

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, March 27, 2022

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you haven't already, please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. These opening sentences shift our attention away from ourselves and the distractions of the world onto the one whom we gather to hear from through His precious Word and Sacraments.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus said, "Peace I leave you; my peace I give you. Let not your hearts be troubled."

C: The psalmist declared, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Lord will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

P: David wrote, "I sought the Lord; he answered me; he delivered me from my fears."

C: Hebrews reminds us: "Let us approach God's throne of grace so we may receive help in our time of need."

P: The Lord is our light and salvation. The Lord is our stronghold. Who shall we fear?

C: We worship the God who gathers us into his embrace in the day of trouble. We are safe. We are secure. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (vss. 1-4).....RECLAIM No. 181

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

As an assembly of sinners, we come before God each Sunday morning to admit our faults, failures, and guilt. The word of absolution speaks the Gospel into our ears and assures that because of Christ's death at Calvary, every one of our sins is covered.

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 GLORY

These words are a response to the gracious and steadfast mercy of God, who pours out his love on undeserving sinners. Together we lift our voices in a song of praise to the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for the gift of salvation and new life.



1. God, Fa - ther we will raise your name; we wor-ship and a - dore, We
2. Sing, "Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ be praise. The
3. O glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi-rit ev - er be! God,



bless and praise and give our thanks; your mer - cry we im - plore.
lamb of love from hea'vn a - bove, re - dee - mer of our race.
bring your life a-midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: Reconciling God, in you is mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Whether we wander far from you or remain faithful, let us always rejoice in the never-ending and

limitless outpouring of your compassion and forgiveness for repentant sinners; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV)

The prophet Isaiah reminded the Israelites that God is their strength, salvation, and song. Thus they are give thanks and praise, singing joyfully to the Lord who sustains them.

¹You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 32 (ESV)

This psalm tells of sinfulness, confession, contrition, and repentance all of which end in the gift of God's forgiveness. The mercy and forgiveness bestowed upon us is regarded as blessing.

R: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

R: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

R: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

R: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

R: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

C: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

R: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (ESV)

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth reminding them that they have been baptized into Christ and “made new” all through God’s reconciling work in Christ. Having received the ministry of reconciliation we have also been entrusted with the message of God’s reconciling work.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1. O_ Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis- dom from on
high, O_ Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O
Light of_ our dark sky: we praise you for the ra - diance that
from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern to our



GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 15th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always

with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

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

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Having heard the Word of God, we respond with these words. By confessing one of the Church's most ancient and historic creeds, we express our unity in the faith; the same faith the universal body of Christ has confessed throughout countless generations of believers.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (Arr: Gordon Young)

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

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!

POSTLUDE

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Portions of today's service were written by Rev. Cathy Ammlung

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	Mar. 27	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Mar. 28	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	Mar. 30	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Midweek Lenten Soup
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	Mar. 31	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	Apr. 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Please sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew before worship or during announcements.

Please remember the following in your prayers: Paul & Donna Bjur and Ted Glaser. Please also remember our **homebound members** and those living in **assisted or independent living facilities**: Ione Benshoof, Deb Bjur, Dorothy Enfield, Arlene Harlow, Polly Marshall, Ruth Davidson, Marlene Kunard and Betty Purrington.

Midweek Lenten worship services are held in conjunction with a soup supper on Wednesdays. Soup supper will be served in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:15pm with informal worship to follow at 7:00pm.

The **2022 Annual Convention of the Augustana District** will be held on Saturday, May 7th at Mount Carmel Ministries of Alexandria, MN. This year's theme is *"Hidden Treasures: Jesus' Life/Our Bodies"* and will include messages from Pastor Julie Smith and Pastor Mike Bradley, both of whom serve on the LCMC National Staff. Are you interested in attending the convention as one of Resurrection Lutheran's voting delegates? Please get ahold of Pastor Aaron.

Pastor Aaron and Sarah Deutsch invite you to join them for the **baptism** of their daughter, Ruth, next Sunday, April 3rd during worship.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Ruth Heilman

Greeters: Michal Clobes

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Pastor Aaron's office hours are Wednesdays from 1-3pm. He is in and out of the building every day, but you will consistently catch him in the office during these hours. Pastor Aaron is always available for pastoral conversations, home visits, and emergency care. The best way to reach him outside of office hours is via his cell phone.