

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, March 17, 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: Almighty and merciful God, your Son's glory was revealed through humility and suffering. Keep us from the temptation to elevate ourselves and instead, through the power of your Spirit, help us to humbly share ourselves with others, for it is only in dying to our selfishness and pride that we will find life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GATHERTING HYMN: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less......RECLAIM No. 192

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Called and gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness. Our merciful father, who brings life out of death and transforms us into new creatures through his redeeming word, knows the depths of our hearts. Let us make a confession of our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Lord Jesus, Risen Savior,

C: We come to you in sorrow for our faults and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Although in Christ our light has come, we too often prefer the darkness of sin. Forgive us, fill us with your Spirit and free us from the shackles of our failings. Give us once again the joy of your salvation and make us instruments of peace and love in the world. Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines around you. In the name and by the authority of your Savior, Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your troubled spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until the day he comes again. **C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**



CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

God declared that a day was coming when he would make a new covenant with Israel, a covenant unlike the one made with the patriarchs of the faith. The first covenant was broken by a disobedient people who refused to obey God's law. This covenant will be written on the hearts of the people.

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my

covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- R: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:9-16

I delight in your statutes, said the psalmist. He vowed to meditate on God's ways and learn his statutes. He promised to seek the Lord and continue to abide in his commandments.

R: How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

- C: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!
- R: I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- C: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!
- R: With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.
- C: In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.
- R: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
- C: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
- R: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

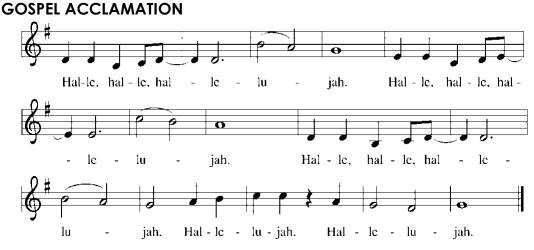
SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Those who were appointed as high priests in Israel still had to make sin offerings for their own sins as well as others in the community. Jesus, who was perfect, was designated by God as a high priest. His final sacrifice of his life granted us eternal life.

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience

through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

- R: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!



GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:32-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." ³And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Ransomed and Free

HYMN OF THE DAY: Chief of Sinners though I Be.....RECLAIM No. 187

OFFERING PRESENTATION



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.

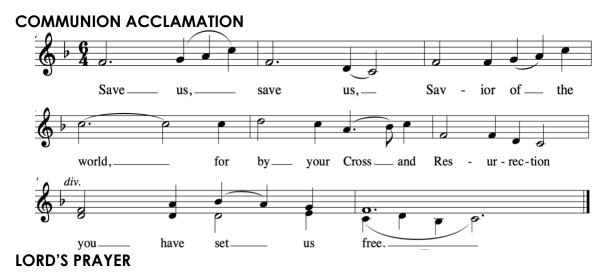
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.

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



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: In the Cross of Christ I Glory......RECLAIM No. 138

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. DeutschKeyboardist: Nikki BaselReader: Pat McGregorUshers: Daryl and Rita SchoemakerGreeters: Dave and Helen SchauerCommunion Set Up: Victor and Helen KurthCommunion Assistants: Michal Clobes and Helen Meschke

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

| Sunday | March 17 | 9:30am | Worship |
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| | | 10:30am | Fellowship/Sunday School |
| | | 7:30pm | "The Table" Young Adults Group |
| Monday | March 18 | 10:00am | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday | March 20 | Noon | Lectionary Lunch |
| | | 5:30pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| | | 6:15pm | Soup Supper |
| | | 7:00pm | Midweek Lenten Worship |
| Thursday | March 21 | 8:00am | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday | March 24 | 9:30am | Palm Sunday Worship |
| | | 10:30am | Fellowship/Sunday School |
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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 25th.

Kinship Radio presents their 15th annual **"A Day for Women"** on Saturday, April 13th 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 to register beginning tomorrow Monday, March 18th at 8:00am.

"The Table" Young Adults Group will meet tonight at 7:30pm at Jake's Stadium Pizza – 330 Stadium Road – near MSU's campus. Join us for free pizza, good conversation, fellowship, and time in God's everlasting Word.

Birthdays this week: Cliff Thompson (20th)



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