



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, March 12, 2023

PRELUDE

Please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Holy One, you are the fountain of living water. Stir within us a renewed sense of the gift of your mercy, given through your grace in the waters of baptism. Give us this living water always; 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.

GATHERING HYMN: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service *(back of the bulletin)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather for worship, let us first call to mind our faults and failings. We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Trusting, therefore, in God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins against God and one another:

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Forgive all our offenses, known and unknown, things done and things we have failed to do. Cleanse us from the power of sin by your Holy and life-giving Word. By your grace, draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism. In the mercy of Almighty God, Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Christ's name, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We sing a hymn of praise to God as a response to the proclamation of forgiveness

S, A
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

The Israelites, disgruntled over a lack of drinking water while traveling in the wilderness, expressed their frustrations to Moses. Moses responded, asking them why they insisted on testing the Lord. He cried out to God in frustration, and God provided, producing water flowing from a rock.

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give

us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 95:1-9

The psalmist urged the people not to be like their ancestors who complained at Massah and Meribah, but rather to sing praises to God for his greatness.

R: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

R: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

R: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

C: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

R: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,

C: do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

R: when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we are able to face life's adversities with hope. In fact, we rejoice in our sufferings because of the character and hope which develop in the midst of them. The gift of peace comes with the great gift of being made right with God through faith in Christ.

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we

stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: John 4:5-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it

himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Thirsty and Yearning

HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....RECLAIM No. 227

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....RECLAIM No. 132

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Marilyn Anderson

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Bob and Meridel Kellogg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Are you interested in bringing soup, bread or a small dessert for our **midweek Lenten soup suppers**? Stop at the Welcome Center desk and sign up!

This Wednesday, March 15th at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary there will be a meeting for all those currently volunteering on or wanting to learn more about **Resurrection Lutheran's worship assistant teams**. This includes ushers, greeters, readers, communion preparers and communion assistants. This gathering will provide you with a chance to ask questions about these roles and review the responsibilities that go with each. Are you interested in joining one of these teams? This meeting would be a perfect opportunity to learn more!

Local non-profit **Mankato Zero Waste** will be collecting styrofoam at the Mankato Public Works building on Saturday, April 22nd from 9am to 2pm. Accepted items include clean packing materials from televisions, appliances, computers, and furniture, along with styrofoam coolers. Items to avoid donating are packing peanuts, food packaging, colored styrofoam and packaging with labels or tape on it. All donated styrofoam will be taken over to Hutchinson and recycled into picture frames.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

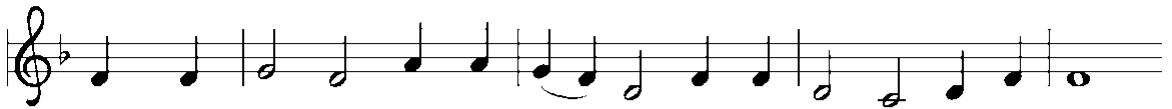
Sunday	March 12	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	March 13	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	March 14	6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	March 15	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		3:00pm	Worship Assistants Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Lenten Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	March 16	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	March 19	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed;
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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