who Give Motherly Care

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.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need of your shepherding care.

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

Be with all who grieve, especially . . .

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

Be with those departed . . .

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

O God, you lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage and strengthen all who strive for healing in our communities and country.

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: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)*

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

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 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

Reception of the Meal

Songs: *The Lord's My Shepherd (ELW 778); There is a Redeemer*

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us in your Son, present in, with,
and under the bread and wine. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your
glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen

Announcements

Benediction

The Triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come, Gracious Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

Song: *Lead Me, Guide Me (ELW 768)*

Sending

Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Go in Easter hope, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**
And All God's people said - **Amen!**

Announcements

Happy Birthday Judi P and Pastor Karen!
We will celebrate our May birthdays on Thursday, May 15 at 12:30. All Welcome!

Food and Fellowship - We are skipping today (for Mother's day), and June (join us at the Rainiers game instead).

Next Sunday, Pastor Karen will be out of town, Paul and Ruth will be leading worship.
No Communion for next Sunday

May 14 at 6:30 - Midweek Vespers resumes, back to our 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Thursday, June 5 at 1:00 - We are excited to be hosting another Virginia Mason Franciscan Health speaking event on Cancer Prevention: Empowering our local community! Please take a flyer (a few in the Fellowship Hall) and share with community members.

Tacoma Rainiers Game, June 8th, first pitch 1:30! RSVP is closed, please send in Payments. Please make sure it is labeled for Rainiers. We will be sitting as a group. \$15.50/ticket (includes ticket, hotdog and water).

June 8 – Pentecost, do you speak a language other than English? Pastor Karen would love a few to read the Pentecost choral readings for Pentecost, let her know if you are interested.

First and third Sundays, 1-3 – Come play some fun card and board games. All are welcome, bring along some of your favorite games.

Continued prayers:

Prayers for those who are being deported, and for our country. Marie (Lynne's sister-in-law's sister) has passed away, please keep the family in your prayers. Karen K. (her brother in law Al passed away). Nancy (recovering from knee surgery). Stanette and her family, as her father, Stanley has passed away. John and family, John's adopted mother-in-law who passed away. Sue (Jim and Judy's niece) recovering from open heart surgery. Marion (recovering from surgery). Steve N. (recovering from shoulder surgery). Rachel (Kathleen and Roland's Niece) for health issues. Bill and Cindy, as they hike. Steve S. Sheila (as she transitions back home). Bill O. (increasing Alzheimer's). Sherri (Nancy D. sister) for health concerns. Prayers for Geoffrey for colon cancer (Len and Elvira's nephew).

Sunday, May 11 – Mother’s Day

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online Worship

Join us for fellowship after worship, all are welcome!

Monday, May 12

9:30: Chimes practice

12:00: AI – anon meeting

Tuesday, May 13

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

11:00: Finance meeting

3:45-4:15: Jump into music lessons

6:00: AA

Wednesday, May 14

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

9:30: Worship team practice

2:45-3:15: Jump Into music lessons

5-5:30: Jump Into music lessons

6:30: Vespers

Thursday, May 15

10:00: Quilting

12:30: Birthday potluck

3:00: Book study

6:30: Council meeting

Friday, May 16

3:15-5:15: Jump Into Music lessons

Saturday, May 17

1:00-5:00: Building in use

Sunday, May 18

Pastor Karen vacation

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online

1:00: Cards and games

Fellowship after worship!

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