

# Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church

*May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*The Confirmation  
of Alyssa Mennella,  
Charlotte Straub &  
August Swanson*

“Because He Lives...We Can See Things  
Clearly”

*Worship the Lord* Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30am

*Grow in the Word* Education Hour, Sunday at 9:15am

*Go with the Word* Every day, everywhere

# Welcome to Worship

*Personal prayers for before and after worship, before and after communion, and other prayers can be found on the inside front cover of the blue hymnals under the pew in front of you.*

It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

If you need assistance with anything during worship, please ask one of our ushers.

- > **If you are visiting us today**, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here! If you would like to request a prayer, ask a question, or learn more about what we believe, teach, and do at Resurrection, please speak with a pastor.
- > **It's encouraging to see parents bring their families** to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can take them to the Fellowship Hall to calm them as needed during the worship service.
- > **Family restrooms** are located to either side of the large bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- > **During the offertory**, all worshippers are asked to fill out the Friendship Register located in each pew or located online by scanning the QR code to the right.
- > **The Lord's Supper** will be celebrated in our worship today, in which we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. The Lord's Supper makes a second statement. It says, "We are one in all that we do!" We don't know if this type of bond exists with our guests, so we ask that if you are not a member of a WELS or ELS congregation you refrain from the Lord's Supper today and meet personally with one of our pastors if you desire to receive the sacrament in the future.



## Worship Series: “Because He Lives”

It is easy to become so engrossed in the details of historical events—*who, when, where*—that we miss their significance. For example, consider World War II. There are many compelling stories. Lots of dates and data to remember. However, for a moment, set all that aside, and just imagine the Allies had lost. How would the world be different today? What would life be like for those of Jewish heritage? Would freedom exist in Europe? Would we be speaking German? With historical events, you miss out if you focus only on the details: *who, when, where*. You also need to focus on *what* that historical event means. The Allies won. That means something!

In this season of Easter, it is good we review the details: *who, when, where*. That reminds us that the resurrection of Christ is not fairytale or fable. It is a historical event. . . *the* historical event. However, we do ourselves a disservice if we simply recall the historic details of Easter without thinking long and hard about Easter’s significance. Jesus won. That means something! It is our privilege and pleasure to use the fifty days of Easter to discuss this fact: because he lives, not only is our eternity secure, but we have abundant resources to face the present.

Our Easter worship has followed this pattern:

Easter Sunday	<i>Death Has Lost Its Sting</i>
Second Sunday of Easter	<i>We Have a Meaningful Mission</i>
Third Sunday of Easter	<i>We Can See Things Clearly</i>

### Today’s Theme: “We Can See Things Clearly”

A recent survey asked Americans which of the five senses they would least like to lose. 77% chose sight. Navigating life blind poses a plethora of challenges that the sighted do not face. This is why Scripture often uses the concept of blindness as a metaphor for how hard it is to navigate life without a correct understanding of Christ. Spiritual blindness can take many different forms. In some cases, it is hostile opposition to the message of Jesus. In others, spiritual blindness might be demonstrated in confusion about Jesus’ true identity. In still others, spiritual blindness might be the inability to understand our spiritual condition.

No matter the form spiritual blindness takes, Easter has the power to replace it with sight. Easter allows us to see where we sinners stand with a holy God. It enables us to see the path through life that is worth pursuing (as opposed to those that lead to a dead end). Spiritual sight gives us the ability to see who holds our future in his hands and who is worth our eternal worship. Because he lives, we can see things clearly.

# The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Today's Theme: We Can See Things Clearly

The Service: Setting Four

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## Opening Hymn: 450 The Day of Resurrection

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matt 28:19*

**Amen.**

## Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

*Ps 32:1-2*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **(10:30a) Examination of Alyssa Mennella, Charlotte Straub & August Swanson**

*After Examination, the 10:30a service continues with the reading of the Gospel on page 10.*

### **(8:00a) Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## 938 This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 9:1–22

*To get his attention, Jesus struck Saul blind. Then he not only restored Saul's physical sight but also gave Saul spiritual sight. Saul was given faith in the One who had risen from the dead.*

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

<sup>5</sup>"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup>"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

<sup>7</sup>The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

<sup>10</sup>In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup>In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

<sup>13</sup>“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

<sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup>I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

<sup>17</sup>Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup>At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup>All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup>Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Response to the Word: 454 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

### **Second Reading**

*Revelation 5:11–14*

*While in exile on the island of Patmos, St. John was given special sight, the ability to see the sacrificial Lamb who is worthy of our worship and praise.*

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and





## Gospel

John 21:1–14

*Many of the disciples first met Jesus while fishing near the Sea of Galilee. At the time they were spiritually blind, not realizing who Jesus was. The resurrected Jesus now appears again to these disciples while they are fishing, and this time they see him clearly through eyes of faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way:  
<sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

<sup>6</sup>He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup>Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup>When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Children's Message

# Hymn of the Day: 983 Long before the World is Waking

## Sermon

John 21:1–14

*“Jesus Feeds Fallen Disciples”*

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **(10:30a) Rite of Confirmation**

*After Confirmation, the 10:30a service continues with the Offertory on page 13.*

### **(8:00a) Prayer of the Church**

Worthy are you, O Lord, to receive the praise and thanksgiving of your people. For you have sent your Son as the Lamb to ransom us by his blood and make us a kingdom of priests in your service. Bless your Church, that all we endeavor to do in your name may be in accord with your will. Accomplish your holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know your redemption. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, you raised up Saul from among your enemies, that he would suffer for your name. You provided a miraculous catch of fish to the apostles and, much more, blessed their efforts as fishers of men. Continue to bless the Church as we spread the gospel and gather in as many as would be saved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, one generation of your saints commends your works to another. As we have received your glorious gospel, grant all fathers and mothers strong and joyful faith to declare your mighty acts to the generation to come. Hear the prayers we continually offer for our rulers, and grant them faithful and peaceful governance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, you are glorified in the sufferings of your faithful people. Teach us to trust you through all our trials and graciously bear up those who struggle among us, *[especially....]* that they would know the fullness of your love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory. **Amen.**

## Offertory

*The members of Resurrection bring their gifts as voluntary expressions of their gratitude to God. The offerings support the gospel ministry here and around the world. Our guests are welcome to participate in the offering if they choose, but please don't feel obligated to do so.*

# The Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.

Heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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## **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.**

## **Words of Institution**

*Matt 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is a short introduction. The second and third staves form the first phrase: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The fourth and fifth staves form the second phrase: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The sixth and seventh staves form the third phrase: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.' The eighth staff is a short conclusion: 'A - men. A - men.'

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
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*Be seated*



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## Hymn: 675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

## Hymn: 509 Feed Your Children, God Most Holy

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

*Ps 136:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*1 Cor 11:26*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

*Num 6:24–26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: 461 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

## Serving the Lord This Week

**Accompanist** Rob Clow

**Stream/Slides** *Opportunities to Serve (Early & Late)*

**Ushers** Dan Thone, Dave Schupmann (Early), Mark Becker, Nick Frantz (Late)

**Altar Guild** Jen Schupmann, Stephenie Straub, Kristan McGuigan

**Cleaners** *Opportunity to Serve (5/10)*

**Worshippers at Resurrection Last Week: 96**

## Serving the Lord Next Week

**Accompanist** Raquel Willick

**Stream/Slides** *Opportunities to Serve (Early & Late)*

**Ushers** Tim Moore (Early), David Pasch (Late)

**Cleaners** Johnson (5/17)

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## **NEXT SUNDAY’S WORSHIP AT RESURRECTION**

**Theme** Because He Lives: “We Know Jesus Is Trustworthy and True”

**Readings** Acts 13:15–16a, 26–39; Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–30

# News and Notes

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## FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pentecost, VBS Wrap-Up & Voters Meeting — Sunday, June 8th**

Mark your calendars for this special event-filled day at Resurrection! On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> we will join together for festival worship for Pentecost. We will also welcome a number of visitors from our VBS (Vacation Bible School) the previous week. Finally, we will join together that day for a church family meeting: the Semi-Annual Voters Meeting. Thank you for the incredibly edifying participation at our recent church family meetings, and please plan to do so again as we seek to approve a budget for our 2025-26 fiscal year, present and discuss ministry plans for the next year, and discuss any of your questions/feedback.

### **Return Worship Surveys by TODAY**

Thank you to those who have given feedback to us pastors via the Worship & Music Survey so far! If you haven't already done so, please take a few moments to fill one out and return it to a pastor—either a physical copy found on the table in the narthex, or a digital form that can be filled out using the Resurrection Happenings link from one and two weeks ago. Please do so by today for your feedback on alternative summer worship times/styles to be taken into consideration. Then watch for a summer worship schedule to be posted soon!

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## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### **Monday, May 5**

**Pastors Away at Circuit Meeting**

**Book of James Bible Class:** 7:00 p.m., Google Meet

### **Tuesday, May 6**

**Book of James Bible Class:** 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**VBS (Vacation Bible School) Planning Meeting:** 6:30 p.m., Church Meeting Room

## Wednesday, May 7

**Adult Choir:** 6:30 p.m., Church Sanctuary

## Saturday, May 10

**Jesus Cares “New Friends”:** 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Eden Supportive Living, North Aurora

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