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Serving Our Neighbors  Sharing Our Blessings

Sunday, March 30, 2025—9:30 AM

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Everything [in] Between: “**lost & found**”

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.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Attende Domine, Robert Farrell

CENTERING TIME

Music will play to center our hearts and mind in prayer and worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P Our God is a shepherding God.
C **Our God knows us by name.**
P Our God will never stop searching for us.
So if you feel lost,
C **then know that God is seeking you.**
P If you feel found,
C **then know that God will never leave.**
P This is the promise of scripture.
C **This is the promise of God’s love.**
P Let us worship our with-us God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P Friends, in the Christian tradition many have used “lost” and “found” labels to describe people “out there” versus people “in here.” Many have used “lost” and “found” language to create a damaging dichotomy that Christians are found and non-Christians are lost.

But the truth is, each and every one of us is a little bit lost and a little bit found from time to time. Each and every one of us needs the love of the Good Shepherd.

So join me in the prayer of confession, as people who know both ends of that spectrum. Join me as we go to God in prayer:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P If God is a painter,

C let us be the brush.

P If God is a musician,

C let us be the song.

P If God is an architect,

C let us be the tools.

Let us be the hands.

Let us be the builders.

P But if God is a shepherd,
who never stops seeking,

**C let us be willing to be found,
no matter how lost we feel.**

P Our God is never far away.

C Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found.
We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves.
We leave the flock and lose our way.

But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side.
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**C No matter how far we wander,
we can never wander from the bounds of God’s grace.
We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF PEACE

SONG

Amazing Grace, Wayne Ryerson, Henrietta Akin

OPENING HYMN

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 - y dan - gers, toils, and snares 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.

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 Shepherding God,

C You look for us.

You search for us.

You turn every corner

and climb every mountain.

You call our name until your voice is hoarse.

When we lose our way,

you never stop seeking after us.

So once again we pray,

find us in this moment.

Look for us.

And then surround us with your presence,

so that we might feel you near.

With hope we pray,

with hope we listen. Amen.

FIRST 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.

¹⁶ From 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.

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L The word of the Lord.

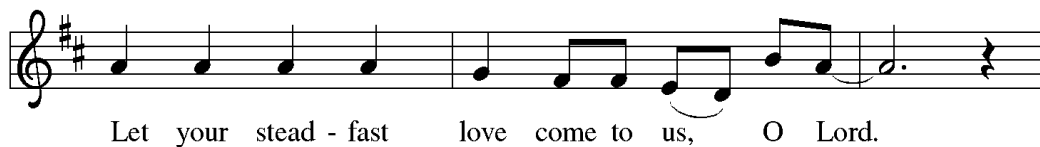
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32 (read responsively)

- ¹ Happy 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!**
- ³ While 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.**
- ⁵ Then 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.**
- ⁷ You 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.**
- ⁹ Do 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.**
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are¹ true of heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-7

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 him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lost and Found

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by B.F. White, 1844



In the flock I am sur - roun - ded by my sib - lings
The ho - ri - zon starts to brigh - ten as I quiet - ly
As I wan - der down the quar - ry a fa - mi - liar



and my friends Safe at home and feel - ing groun - ded with my
slip a - way I can feel my spi - rit ligh - ten with each
voice cries out It's my shep - herd search - ing for me; reck - less

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shep-herd to de-fend But an ach-ing, long-ing feel-ing
 cau-tious step I take Un-fa-mil-iar paths un-fold-ing
 love has tracked me down Though I left my place of re-fuge,

as the stars shine late at night Draws me in, my dreams
 as ex-cite-ment blends with fear All cre-a-tion now
 he has fol-lowed all a-long But I had to lose

re-veal-ing and I know I'm not quite right
 en-folds me like the flock I hold so dear
 my-self to find my-self where I be-long

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

INSTALLATION OF RLC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

P *St. Paul writes:* There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

P You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

P On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

R Yes, by the help of God.

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C Yes, by the help of God.

P I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

R Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**C We believe in a seeking God,
a with-us and before-us God,
a chasing-after-us God.
We believe that no matter where we wander
or what mountains we climb, *this* God—
the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem,
shook hands with lepers,
patted children on the head,
and told stories of love—
is always close at hand.
So on the good days and the hard days,
on the mountains and in the valleys,
we believe that we are always being found.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for
The church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence. Each petition ends:

P God, in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the
name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty...we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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.

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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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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 I Will Bless the Lord, Bob Moore (Miniatures)

STATING OUR MISSION

P Resurrection, what is our mission?

C **Serving Our Neighbors by Sharing Our Blessings!**

BENEDICTION

P As you leave this place,

May you find God in every messy middle.

May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.

May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.

God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.

Believe that good news, and go in peace

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
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour
11:00 am	Receive and sort Costco donation

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, March 31

12:00 pm	Food Pantry & Clothing Closet
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Tuesday, April 1

Wednesday, April 2

1:00 pm	Midday Lent Service
2:00 pm	Bible Study
6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	Evening Lent Service

Thursday, April 3

7:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
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Friday, April 4

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

Saturday, April 5

Sunday, April 6

9:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion
11:00 am	Receive and Sort Costco donation

Online services are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live), YouTube (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) 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).



The flowers today are from Wayne & Donna Molley in honor of their new grandbaby.



For the month of April, the food pantry is in need of Ramen noodles. All donations are very much appreciated!

Let's Celebrate a Milestone!

April 3, 2025, is June Knapp's 100th birthday! Even if you don't know her, please take a moment and send her a card to the address below. Let's all make her day extra special!

Mrs. June Knapp
Alexian Village
975 Martha Street, Room 330
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007



PRAY FOR MEMBERS: Shari J, Rita V, Judy H, Russ S, Sue S, Janet C, Lindsay, Valentina, Virginia S, June K and family, Janet G, and Donna T.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS: Mary Lou, Dean M, Sabrina, Lenny, Winnie Z, Rene V, Terry, Darlene M, Ronnie W, Anita, Joan P, Joyce F, Pastor Finney, Leena, Jacque, Diane L, Marilyn R, Ed V, Emily F, Curtis, Allen, Nancy, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Sophia, Marina, John B, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K, Lynn, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Elaine R, Linda B and Scott B.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Mike B.

EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to share in decorating the church with flowers for Easter by ordering 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. **The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, April 6.**

PLEASE ORDER _____ Easter plant (s)

_____ Easter Lily \$20.00

_____ Hyacinth \$16.00

_____ Tulip \$16.00

NAME_____

PHONE_____

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

of:_____

