

Resurrection Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
September 14, 2025



Once was lost, but now I'm found

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.

Ancestral Homelands

"We are gathered at this assembly on the original and ancestral homelands of the Coastal Salish peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. Let us remember the Indigenous peoples and tribal nations who were the first to love, pray, grow, celebrate, cry, drum, dance and sing upon these lands."

10:00 Worship
September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Gathering Song: *In Christ Alone*

Prayer for Acknowledgement

Trusting in God's mercy, we hear and pray to turn to the ways of God.

Merciful and loving God, life is found in your ways, which are often at odds with our hearts. You bring grace in the least expected places-

Help to acknowledge the ways in which we think and act as if this is unfair.

You seek out the lost, rather than turn your back.

Help us to acknowledge the ways in which we chose rather to judge.

You call us to give thanks for all we have been given, and to share your gifts abundantly, especially where others need hope and care.

Help us to acknowledge the ways in which we hold back our gifts, talents, and skills - whether in self-doubt or selfishness.

A moment for reflection.

In Christ, you are loved, forgiven, held, found, and home.

Thanks be to God! Amen

Opening Song: *That Priceless Grace (ELW 591)*

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

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

This the Feast

First Reading: *Exodus 32:7-14*

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, **“O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.** ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ **And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.**

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Announcement of the Reading of the Gospel: *Luke 15:1-10*

Gospel Acclamation

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, **“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”** ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’

⁷ **Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.**

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ **Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**

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

Children’s Message and Noisy Offering

Song: *Love, love, love (Noisy Offering will be given to ELCA Disaster Relief)*

Homily

Song: *Neither Death, Nor Life (ELW 622)*

Blessing for students, teachers and staff

The Prayers of the Church

We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need. We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death.

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

We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good.

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

God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. In all our conflicts, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

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

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely (*especially*). May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world.

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

Let your lovingkindness be on those in grief especially . . . Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure.

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

Thank you for the ministry of Pastor Bronston and New Jerusalem, as well as for the ways our congregation shares your life. Bless all of us, that your joy would abound in all we do.

God of grace, **Receive 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: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)*

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

Come and eat of the Banquet of life!

Reception of the Meal

Songs: *You Are Mine* (ELW 581); *Thy Holy Wings* (ELW 613)

Announcements

Benediction—Song - Prayer of Good Courage

*O God, You have called us to ventures where we cannot see the end,
By paths never yet taken, through perils unknow.
Give us good courage. Not knowing where we go, to know what your hand is leading us
Wherever we might go. Amen.*

Song: *Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*

Sending

Do Not Grow Weary in Doing What is Good—
Go in Peace to Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**
And All God's people said- **Amen!**

Announcements

Happy Birthday Julie!

Today: Food and Fellowship at Mama Stortini's, meet us after worship.

Reminder! Tuesday at 6:30 – Mission endowment meeting at Marion's House

Next Sunday – Memorial committee meeting

Prayer Tidbits on zoom begin tomorrow, Monday, September 8. Peggy and Lynne will be taking turns hosting a time to zoom in at 7:00 each Monday. This will be an opportunity to pray for your concerns, the concerns of RLC, the concerns of the worldwide church, and anything else brought along. We anticipate this time to take 15 minutes or less each week. **Zoom ID: 279 362 6486 Zoom password: Prayer**

Book Study: Meet on Thursdays at 3:00. The book will be Jesus' Alternative Plan - The Sermon on the Mount by Richard Rohr. It can be found on Amazon.

September 20th

9:00 – Church work party

10:00 – Come help make and sew bags that will be used for the school kits

6:00 – Movie night, we will be showing The Incredibles

Our Stewardship Drive for This Year is a Call:

Exemplifying Christ: Standing against hate, And for Love, In a Time Like Ours.

As ever, we do this with the gifts we have been given—our time, our talents, and our possessions.

The pattern of our Stewardship Drive will involve a couple of wonderful opportunities.

On Sunday, September 28 at 3:00, you are invited to watch the documentary “*The Stories and Lessons of Facism in Europe,*” put together by the travel host Rick Steves, an active Lutheran at a congregation in Kirkland. At this event, we will talk about three important questions: Why Watch? Why Now? Why Care?

(Pledge Sheets for 2026 will also be passed out both in worship on the 28th, and at the afternoon event.)

Then, **at 6:00 p.m. on October 19,** we will celebrate our current and continuing call to both receive and live out the hope and mercy in Christ with a served meal. We will eat in fellowship and joy—and gathered courage! - to move forth sharing all we have been given, that time, those talents, those possessions. If you have any questions contact Steve, Elaine, or Pastor Karen.

Continued prayers:

Wes and Dot. Hans, for healing (father of Stanette's son). Keep Mary in prayers, as she recovers from knee surgery. Please keep Stanette's nephew's wife, Tiphannie, in prayer, as she deals some mental health issues. Keep Nancy and her family in your prayers, her sister Sherri passed away. Scott (Jim and Judy's son) recovering from spinal fusion surgery.

Continued prayers: Delilah (Kevin's half sister) put in hospice. Rick and family in your prayers, his mother-in-law is in hospice. Gail's, daughter in law, Tiffany. Marion. Bill O.

<p><u>Sunday, September 14</u> 10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online 12:30: Food and Fellowship at Mama Stortini's <i>Join us for fellowship after worship, all are welcome!</i></p> <p><u>Monday, September 15</u> 12:00: Al-anon 6:00 – 8:00: Jump into music 7:00: Prayer tidbits on Zoom</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 16</u> 9:00-1:00: Office Hours 3:45-4:15: Jump into music lessons 6:00: AA 6:30: Mission endowment meeting at Marion's</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 17</u> 9:00-1:00: Office Hours 9:30: Worship team practice</p>	<p><u>Thursday, September 18</u> 10:00: Quilting 12:30: Birthday potluck 3:00: Book Study</p> <p><u>Friday, September 19</u></p> <p><u>Saturday, September 20</u> 8:00: Jump into music lesson 9:00: Work party 10:00: Sewing bags for school kits 6:00: Movie night</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 21</u> 10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online 11:45: Memorial committee meeting 1:00: Cards and games</p>
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