



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, February 26, 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, we are surrounded by temptation and all that would draw us away from you. Save us from the power of sin and death, and bring us to the life that comes through the death and resurrection of Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word.....RECLAIM No. 71

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem and die on the cross for us.

C: So we set our faces to the cross of Christ, and there we face our sin.

P: In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself so that we receive mercy.

C: Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be pleasing to you.

P: We are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. Mindful of this we meditate on and make confession of our sins:

Silence for self-reflection and examination

P: Most merciful God...

C: We confess that our very nature is sinful. The root of our sin is pride, and pride has made us love ourselves more than we love you or others. We face our faults this day. We have sinned against you by speaking selfish words, by thinking selfish thoughts, and by taking selfish actions. We have failed to love others more than ourselves. We have failed to love you above all else. Have mercy on us.

P: Since we cannot justify ourselves, our God sent his one and only Son to live a perfect life and die the death we deserve. Because of his generous mercy your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of 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 for a single voice part in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of five staves of music. 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 various musical notations such as treble clef, key signature (one sharp), time signature (6/8), and dynamic markings like *S, A*, *div.*, and *unis.*.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:1-15

The serpent convinced Eve to mistrust the goodness of God and eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil even though forbidden to do so. God pronounced the consequences of the first humans' disobedience. Our continuing struggle is our lack of faithfulness toward the faithful God.

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 32:1-7

The psalmist recounted the joy of having experienced God's forgiveness. The pain of holding in guilt contrasts with the relief of acknowledging and coming to terms with sin by bringing it to the Lord.

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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

Paul compared the means by which sin entered the world through Adam and with the way righteousness was given through Jesus Christ, driving home the concept that, through Jesus, righteousness is the free gift of God's grace.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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: Matthew 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: The Refuge

HYMN: When We Are Tested (*see back of the bulletin*)

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.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P: To remind us to face the cross this Lenten season and to remind us that on the cross Jesus faced our sins for us, those who wish may come forward to receive a cross of ashes on your forehead. Reminiscent of the ancient Israelites, we enact our sorrow by marking our forehead in this way, as with Job we repent in dust and ashes. For we are dust, and to dust we shall return, but in the cross of Christ, we have a future. We ponder our mortality: "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." And yet, we are not without hope. The ashes on our foreheads trace the precise spot where the water of our baptism began our life in Christ. We bear the name of God and the cross of Christ on our brow.

Those who wish to participate in this tradition are invited to come forward to receive an ashen cross on their forehead, hearing the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Ruth Heilman

Ushers: Dave and Rebecca Blum

Greeters: Dave and Helen Schauer

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	February 26	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	February 27	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	March 1	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:15pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Lenten Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	March 2	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	March 5	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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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.

Tithes and Offerings: Thank-you for your generous financial gifts to further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate is located in the narthex.

Friendship Pad: Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the friendship pad at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements. This allows us to fully appreciate those with us in worship and better connect with our guests.

This morning we are introducing a **new sung liturgy** for our worship service here at Resurrection Lutheran. While it may seem foreign and uncomfortable at first, we ask that you keep an open mind and heart as we learn fresh words and melodies to approach God with on Sunday mornings.

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held in conjunction with a soup supper beginning this Wednesday, March 1st. Soup supper will be served in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:15pm with a brief, informal worship service to follow right in the fellowship hall at 7:00pm. Are you interested in bringing soup, bread or a small dessert for these meals? A sign-up sheet can be found on the welcome center desk.

The Resurrection Lutheran Church Council has happily and unanimously accepted the **membership applications** of both Charles Kindgren and Joann Leffel. Please join us in making Chuck and Joann feel welcome and at home in our family of faith.

Delores Fast has been moved to Oaklawn Rehabilitation Center here in Mankato to begin therapy following her stroke a few weeks ago. She is in room 405. Both cards and visitors would be welcomed and appreciated.

When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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