



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, March 5, 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, through the sacrament of baptism you bring us into your kingdom and grant us eternal life for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Keep us faithful, trusting in your promises of salvation for your creation; 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: O God of Love, O King of Peace** (*see back of the bulletin*)

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The psalmist writes: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the path everlasting." We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about the mistakes we make. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God:

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Gracious God,

C: Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. It is true that we have sinned. But it is a greater truth

that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God He says, "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*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of". The second staff continues the melody with a half note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F5, and G5. The lyrics are: "hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-". The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a double bar line and the instruction "div." above the first measure. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes". The fourth staff continues the melody with a half note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F5, and G5. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The fifth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a double bar line and the instruction "div." above the first measure. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics are: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

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div. unis.

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in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

div.

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-9

*The one who would become the patriarch of Israel was called to leave home and journey far away to become a great nation. Abram would be blessed by God to be a blessing to others. In his old age, he left all he knew and ventured to a foreign land to make his way to Canaan, as God instructed.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was

seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 121**

*The psalmist sang of the source of help, which is God's abiding presence in all circumstances. God's presence can be counted on in the midst of all evil. He has vowed to remain with us forevermore.*

R: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**C: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

R: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**C: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

R: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

**C: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

R: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**C: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

R: The Word of the Lord.

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### **SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17**

*Paul drew on the example of Abraham's faith in God's covenant promise and that faith as the source of Abraham's righteousness as he exhorted the church in Rome (and us) to realize that the promise of God's righteousness is for all who share the faith of Abraham, trusting in God's promises alone.*

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to

whom God counts righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” <sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 3:1-17

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you,

unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <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.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## SERMON: Seeing for the First Time

HYMN: What Wondrous Love.....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 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: I Am God's Child** *(by Robert Lau)*

*If I think that I am all alone, confused and filled with fears,  
I know the gentle hand of the Lord will wipe away my tears.*

*I am God's child, hear the song that I bring; I am God's child, hear the song that I sing.  
My voice I raise to sing my song of praise; I am a child of God.*

*And if I wander from the pathway of life God will lead me back today.  
For I am a child, just a child of God, and I will raise my voice and say: I am God's child.*

### **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: Beneath the Cross of Jesus.....RECLAIM No. 142**

### DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

# 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!

On Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Delores Fast** has been moved to Oaklawn Rehabilitation Center (Room 405) here in Mankato to begin therapy following a stroke. Both cards and visitors would be welcomed.

## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	March 5	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	March 6	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	March 7	11:00am	E/E/O Meeting
Wednesday	March 8	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Lenten Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	March 9	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	March 12	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

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

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Reader:** Tony Miller

**Ushers:** Gene Meschke and Doug Mayer

**Greeters:** Tony and Becky Miller

**Communion Set Up:** Darlene Korstad

**Communion Assistants:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg



# O God of Love, O King of Peace



1 O God of love, O King of peace, make wars through-  
2 Re - mem - ber, Lord, your works of old, the won - ders  
3 Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but  
4 Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove all hearts are



out the world to cease; our greed and sin - ful wrath re -  
that our el - ders told; re - mem - ber not our sins' dark  
on your faith - ful Word? None ev - er called on you in  
knit in ho - ly love; oh, bind us in that heav'n - ly



strain.  
stain.  
vain. Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.  
chain.

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