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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.

Sunday, March 27, 2022—9:30 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER

CENTERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s reach is endless.

God’s mercy is unstoppable.

God’s grace is lavish.

God’s love is constant.

God’s wisdom is vast.

God’s hope is stubborn.

God's presence is here—
with us, among us, moving through us.
Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.
We are in God's house.
Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If you ask any parent with a teenager what it's like to wait up for their child to meet curfew, they will tell you—they're standing at the door. The porch light is on. No one can sleep until that child is home safe.
Friends, I think God is like that for us. The porch light is on. The door is unlocked. We might be late for curfew, but God is just so glad we're home.
So let us pray the prayer of confession together, trusting that no matter what we do, no matter what we leave undone, the porch light is always on. Let us pray. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. It sounds like ours.
And we know his story. It sounds like ours.
For who among us hasn't burned a bridge?
Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one another? Who among us has not ached for home?
The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. Forgive us God.
We want to come home.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, the word 'prodigal' can be defined as wasteful or imprudent, hence the name, "Prodigal Son." However, 'prodigal' can also be described as extravagant and excessive.
Friends, we worship a prodigal God—a God who is extravagant in mercy and excessive in grace.
For no matter how many times we run, no matter how far we go or how lost we get, God is standing at the end of the driveway waiting for us. The doors are open.
The feast is for you. This grace is extravagant.
Thanks be to God, amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF PEACE

OPENING HYMN

ELW #666

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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 THE DAY

P Let us pray

C God of open doors,

We often long to come home to you, to love,
and to ourselves,

but we aren't always sure how to get there. We know that we need you,
but the road back to you is heavy with distractions. So if we can dare to be so
forward, we pray—

reach into the cacophony of our hearts and minds and make yourself known. Quiet everything but your Word for us today.

Leave us awestruck.

Drown out the distractions.

Come as thunder or come as a still, small voice;

we don't care which, we just pray that you will come. Turn on the light.

Speak through these words.

Find the parts of us that are lost. With hope we pray, amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32 (read responsively)

- ¹Happy are they whose transgressions¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is¹ put away!
- ²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im-¹putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there¹ is no guile!**
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ered away,
because of my groaning¹ all day long.
- ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the¹ heat of summer.**
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-¹ceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt¹
of my sin.
- ⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they¹ shall not reach them.**
- ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts¹ of deliverance.
- ⁸**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that¹ you should go;
I will guide you¹ with my eye.**
- ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will¹ not stay near you.”
- ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust¹ in the LORD.**
- ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are¹ true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat 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.

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

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout 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 to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands

have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up 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 like one of your hired hands.” ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then 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 slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON


Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

Stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #606

Our Father, We Have Wandered



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan-dered your leg-a-cy of grace.
be-hold us, Lord, re-turn-ing with hope and trust to you.
com-pas-sion-ate, for-giv-ing, and ev-er-car-ing Lord,



But now, in ex-ile dwell-ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re-joic-ing bring,
grant now that our trans-gress-ing, our faith-less-ness may cease.



as, dis-tant but com-pel-ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless-ing, in par-don, and in peace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who waits in the driveway for us.

We believe in a God who leaves the porch light on and throws a feast when we are found.

We believe in a God who doesn't stop looking for us when we get lost. We believe in a God of prodigal grace—

excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace.

In response to this grace, we hold tighter to each other.

We remember that humans are not meant to go through life alone;

so we look for ways to welcome each other in, to live like we are family, and to lead with grace—excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace.

We believe that this is our call. Let it be so. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. Each petition ends:

P Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

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.

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.**

SENDING SONG

ELW #779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1	A	-	maz	-	ing	grace!—	how	sweet	the	sound—	that
2	'Twas	grace	that	taught	my	heart	to	fear,	and		
3	Through	man	-	dan	-	gers,	toils,	and	snare	I	
4	The	Lord	has	prom	-	ised	good	to	me;	his	
5	When	we've	been	there	ten	thou	-	sand	years,	bright	



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Please be seated

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.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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 -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

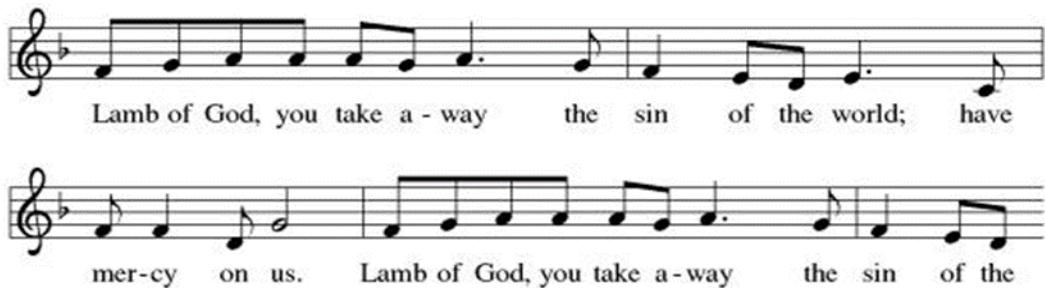
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - *all are invited *gluten free wafers are available*

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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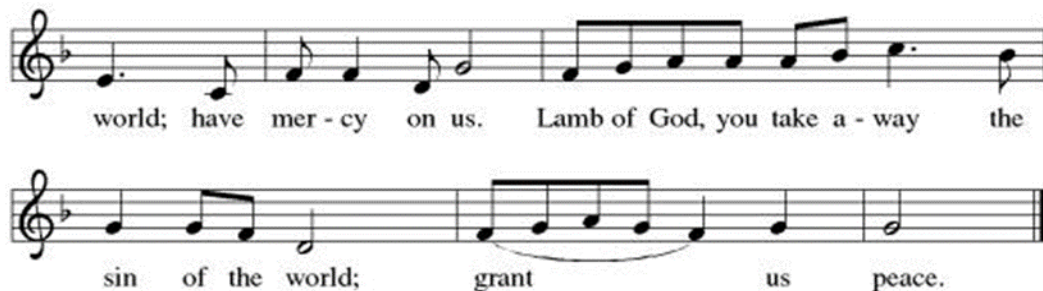


TABLE BLESSING

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.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and do something. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

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Pastor
Director of Music
Wayne Ryerson

Darryl Thompson Powell
Henrietta Atkin
Oboe



The flowers today are from Wayne and Donna Molley in honor of Donna, Yurail & Robyn's birthdays.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion
11:00 am Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, March 28

12:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

Tuesday, March 29

Wednesday, March 30

1:00 pm Lenten Service
2:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Lenten Service
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 31

7:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting

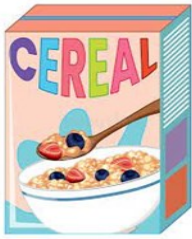
Friday, April 1

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

Saturday, April 2

Sunday, April 3

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion



The Outreach Committee would like to ask our members to participate in a “Cereal Sunday” drive to replenish our cereal stock for the Food Pantry. Each Sunday in March and April we would appreciate it if all would bring a box of cereal to worship or drop it off at church. Your help would be appreciated.



PRAY FOR MEMBERS: Dolores B, Janet G, Judy H, Irwin K, Marvin K, Dave N, and Donna T.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS: Nathan, Ruth, Cyndy W, John B, Feodore, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K. Sue Koevenig’s nephew Kevin, and niece Alison V, Terry, Stan and Darlene Majka, Sue Flanagan’s son Robert, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Karen Shumaker’s brother Curtis and cousin Joan, Lynn, Elaine R Lamone Carter, Eileen Gorski, Russ Sprenger’s daughter Kimberly Shubinski, Sophia, Linda Bike, and Janet Grace’s son-in-law Scott Backus.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Josiah Gross, Edward Scharlow, Mike Brimie, Robert Dilks, and Mike Ignoffo.

Share the Gift

Lutheran Disaster Response of the ELCA is accompanying companion churches and ecumenical partners as they respond to the crisis in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Partners are providing refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they're endured. Donations will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. If you would like to donate towards this cause, Share the Gift will match the first \$1,000 received. Donations will be collected over the next several weeks. Mark your donations Ukraine.

Lent Services

Wednesdays during Lent: 1:00 pm (in-person, Facebook, YouTube) and 7:00 pm (Facebook, YouTube).

Palm Sunday (4/10): 9:30 am procession with palms.

Maundy Thursday (4/14): 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Good Friday (4/15): 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm (in-person, Facebook, YouTube).

EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to share in decorating the church with flowers for Easter by ordering festive spring plants that you make take home after worship service on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to have a plant reserved in your name, please either complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate along with your payment, send it in the mail or drop it off at the church. **Orders need to be received or called in to the office no later than Sunday, April 10.**

PLEASE ORDER _____ Easter plant (s)

_____ Easter Lily \$20.00

_____ Hyacinth \$14.00

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Given in **honor** or in **memory** (please circle one)

of: _____