

# **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, February 18, 2024—9:30 AM**

**The First Sunday of Lent**

**Wandering Heart: “Jesus sought 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**

*On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah’s family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole 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** Come in.  
Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries.  
Take a deep breath.  
Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax the tension in your jaw, for Christ is here.  
God never stops seeking us.  
We have been found.  
Let us find God in return.  
Let us worship the God of deep waters.
- C** **Amen.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

- P** In our scripture passage for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. In the story, Peter is in the presence of the Divine for quite some time before he realizes it. Jesus crawls into Peter's boat. He tells him to head toward deep water. Together, they let the nets down. And it is only when the boat threatens to sink, due to the extreme abundance of fish, that Peter turns to Jesus and truly sees who's in his boat.

Sometimes we miss what's right in front of us. Fortunately, Christ keeps crawling into our boats anyhow. So join me in the prayer of confession, not out of fear, but out of a desire to finally see who's right in front of us. Let us pray:

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

- C** **Loving God,  
You call us by name.  
You join us in the deep waters of life.  
You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,  
and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.  
Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst.  
Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.  
Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.  
Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.  
Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,  
for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

- P** Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the

Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy.  
 And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend.  
 Church family, hear and believe this good news:  
 You can make a thousand bad impressions.  
 You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know  
 better. And even still, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your  
 heart.  
 That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that.

**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 #320**

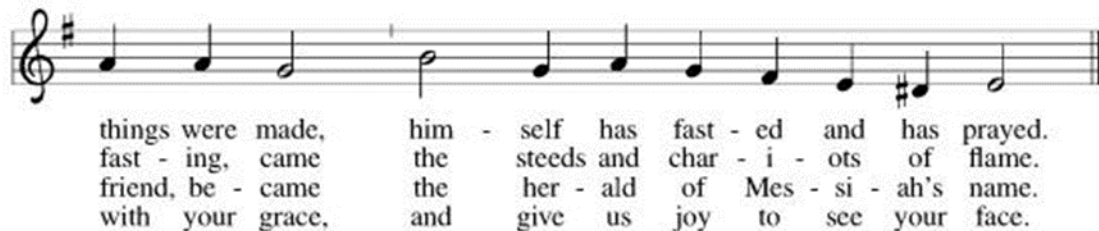
**The Glory of These Forty Days**



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, fast - ing, came friend, be - came with your grace, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed. the steeds and char - i - ots of flame. the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name. and give us joy to see your face.

**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 Creator God,  
 You hear everything.  
 You hear the rush of the wind through the trees. You hear a baby’s first cry.  
 You hear the crickets chirping, our silent prayers, and laughter around tables.  
 You hear it all!  
 We don’t need that same capacity,  
 but we do need to hear your Word, O God, for we cannot live on bread alone.  
 So today we pray: give us the ability to truly listen. Give us the ability to listen with our hearts, and may the truths revealed in your scripture today change us. With hearts full of gratitude we pray,

C **Amen**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17**

*Today’s reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you

and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.  
<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**  
<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.  
<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.**  
<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.  
<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**  
<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness,  
O LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**  
<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.  
<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

**SECOND READING:1 Peter 3:18-22**

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

P 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: Luke 5:1-11

P The holy gospel according to Luke

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

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they

began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

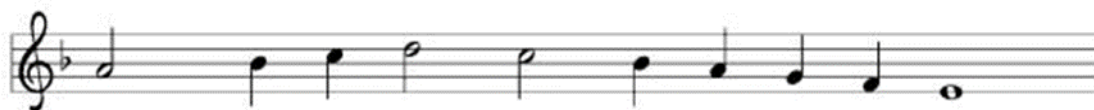
HYMN OF THE DAY

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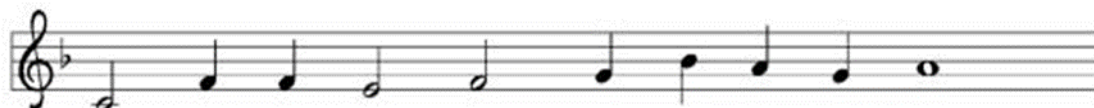
Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



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.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**C I believe in a God of abundance—**  
**a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,**  
**and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**  
**I believe in a God who comforts—**  
**a God who says, “Do not be afraid;”**  
**a God who joins me in life’s deep waters.**  
**I believe in a God who invites—**  
**a God who says, “Follow me,”**  
**and, “You will be fishers of people.”**  
**I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—**  
**a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name.**  
**We believe.**  
**Help our unbelief.**  
**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.**

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, February 19

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

### Tuesday, February 20

### Wednesday, February 21

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, February 22

7:30 pm      Al-Anon Meeting

### Friday, February 23

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

### Saturday, February 24

### Sunday, February 25

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

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](https://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 from Alan & Barb Miralgio in celebration of their grandson Aiden's 5th birthday.



For the month of February we are asking for donations of chicken soup. But all donations are very much appreciated. Thank you!



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

### **Church Council 2024**

Resurrection 2024 Church Council and Officers are as follows:

Alan Miralgio, President  
Jeff Davis, Vice President  
Wayne Molley, Treasurer  
Lauren Obrzut and Jan Ramsson Co-Secretaries  
Walter Johnson, Council Member  
Jeff Peterson, Council Member  
Sue Koevenig will continue to be the Financial Secretary.

Thank you to Virginia Schulz and Lindsay Vega for serving on Council. And thank you to our 2024 Council Members and Officers for stepping forward in faith to serve RLC in this capacity. May God guide you through the months to come to always do his will.



**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:** 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, Feodore, 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.

