



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, February 18, 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: Holy God, through the covenant of baptism you give us new life for the sake of the world. Sustain us by your Holy Spirit, strengthen us in times of temptation and protect us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: The Glory of These Forty Days (*page 8*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather for worship, let us first call to mind our faults and failings. We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Trusting, therefore, in God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins against God and one another:

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Forgive all our offenses, known and unknown, things done and things we have failed to do. Cleanse us from the power of sin by your Holy and life-giving Word. By your grace, draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism. In the mercy of Almighty God, Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Christ's name, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

S, A

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

hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

div. unis.

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

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

div.

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

CHOIR SELECTION: Create in Me a Clean Heart (arr: Mary Lynn Lightfoot)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-14

God instructed Abraham to take his son, Isaac, to the mountain of Moriah and offer him as a burnt offering to the Lord. Abraham dutifully complied. He made the journey, prepared the altar, and took Isaac to it. At the last second, God provided a ram for the sacrifice.

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell

you.”³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25:1-10

The psalmist proclaimed his full trust in the Lord, saying it was to him alone that he lifted up his soul. Those who wait for the Lord will not be put to shame. Our waiting for God to act is never in vain.

R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

R: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

R: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

C: **Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

R: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C: **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING: James 1:12-18

St. James reminded his readers that it is a great blessing to withstand trials for the faith. When a person holds fast amid trials, he or she will receive the crown of life. This is the promise of the Lord of love. God is not a tempter — he brings us forth through trials with truth and encouragement.

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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: Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Never Ghosted

HYMN OF THE DAY: When We Are Tested (page 9)

OFFERING PRESENTATION



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

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.

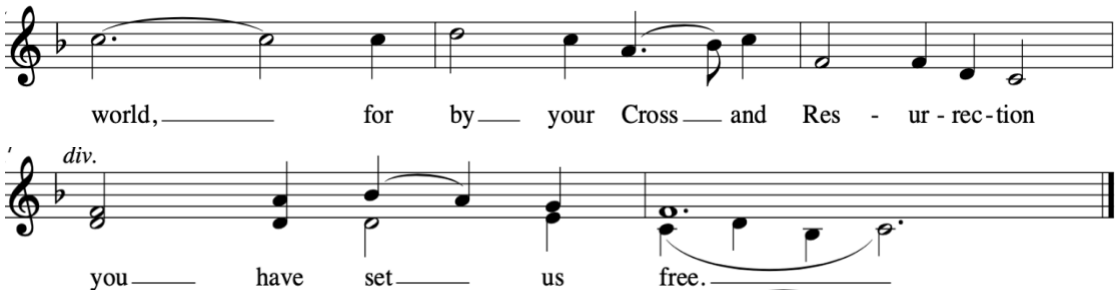
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Save — us, — save us, — Sav - ior of — the



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.

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!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Donna Kraemer

Greeters: Jim Lambert & Carolyn Rewitzer

Communion Assistants: Pat and Karen McGregor

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Communion Set Up: Ron and Susan Brooks

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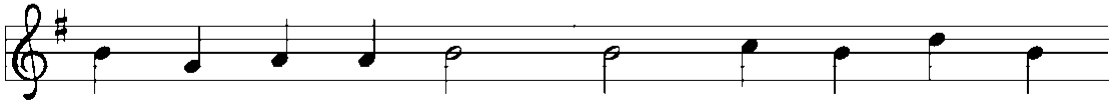
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The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - cred
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise: for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law: and to E - li - jah.
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	February 18	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	February 19	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	February 21	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	February 22	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	February 25	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		7:30pm	"The Table" Young Adults Group

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.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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.

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held in conjunction with a soup supper beginning this Wednesday, February 21st. Soup will be served in the fellowship hall at 6:15pm with a brief worship service to follow in the Fireside Room Chapel at 7:00pm. Are you interested in bringing soup, bread or a dessert for these meals? A sign-up sheet can be found on the Welcome Center desk.

Dorothy Enfield is turning 100 years old on Thursday! While many of us may not know Dorothy (as she's been living in memory care for the last several years) it would mean so much for our family of faith to remember her. There is a card in the narthex for Dorothy. Please stop by and sign your name to wish her well!

Sunday School is starting this morning! After worship student should eat a quick treat in the fellowship hall and then your teachers will come and show you to your classroom.

Birthdays this week: Jane Diel (19th), Tim Davidson (21st),
Ross Heilman (21st), Dorothy Enfield (22nd),
Kevin Leffel (23rd), Rebecca Blum (24th)

Anniversaries this week: Clark and Jane Diel (19th)