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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, April 3, 2022—9:30 AM

Fifth 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

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER

CENTERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

May we find courage here—

courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

May we find hope here—

hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

May we find truth here—

truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

May we find all that we seek.
And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

There are very few things as powerful as a group of people that admits they are not perfect, and asks for grace as they grow. Imagine what our world might be like if every institution had such a weekly rhythm?

Friends, we can light the way. Let us be brave in our truth-telling and honest in our confession. For we will always be met by grace. Let us pray. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth,
we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, hear this good news: Even in our silence, **God loves us.**

Even in our fear or shame, **God chooses us.**

Even when we sin, **God wraps us in grace.**

You are free—to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be.

Thanks be to God, amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

SHARING OF PEACE

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain - All

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
 wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
 wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz-
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird-
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic-

Refrain

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
 ed him - self, and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

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 **Holy God,**

sometimes my waking is a prayer.

Sometimes the song I have stuck in my head,rumbling around on repeat, is a prayer.

Sometimes the way I talk to the childrenand the way I hug the dog is a prayer.

Sometimes the way I take my phone out to get a picture of the sunset or of the peopleI love—that is a prayer.

Other times, prayer is moments like this—

heads bowed, eyes closed, hearts quiet for just a moment. And in all of it, I trust you to hear me.

Help me to hear you in return. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

- ¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM: Psalm 126 (read responsively)

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”
³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,**
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.
⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.
⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,**
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that

comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

P The holy gospel according to John

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 #639

When We Are Living *Pues si vivimos*



<p><i>Pues si vi - vi - mos,</i> 1 When we are liv - ing, 2 'Mid times of sor - row 3 A - cross this wide world,</p>	<p><i>pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,</i> it is in Christ Je - sus, and in times of pain, we shall al - ways find</p>
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<p><i>y si mo - ri - mos</i> and when we're dy - ing, when sens - ing beau - ty those who are cry - ing</p>	<p><i>pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.</i> it is in the Lord. . . . or in love's em - brace, . . . with no peace of mind; . . .</p>
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Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
and when we help them, or when we feed them,



so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

2 En la tristeza y en el dolor,
en la belleza y en el amor,
sea que suframos o que gocemos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

3 En este mundo por doquier habrá
gente que lloray sin consolar.
Sea que ayudemos o alimentemos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in beauty—

beauty pulled into being by our Creator, beauty that catches our breath,
beauty that turns us toward awe.

I believe in courage—courage to believe,

courage to stand up for the people we love, courage to love without hesitation.

I believe in the Holy Spirit

who prays for us when we cannot, who is brave for us when we are not.

I believe in Jesus Christ who stood up for Mary,

who quieted the voice of critique,

who welcomed every bid for relationship.

I believe in God.

I believe in God who believes in us. 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 #335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er.



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

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 -

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 Barb Ziemer in honor of her grandsons Josiah Gross's 22nd birthday and Joshua Ziemer's 14th birthday.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, April 4

12:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

Tuesday, April 5

Wednesday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 7

7:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting

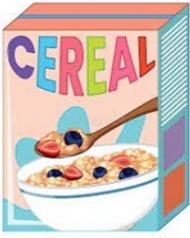
Friday, April 8

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

Saturday, April 9

Sunday, April 10—Palm Sunday

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: _____