



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, February 25, 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: Eternal and Immortal God, only you are able to transform the hopelessness of a shameful death into the hope and promise of eternal life. Show us the way to stand firm in the promise of eternal life through all of life's trials and tragedies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

### HYMN: **Take Up Thy Cross** (*page 8*)

### 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

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.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

*God made a covenant promise with Abram in his old age, and changed his name to Abraham. The promise attached to this covenant was that Abraham would be the father of many nations and the covenant would last for all succeeding generations.*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for

I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 22:23-31**

*The psalmist proclaimed the steadfast love of God for the afflicted. Nothing goes unnoticed by the Lord, especially those who are in trouble. The Lord never hides his face from those who need him.*

R: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

R: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

C: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

C: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

R: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

C: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

R: they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

### **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

*Paul explained to the Roman church that through the blood of Christ, those who believe have been made right with God and will live in peace with him. Because of this good news, we stand in faith, knowing that God's grace has been poured upon us through the sacrificial love of Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we

stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 8:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man

must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>34</sup>And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

### **SERMON: The Flood of Love**

### **HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....RECLAIM No. 132**

#### **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.

## 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

**HYMN: O Love, How Deep, How Broad** (*page 9*)

## 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

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Reader:** Mike Youngerberg

**Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Doug Mayer

**Greeters:** Don Peterson and Pastor Aaron

# 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.

**Midweek worship services** are held in conjunction with a soup supper each Wednesday of Lent. 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.

**“The Table” Young Adults Group** will meet tonight at 7:30pm at Jake’s Stadium Pizza. Invite a friend and join us for good food and good conversation!

**Worship assistants** are a vital part of our congregational life. Sunday mornings are an “all hands on deck” gathering and we are always looking for more people to greet, usher, prepare and serve communion, or read in worship. If you are not currently filling one of these rolls, but would like to start, please see Pastor Aaron. In the same way, see Pastor Aaron if you are currently on the worship assisting list, but would like to be relieved of your duties so that a replacement can be found for you.

**Birthdays this week:** Karen Jaeck (Today), Joann Leffel (26<sup>th</sup>),  
Ny Aina Rakotondrainibe (27<sup>th</sup>), Dave LaFavor (March 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Anniversaries this week:** Dave and Wendy LaFavor (26<sup>th</sup>)

## **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN**

Sunday	February 25	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		7:30pm	“The Table” Young Adults Group
Monday	February 26	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	February 28	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	February 29	8:00am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	March 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

# Take Up Thy Cross

1. "Take up thy cross," the Sav - ior said, "if thou wouldst  
 2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak  
 3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy  
 4. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; de - ny thy - self, the  
 spir - it with a - larm; his strength shall bear thy  
 fool - ish pride re - bel; thy Lord for thee the  
 death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 spir - it up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.  
 cross en - dured, to save thy soul from death and hell.  
 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

WORDS: Charles W. Everest, 1833 (Mt. 16:24-25; Mk. 8:34-35; Lk. 9:23-24)  
 MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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# O Love, How Deep, How Broad 244

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1 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his  
 4 For us to e - vil power be - trayed, scorned, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

$\frac{A}{C\#}$  A D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Bm  $\frac{E7}{G\#}$  A D

thought and fan - ta - sy: that God, the Son of  
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and  
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 deep, so high, so broad - the Trin - i - ty whom

G  $\frac{G}{B}$  D Em  $\frac{Am}{C}$  D Am  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G A D

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 cross and death, for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 Spir - it here to guide, to com - fort, and to cheer.  
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

WORDS: Latin hymn, 15th c.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.  
 MUSIC: Trier manuscript, 15th c.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);  
 harm. George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

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