

Resurrection Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
October 5, 2025



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
October 5, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Gathering Song: *How Firm a Foundation* (ELW 796)

We gather in the name of our Holy God, Creator, Christ, Comforter. **Amen**

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, gifted, and called.

Thanks be to God! Amen

Opening Song: *Waterlife* (ELW 457)

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

Merciful God, From mustard seeds you grow great trees.. When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior, your only Son, our Lord. **Amen**

This is the Feast

First Reading: *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. **Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.**

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Announcement of the Reading of the Gospel: *Luke 17:5-10*

Gospel Acclamation

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

The apostles said to the Lord, **“Increase our faith!”** The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? 8 Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”
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

Blessing of Pets and Stuffed animals

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

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 your church, that would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that can come from wealth.

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

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, or lonely. . . May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them.

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

Let your lovingkindness be on those in grief, especially. . .
God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

Teach us to be stewards of all that you have given us, rejoicing in those gifts,
tending to them, and gladly sharing of them.
God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, in the midst of the instability all around us, help us to hold fast to
the promise that You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Give us courage to
live our faith boldly, wisdom to love well, and hope that outlasts any headlines. Use
our ordinary lives to build extraordinary witness to your love.
God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

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

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Offering Song: *Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 813)*

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 Meal of Forgiveness.

Reception of the Meal

Songs: *As the Deer; Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)*

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 unknown.
Give us good courage. Not knowing where we go, to know what your hand is leading us
Wherever we might go. Amen.

Song: *He Who Began a Good Work in You*

Sending

Sustained by Christ, do not grow weary in doing what is good—
Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**
And All God's people said- **Amen!**

Announcements

As you are able, please remember a donation to the Mission Endowment in honor of your birthday or to honor another's birthday.

Next Sunday, October 12 at 4 pm,

Pastor Linda Smith from the Native American Task Force for the Synod will be making a presentation - a day ahead of Columbus Day - on the importance of countering the narrative of Columbus Day with the history of Native population - particularly in the Northwest - and sharing about the pretty immense contribution the current Puyallup Tribe make to our area, well beyond the Casinos we hear about.

Reminders:

Tuesday at 11 – Finance meeting

Wednesday at 6:30 – Vespers

Thursday at 6:30 – Council meeting

Prayer Tidbits on zoom begin tomorrow, Monday at 7:00 pm.

Zoom ID: 279 362 6486 Zoom password: Prayer

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.

October 19 at 6:00 p.m.: We will celebrate our 65th Anniversary as a church, and 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 gather in courage to move forth sharing all we have been given, that time, those talents, those possessions. Please RSVP to the church office or sign up at the welcome table.

Trunk or Treat Event, October 31, 5:30 -7: We are looking for help with this event, we need help to set up and decorate, people able to decorate their car trunk, and we would love to have help to run games/pass out candy inside the church. Please sign up on the sheet on the welcome table.

We are collecting candy as well!

Continued prayers:

Wes and Dot. Scott (Jim and Judy's son) recovering from spinal fusion surgery. Delilah (Kevin's half-sister) put in hospice. Gail's, daughter in law, Tiffany. Marion. Bill O.

<p><u>Sunday, October 5</u></p> <p>10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online 11:45: Outreach meeting 1:00: Cards and games Join us for fellowship after worship, all are welcome!</p> <p><u>Monday, October 6</u></p> <p>12:00: Al-anon 6:00 – 8:00: Jump into music 7:00: Prayer tidbits on Zoom</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 7</u></p> <p>9:00-1:00: Office Hours 11:00: Finance meeting 3:45-4:15: Jump into music lessons 6:00: AA</p> <p><u>Wednesday, October 8</u></p> <p>9:00-1:00: Office Hours 9:30: Worship team practice 6:30: Vespers</p>	<p><u>Thursday, October 9</u></p> <p>10:00: Quilting 3:00 – 3:30: Jump into music 6:30: Council meeting</p> <p><u>Friday, October 10</u></p> <p><u>Saturday, October 11</u></p> <p>8:00: Jump into music lesson</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 12</u></p> <p>10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online 12:30: Food and Fellowship 3:00: Book study 4:00: Linda – doing a presentation on Native land</p>
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