



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, March 19, 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 give sight to the blind and life to those who trust in your Son. May the light of your Christ pierce through our blindness and open us to your way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN: Give to Our God Immortal Praise.....RECLAIM No. 12

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord, you know what was written about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins is real for all those who repent. So let us boldly approach God, trusting in his mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Gracious God,

C: We daily fall short of your glory. We turn inward, ignoring the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Remember not the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the cross of Christ, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in his tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with his mercy. Like a loving Father, God runs to meet you this

day. Hear the good news: our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has forgiven our sins and raised us to new life in the Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

## THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff is marked 'S, A' and contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God - of'. The second staff continues the melody with 'hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff is marked 'div.' and 'unis.' and contains the melody for 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff continues with 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the'. The fifth staff is marked 'div.' and contains the melody for 'high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:14-21

*God spoke to Israel, who could not hear or see his presence but worshiped false gods. The Lord held his peace long enough. His word would create a new reality where darkness was turned to light.*

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put

to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 142**

*In the midst of trial, abandonment, and persecution, the psalmist had nowhere to turn — except to God. God would listen to the psalmist's cries for help, and he would be the source of refuge.*

R: With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

**C: I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.**

R: When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

**C: Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.**

R: I cry to you, O Lord; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

**C: Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!**

R: Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

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### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

*Paul used the images of light and darkness as an analogy for life before and after new life in Christ, exhorting the Christians in Ephesus to walk as “children of light,” discerning the will of God.*

<sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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 9:1-9; 13-16; 18-26; 34-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup>As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." <sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed

that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)<sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."<sup>25</sup>He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."<sup>26</sup>They said to him,<sup>34</sup>"You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"<sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"<sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you."<sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."<sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"<sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

**SERMON: Are You Blind?**

**HYMN: Amazing Grace.....RECLAIM No. 199**

**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 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.

### **CHOIR ANTHEM: “God of Now, God of Then”** (by Bedford/Hamm)

*God of now, God of then, in each day you are there,  
Close as heartbeat, near as breath, intimate friend.  
God of near, God of far, you are God ev'rywhere,  
In our beginning and on through the end.*

*God of the present, God of the past,  
God of the future, God first and last.*

*God of time, God of space, worlds emerge from your hand;  
You record each sparrow's flight, each setting sun.  
God of great, God of small, we are part of your plan;  
Tenderly, gently, you care for each one.*

*God of day, God of night, in the sun, wind and rain,  
You reveal your love for us, made from the clay.  
God of life, God of death, speak your Word once again,  
Raise us to new life in unending day.*

### **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.

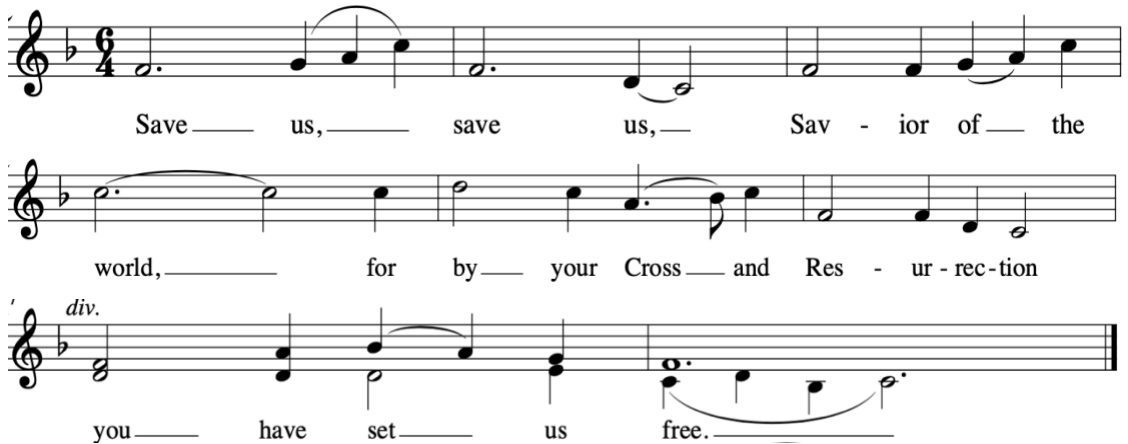
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

#### SENDING HYMN: Go to the World

### 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

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**Reader:** Doug Mayer

**Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Don Peterson

**Greeters:** Victor and Helen Kurth

**Communion Set Up:** Victor and Helen Kurth

**Communion Assistants:** Michal Clobes and Helen Meschke

### THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	March 19	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	March 20	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	March 22	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Lenten Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	March 23	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	March 26	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship



# 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](http://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!

Local non-profit **Mankato Zero Waste** will be collecting styrofoam at the Mankato Public Works building on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Included in your bulletin this morning is a donation form for **Easter lilies**. If you would like to help us adorn our altar during the Easter season by making a donation in honor or memory of loved ones, please complete the form and return it to the Church office before April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Kinship Radio announces their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual **“A Day for Women”** on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year’s special guest is Angela Thomas-Pharr, author of *Redeemed: Grace to Live Every Day Better Than Before*. She is a gifted teacher and storyteller who speaks to thousands each year. Kirsten King will be welcomed back as guest speaker. Come join us for music, ministry, lunch and mini sessions. Space is limited, so call 507-526-3233 or go online to [KinshipRadio.org](http://KinshipRadio.org) to register beginning Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

The Church Council has happily and unanimously voted to accept **Bruce and Donna Krahmer** into membership here at Resurrection Lutheran. Please help us make them feel at home!

The **2023 Augustana District Convention** will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Mount Carmel Ministries of Alexandria, MN. This year’s theme is *“There’s Just One Mission”* and features keynote speaker Rev. Julie Smith. Are you interested in attending as one of Resurrection Lutheran’s voting delegates? Please get ahold of Pastor Aaron.

# Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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