

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 17, 2024—9:30 AM

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Wandering Heart: “Teach me”**

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

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all 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

P Why are you here?

C **I am seeking God with my whole heart,
with my entire mind,
with a fire burning in my bones.**

P I see it! You're in the right place!
This is God's house. The door is open to you.

C **Why are *you* here?**

P I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind,
with a fire burning in my bones.

C **We see that in you! You're in the right place.
This is God's house. The door is open to you.**

P Let us worship God.

C **Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

P Friends, when you study Peter's story in scripture it's almost impossible to ignore how much he loved to ask questions. He asks Jesus:

"What does the parable mean?" "Where are you going?"

"How many times should we forgive?"

Like a tenacious toddler, Peter was *full* of questions, because Peter was eager to learn. I wish I was more like that. I still have so much to learn.

So friends, let's be like Peter. Let's return to Christ with the humility of a student as we pray together the prayer of confession. Let this be a moment of learning. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C **Holy God,**

We long to be lifelong learners.

We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best.

We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher."

Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious.

Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best.

Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers.

Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should we forgive?"—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P Family of faith,

When Peter asked Jesus, “How many times should I forgive?” Jesus responded with abundance. That abundance exists for you as well.

No matter what you have done or left undone,

no matter what lessons you have learned or are still learning,

God’s abundant grace exists for you. God’s love will never run out.

So hear and rest in this good news: You are forgiven.

You are loved.

You are invited to serve. Thanks be to God!

C Amen!

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

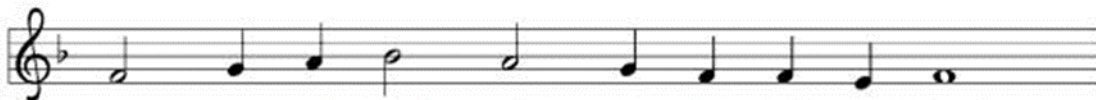
SHARING OF PEACE

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

OPENING HYMN

ELW #321

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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 Teaching God,

We want to learn your ways.

We want to learn the ways of forgiveness.

We want to learn the ways of grace.

We want to learn your ways of love.

That is part of why we return to your text week after week, because we are hungry to be more like you.

So as we prepare to listen to your good Word, calm the noise in our minds.

Center our spirits to focus on you so that we might learn and hear what we have missed in this story before. God, we want to learn your ways.

Meet us here. Speak your truth. Help us listen.

C **Amen**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-22

P The holy gospel according to Matthew

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

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

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

SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Your Neighbor and Forgive

REDHEAD No. 76 (7.7.7.7.7)

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Richard Redhead, 1853

"Love your neigh - bor and for - give" Words so sim - ple yet so hard
 Sounds of bombs and bul - lets ring War is all we've ev - er known
 Love is ris - ky, peace is faint And for - give - ness feels na - ive

We have wounds be - cause we've lived Cal - lus - es en - fold our hearts
 Pa - ci - fists are framed as weak We re - ly on might a - lone
 All are sin - ners, all are saints And we all God's grace re - ceive

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Je - sus rea - ches out to touch Wounds and hearts that hold too much
 Je - sus paves the paths of peace E - ven as the threats in - crease
 So we fol - low mer - cy's way Soft - en - ing our hearts to grace

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

C *“How many times should I forgive?”*

“Jesus, where are you going?”

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

P We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

C *“Where does it hurt?”*

“What do you need?”

“How can I help?”

P We believe that God is a teacher.

C ***“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”***
“Here I am.”
“Send me.”

P We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

C ***with all our heart,***
with all our mind,
with all our strength.

P We believe. Help our unbelief.

C **In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

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.

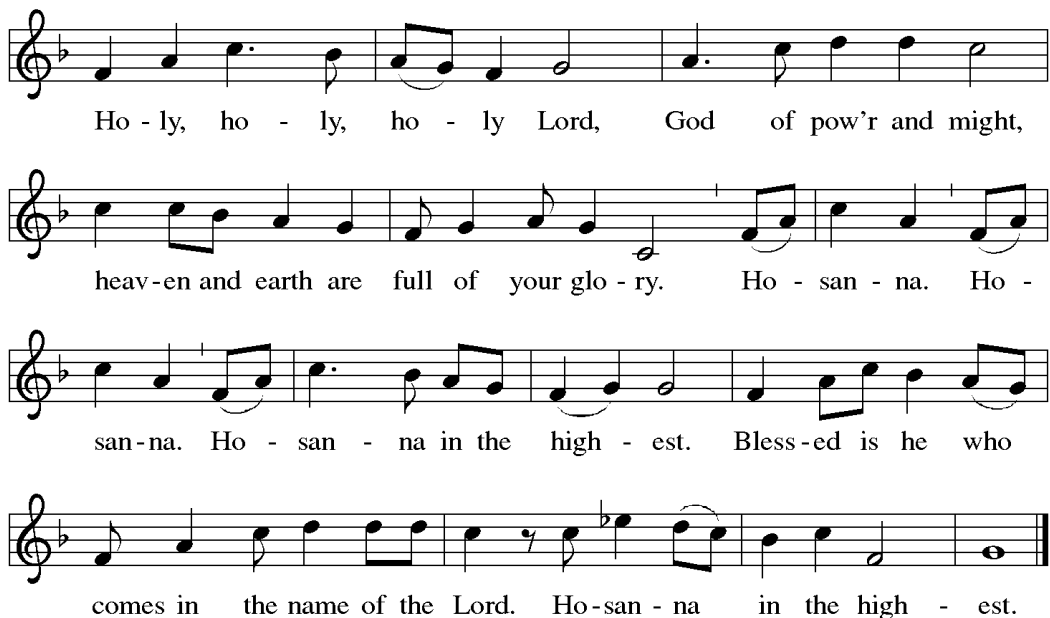
C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 -
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.

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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 18

12:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothing Closet
6:30 pm Vision & Mission Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

Wednesday, March 20

1:00 pm Lent Service
2:00 pm Bible Study
4:30 pm Outreach Meeting
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Lent Service

Thursday, March 21

7:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Friday, March 22

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

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

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 Virginia Schultz to the glory of God.



For the remainder of March, we are asking for donations of cereal but all donations are very much appreciated!

Holy Week 2024

Wednesday Lenten Services (last service on March 20)

1:00 pm (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)
and 7:30 pm (Facebook, YouTube).

Palm Sunday March 24

9:30 am (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Maundy Thursday March 28

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm
(in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Good Friday March 29

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm
(in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Easter Vigil Saturday March 30

7:30 pm (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Easter Sunday March 31

9:30 am (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)



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: Joyce F, 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.

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.

Orders need to be received or called in to the office today, March 17.

PLEASE ORDER _____ Easter plant (s)

_____ Easter Lily \$20.00

_____ Hyacinth \$15.00

_____ Tulip \$15.00

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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

of: _____