

# **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

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**Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God, to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world through Prayer, Love, and Action.**

**Serving Our Neighbors by Sharing Our Blessings**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024—9:30 AM**

**The Third Sunday of Lent  
Wandering Heart: “Praise the mount”**

**Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to commune and receive Christ in bread and wine. Please fill out a communion card and give it to the usher when coming forward for Communion.*

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*The third covenant in this year’s Lenten readings is the central one of Israel’s history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God’s liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.*

## **WELCOME**

## **CENTERING TIME**

*2 minutes of silence to center our hearts for worship.  
Our time will conclude after the centering music.*

## **CENTERING MUSIC**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Inspired by Psalm 19*

P If you ask the sky who God is,

**C the sky will tell you of God's reach.**

P If you ask the day who God is,

**C the sun will tell you of God's warmth.**

P If you ask the night who God is,

**C the moon will tell you of God's comfort.**

P "The heavens are telling the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). Are you listening?

**C We are listening!**

**We will sing of God's glory.**

P Let us worship Holy God.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

P In our scripture for today, Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter said, "You are the Messiah."

Have you ever wondered if his voice faltered when he answered? Did he respond loudly and with confidence, or with a tentative whisper?

We'll never know. The text doesn't provide those details. But we can trust that, no matter how we speak to God, when we speak, God is listening.

So friends, join me in the prayer of confession. Whether you whisper these words Or speak them with conviction, may you trust that our gracious and merciful God is listening with love. Let us pray together:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**C Holy God,**

**Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.**

**Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith. Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers. Forgive us for losing sight of you.**

**Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—  
trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.**

**Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.**

**Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.**

**We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.**

**But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.**

**Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P Friends,

Whether you speak to God in a whisper or with clear conviction, with questions or with answers, with hope in your heart or with doubt in your throat— God will always listen with love and mercy.

So rest in this good news:

regardless of how loudly you live your faith—you belong to God. You are loved.

You are claimed. You are forgiven.

Speak that good news with confidence.

C Amen!

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

## SHARING OF PEACE

## STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

## OPENING HYMN

# Here at the Peak

HAMBURG 8.8.8.8

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Lowell Mason, 1824

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 2/2 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Here at the peak I clearly see All of the pieces; Here I pro-claim the truths I know Be-yond the know-ledge; Here my Cre-a-tor stands en-fleshed In-fi-nite glo-ry; Here at the peak you clearly name Who you cre-a-ted'.

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you've laid out And in this brief though time - less  
of this world Truths plan - ted deep with - in my  
here con - tained Hum - ble and rug - ged, sim - ply  
me to be I - den - ti - fied not by my

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peace bones dressed shame Such Brought Sa - vior But clar - i - ty to the of all by the light all gifts oc - cludes my gold earth to doubts un - earthed reign me

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## GREETING

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.**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

P Holy Word,

For generations people have bowed their heads, have prayed the Psalms, have asked for your presence in their lives.

For generations people have whispered,

“May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God.”

For generations we have gathered here, we have quieted our minds,

we have prayed to feel your presence in our midst.

So once again, just as the generations before, we turn our hearts to your Word.

Still our busy minds so that we might truly comprehend what you have to say to us today. With joy and hope we pray.

**C Amen**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17**

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 19** (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the  
world,  
where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end  
of<sup>1</sup> it again; nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to<sup>1</sup> the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb.**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion<sup>1</sup> over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.
- <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in  
our sight, O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer.**

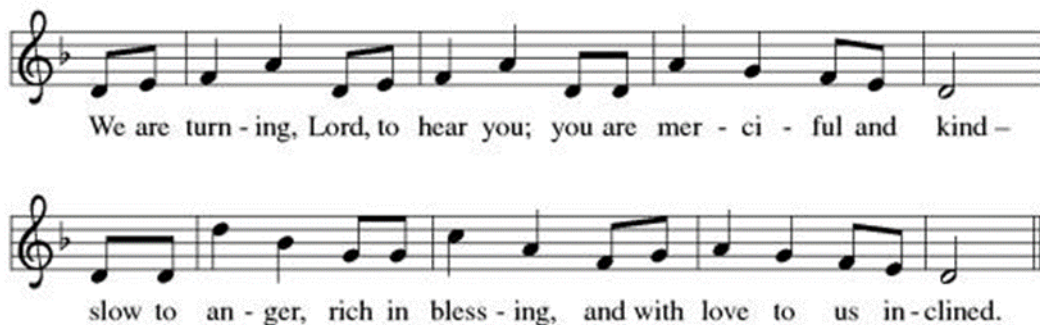
**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

- <sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who

are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,  
 “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”  
<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?  
 Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God,  
 the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of  
 our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire  
 wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness  
 to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of  
 God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and  
 God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

P The word of the Lord.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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### GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

P The holy gospel according to Matthew  
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
 "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Bap-  
 tist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to  
 them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,  
 the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of  
 Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And

I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The gospel of the Lord.  
 C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #723

### Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the





weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P Jesus asked the disciples, “But what about you? Who do you say that I am?”  
Church, what do you say?

C **Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us,  
and love without walls.**

**Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt,  
and welcome for the stranger.**

**Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend— with me on the mountain  
and beside me in the valley. Jesus is a star in the night,  
and the love that knows my name.**

P Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?”

C **Like Peter, we say, “Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God.”**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**—Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things,  
let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence. Each petition ends:*

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY SONG

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives, they are yours:  
we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be,  
we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,  
we are an offering.



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### OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** - *all are invited. The bread is gluten free.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**TABLE BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**C Amen.**

## **SENDING MUSIC**

## **STATING OUR MISSION**

**P** Resurrection, what is our mission?  
**C Serving Our Neighbors by Sharing Our Blessings!**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place,  
may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every  
face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb,  
and to speak of your faith.  
And when the world falls apart, may you hear God's voice deep within, saying,  
"Take heart, it is I, be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed.  
In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God.  
Go now in peace.  
Go trusting that good news.  
**C Amen.**

Pastor: Darryl Thompson Powell  
Director of Music: Henrietta Atkin  
Oboist: Wayne Ryerson

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## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

9:30 am      Worship, Holy Communion

## **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION**

### **Monday, March 4**

12:00 pm      Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

5:00 pm      Grant Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 5**

6:30 pm      Finance Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 6**

1:00 pm      Lent Service

2:00 pm      Bible Study

6:00 pm      Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm      Lent Service

### **Thursday, March 7**

7:30 pm      Al-Anon Meeting

### **Friday, March 8**

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

### **Saturday, March 9**

### **Sunday, March 10**

9:30 am      Worship, Holy Communion

Online services are available via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live](http://www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live)), YouTube ([www.youtube.com/rlcfp](http://www.youtube.com/rlcfp) or search for "Resurrection Lutheran Franklin Park YouTube") and Twitch.

Bible Study can be accessed via Zoom online ([bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom](http://bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom)) or by phone (312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 230 167 8868, Password: 9777). You can also watch without participating on YouTube ([www.youtube.com/rlcfp](http://www.youtube.com/rlcfp)).



The flowers today are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of his blessings.



For the month of March we are asking for donations of rice but all donations are very much appreciated!



The Clothing Closet is in need of men's jeans and men's casual shirts.



We are in the process of updating our RLC 2024 church directories. Please look at your current directory to make sure that your information is correct. If not, call or email the office or fill out a form that is located on the brown table outside the sanctuary and return to the office.

**Thrivent members—you have until March 31, 2024 to designate your remaining 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars.**



**PRAY FOR MEMBERS:** Karen S, Rita V, Judy H, Jan R, Russ S, Janet C, Lindsay, Valentina, Virginia S, June K and family, Dolores B, Janet G, Irwin K, and Donna T.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS:** Eric, Pastor Finney, Dana, Leena, Jacque, Diane L, Marilyn R, Ed, Emily F, Lori, Michelle S, Ayla, Curtis, Allen, Pastor Tim, Nancy, Susan, Victor, Richard, Sarah, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Sophia, Marina, Luisa, Cyndy W, John B, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K, Lynn, Stan and Darlene M, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Elaine R, Lamone C, Linda B and Scott B.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Josiah G and Mike B.