

Resurrection Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
November 16, 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
November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Opening Song: *You Are the Rock of My Salvation*

Acclamation

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

(Psalm 98)

This is the Feast

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, embrace us with your mercy that we may know and live your ways in your beloved but broken world. **Amen**

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13.*

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. **Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.** The promise of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcement of the Reading of the Gospel: *Luke 21:5-19*

Gospel Acclamation

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. **But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.** The promise of God. **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: *Thine the Amen (ELW 826)*

The Prayers of the Church

We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need. Gracious God, In a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters, and strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war, violence, pride, and self-absorption to actions of care that build up the common good.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind, especially. . . .

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Energize us for compassionate service and build within us strength and joy through worship and inspired prayer.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Offering Song: *Be Not Afraid*

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 the Meal of Grace!

Reception of the Meal

Songs: *God Bestows on Every Sense; Rise Up, O Saints of God (ELW 669)*

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: *Be Bold, Be Strong*

Sending

Go in peace to serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**
And All God's people said- **Amen!**

Announcements

Happy Birthday Adam K and Jim P!

We will be celebrating our November AND December birthdays on Nov. 20 at 12:30!

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

Today: Cards and games

Saturday! Noon – 10 pm - Prayer Vigil: Give Thanks!

We need one more host for the 2-4pm timeslot. Clipboard is on the welcome table, there is no limit to the number of participants we have, please come anytime during the Vigil.

This week

Tuesday at 9:30 – Worship and music meeting

Thursday at 12:30 – Birthday potluck (celebrating November/December birthdays)

End of year reports – 2 weeks left! If you are a committee lead, please start working on your end of year report. They are due by **December 1**. Please email or turn into the office.

Sunday, November 30th - “Living in the World today”: Every last Sunday of the month after worship, come join in discussion together about what is happening all around us, and how we can respond both as individuals of faith and as the church together in the midst of all of this. Prayer, and conversation, and movements toward action will be parts of what we do together. Contact Pastor Kaen or Ruth if you have any questions.

Looking ahead:

Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving Eve Service (7:00 pm), bring a pie to share following service.

Nov. 30th - Bishop Marshall Here

Dec. 3, 10, and 17 at 6:30 - Advent Vespers

Dec. 6, 10 - noon - Christmas crafts and tree decorating

Dec. 24, 4:00 & 11:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight services

Looking for a way to liven up your spiritual life? Join us for Prayer Tidbits on zoom, Mondays at 7 pm. This is an opportunity to pray for your concerns, the concerns of RLC, the concerns of the worldwide church, and anything else brought along.

Zoom ID: 279 362 6486 Zoom password: Prayer

Continued prayers:

Gail's cousin, Ron died on 10/27 - prayers for his family. Joel (Gail's friend) is recovering from brain surgery due to a tumor. Krista (Jennifer's friend) for knee issues. Stanette for healing. Dianne (heart pains, praying for diagnosis and treatment). Sylvia (hip surgery, dealing with pain, prayers for healing). Ric and his family (mourning the passing of Ric's mother-in-law). Steve and Nikki. Maria (Cindy's mom), has a brain tumor and potential cancer (unconfirmed) which is causing several health issues. Kim. Wes and Dot. Scott (Jim and Judy's son) recovering from spinal fusion surgery. Gail's, daughter in law, Tiffany. Marion. Bill O.

<u>Sunday, November 16</u> 10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online 1:00: Cards and games <i>Join us for fellowship after worship, all are welcome!</i> <u>Monday, November 17</u> 6:00 – 8:00: Jump into music 7:00: Prayer tidbits on Zoom <u>Tuesday, November 18</u> 9:00-1:00: Office Hours 9:30: Worship and music meeting 3:45-4:15: Jump into music lessons 6:00: AA <u>Wednesday, November 19</u> 9:00-1:00: Office Hours 9:30: Worship team practice	<u>Thursday, November 20</u> 10:00: Quilting 3:00 - 3:30: Jump into music 12:30: Birthday potluck (Nov/Dec birthdays) <u>Friday, November 21</u> <u>Saturday, November 22</u> 8:00-9:00: Jump into music lesson Noon – 10:00 pm: Prayer Vigil <u>Sunday, November 23 –</u> <u>Christ the King</u> 10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online
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