



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, March 10, 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: God of mercy, renew us daily in the gift of baptism and remind us of the promise we have through your Son's cross. Let us always look to the cross as the sure and certain sign of forgiveness of sins, hope and healing in this life, and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN: *Lift High the Cross* (vss. 1,2,4,5,).....RECLAIM No. 269

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The prophet Daniel declares: "To the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his ways, which he set before us by the prophets." And yet, in Christ, all obstacles between us and God have been removed. If death no longer stands in our way, our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins, that they may be washed away by God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: God of the promise,

C: We confess that we have turned from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your will and your ways. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus, the entirety of your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

## 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 6/8 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 performance directions: "S, A" at the beginning, "div." (divisi) above the third staff, and "unis." (unison) above the fourth staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

*The Israelites became impatient as they journeyed toward the Promised Land, speaking against God and Moses, complaining about a lack of decent food and water. The Lord's wrath was kindled and he sent fiery serpents that bit the people. Many became sick and died as a result of their distrust of God.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel

died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 107:1-9**

*The psalmist recounted the Exodus story, recalling how God redeemed Israel in the wilderness. When they cried out to him, he delivered them from distress. Let us thank the Lord for his wondrous works.*

R: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble**

R: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**C: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;**

R: hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**C: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

R: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

**C: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

R: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

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### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10**

*St. Paul preached that we who are sinners were once dead in that sin, but now we are alive together with Christ through the gift of his grace. This is not our own doing. It is not because of our good works, but only because of the grace of God in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him

in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast.<sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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 3:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## SERMON: Desert Rescue

HYMN OF THE DAY: What Wondrous Love Is This.....RECLAIM No. 254

### 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.

## BENEDICTION

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

## DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Reader:** Karen McGregor

**Greeters:** Jerry and Joyce Roust

**Keyboardist:** Kristin Litynski

**Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Kevin Leffel

## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	March 10	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	March 11	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	March 12	6:30pm	Church Council
Wednesday	March 13	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	March 14	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	March 17	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		7:30pm	"The Table" Young Adults Group

# 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.

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 form with a donation of your choosing to the Church office before Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Kinship Radio presents their 15<sup>th</sup> annual **"A Day for Women"** on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year's special guest will be Ginny Owens. She has spent the past two decades sharing her heart with listeners and readers as a singer/songwriter, author, teacher, and advocate. There will be music, ministry, lunch, and mini-sessions. Space is limited, so call 800-810-5559 or go online to [KinshipRadio.org](http://KinshipRadio.org) to register beginning Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

**Anniversaries this week:** Joseph Olstrom and Nicole Rosenberg (Today)



**HOLY WEEK**  
*at Resurrection Lutheran*

**PALM SUNDAY**  
Sunday, March 24 | 9:30am

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Thursday, March 28 | 7:00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Friday, March 29 | 7:00pm

**EASTER**  
Sunday, March 31 | 9:30am

# 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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