

# **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

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**Serving Our Neighbors  Sharing Our Blessings**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025—9:30 AM**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to commune and receive Christ in bread and wine. Please fill out a communion card and give it to the usher when coming forward for Communion.*

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

## **WELCOME**

## **CENTERING TIME**

*2 minutes of silence to center our hearts for worship.  
Our time will conclude after the centering music.*

## **CENTERING MUSIC**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Time of silence and self-examination*

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

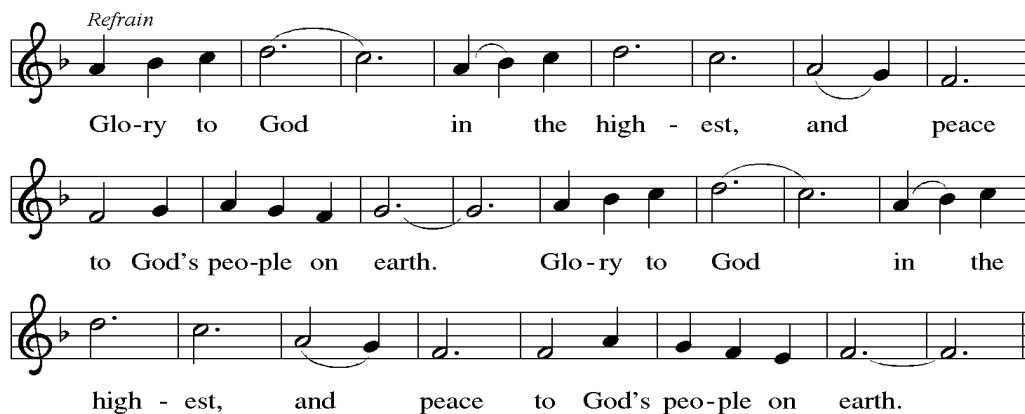
brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

### GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

*Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

*Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

*Final refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est.  
A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

**C O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 148** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, | all you angels;  
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;

<sup>12</sup> **young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful  
servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

P The holy gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

## STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #369

### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1	Christ the Lord is	ris'n to - day;	Al - le - lu - ia!
2	For the sheep the	Lamb has bled,	Al - le - lu - ia!
3	Christ, the vic - tim	un - de - filed,	Al - le - lu - ia!
4	Chris-tians, on this	ho - ly day,	Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten	on your way;	Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the	sin - ner's stead.	Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners	rec - on - ciled,	Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful	hom - age pay;	Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**



**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**—God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence. Each petition ends:*

**P** Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY SONG**

**“We Are an Offering”**

**ELW #692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives, they are yours:  
we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be,  
we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,  
we are an offering.



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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - *all are invited \*gluten free wafers are available.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

C Amen.

## SENDING MUSIC

## STATING OUR MISSION

P Resurrection, what is our mission?

C **Serving Our Neighbors by Sharing Our Blessings!**

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Director of Music: Henrietta Atkin  
Oboist: Wayne Ryerson

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## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

9:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion
11:00 am	Receive and sort Costco donation

## **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION**

### **Monday, May 19**

12:00 pm	Food Pantry & Clothing Closet
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### **Tuesday, May 20**

6:30 pm	Bingo
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### **Wednesday, May 21**

1:00 pm	Midweek Service
2:00 pm	Bible Study

### **Thursday, May 22**

7:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
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### **Friday, May 23**

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

### **Saturday, May 24**

### **Sunday, May 25**

9:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour
11:00 am	Receive and sort Costco donation

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Bible Study can be accessed via Zoom online ([bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom](https://bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom)) or by phone (312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 230 167 8868, Password: 9777). You can also watch without participating on YouTube ([www.youtube.com/rlcfp](http://www.youtube.com/rlcfp)).



The flowers today are from Sue Koevenig in honor of her granddaughter Jacqueline's Jr. college graduation.



For the month of May the food pantry is in need of cereal.  
Thank you to everyone that contributes!



The clothing closet is in need of men's t-shirts, casual shirts and jeans.



### **BINGO BEGINS MAY 20!**

After months of planning, we're finally ready to go with Bingo!  
Be sure to invite your friends and family. It's going to be a blast!



**PRAY FOR MEMBERS:** Rita V, Judy H, Russ S, Sue S, Janet C, Lindsay, Valentina, Virginia S, June K and family, Janet G, and Donna T.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS:** Ana, Thomas, Hans, Arushi, Ida, Richard, Alma H, Aqsa, Rose, Charlie, Mary Lou, Sabrina, Lenny, Winnie Z, Rene V, Terry, Darlene M, Ronnie W, Anita, Joan P, Joyce F, Pastor Finney, Leena, Jacque, Diane L, Marilyn R, Ed V, Emily F, Curtis, Allen, Nancy, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Sophia, Marina, John B, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K, Lynn, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Elaine R, Linda B and Scott B.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Mike B.

