



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, March 3, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Father, you made it clear to your chosen people that you are the one true God who is worthy of our worship. Grant us grace and boldness to cast aside all pursuits that can so easily become our idols and keep us faithful in our worship of you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Built on the Rock (vss. 1,3,5,7).....RECLAIM No. 91

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus to forgive us. For Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live in righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and are held by the power of sin. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have

failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that the promise of Christ's forgiveness may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "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." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like "div." and "unis."

S, A

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, reminding Israel that he was the one who brought them out of slavery in Egypt and had been their one true God who created and sustained them. He set clear boundaries for his people so that they might thrive as a community of faith.

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You

shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 19

The psalmist proclaimed God's glory, which can be seen in all the earth. He who gave the gift of language is the one whose voice has been heard to the ends of the world.

R: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

C: **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.**

R: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

C: **Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

R: which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

C: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

R: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

C: **the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

R: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

R: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

C: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

R: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

St. Paul proclaimed that the Word of the cross of Christ is the power of God. It is the Word of salvation for those who believe. The great reversal of the mystery of God's kingdom is that those who are considered wise by the world are shamed, and those considered foolish are counted as wise by God.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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.

GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 2nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Evicted

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord Jesus, Think on MeRECLAIM No. 178

OFFERING PRESENTATION



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.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Lamb of God *(words and music: Twila Paris | arr: Lloyd Larson)*

THE NICENE 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:

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Save us, save us, Sav - ior of the
world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion
div.
you have set us free.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us, therefore, in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross.....RECLAIM No. 140

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: Chuck Kindgren

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: Doug and Sue Mayer

Communion Set Up: Darlene Korstad

Communion Assistants: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	March 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	March 4	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	March 5	11:00am	EEO Committee Meeting
Wednesday	March 6	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Worship Committee
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	March 7	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	March 10	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Thank-you for your **tithes and offerings** to help further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate has been placed by the entrance doors into the Sanctuary for your convenience. Venmo users can scan the QR code found in the pew racks.

There will not be Sunday School this morning. Members of the Sunday School team are invited to join Pastor Aaron in the conference room after worship for a brief meeting.

If you would like to sponsor an **Easter lily** in honor or memory of a loved one this coming Easter season, please pick up a form on the Welcome Center desk. Simply return the completed form with a donation of your choosing to the Church office before Monday, March 25th.

Midweek worship services are held in conjunction with a soup supper each Wednesday of Lent. Soup will be served in the fellowship hall at 6:15pm with a brief worship service to follow in the Fireside Room Chapel at 7:00pm. A sign-up sheet for bringing soups, breads and treats can be found on the Welcome Center desk.

Worship assistants are a vital part of our congregational life. Sunday mornings are an “all hands on deck” gathering and we are always looking for more people to greet, usher, prepare and serve communion, or read in worship. If you are not currently filling one of these rolls, but would like to start, please see Pastor Aaron. In the same way, see Pastor Aaron if you are currently on the worship assisting list, but would like to be relieved of your duties so that a replacement can be found for you.