

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.

Sunday, March 21, 2021—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

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 PRAYER

CENTERING MUSIC

INVITATION TO SOLIDARITY

P Since the pandemic started in early 2020, there have been more than 3,000 reported incidents of anti-Asian racism, according to Stop AAPI Hate, an initiative that tracks violence and harassment among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. In January 2021 these violent attacks targeted the elderly. An 84-year-old Thai man was shoved to the ground as he was taking his morning walk in San Francisco. In the neighboring city of Oakland, a 91-year-old man was pushed down, which caused him to fall face first

into the pavement. For a community whose elders are deeply respected and looked up to as the source of communal and filial unity and wisdom, this hits hard.

I invite you to a communal confession to show our solidarity with our Asian siblings.

Stand as you are able

OPENING LITANY

P God of all people and the whole of creation,

C **make us into who you have created us to be.**

P Make us your hands, your feet, your eyes, your lips,

C **your body in the world.**

P Spirit of Peace, reconcile us,

C **connect us to yourself, to each other.**

P You are the source of our healing and hope,

C **for if one is hurt, all of us are hurt.**

P Clothe us, your body in the world,

C **with your love, mercy and grace. Amen.**

COMMUNAL CONFESSION

P Asian siblings are hurting. How do we, the church, hear their painful cry, and act together in solidarity? We pray ...

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Are Asians invisible? They are branded as the model minority — therefore, not expected to speak up. They cry for justice. Can anyone hear them? We pray ...

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Asians are feared as a community. Asians have complex cultures and languages, so they are generally omitted. How can we, the church, offer our curiosity and respect when we encounter a multitude of gifts in diversity and uniqueness? We pray ...

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Asian children are called many names, most recently “coronavirus,” or yelled at to “go home.” When we, the church, ask, “Who is our neighbor?,” how can we truly mean it in welcoming words and actions? We pray ...

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Asians are used by the mainstream dominant culture to shame and put a wedge against other communities of color. Claiming our calling that all are created in God's image, how can we stand in solidarity with those hurting? We pray ...

C Lord, have mercy.

P God's forgiveness is greater than any hurt and pain of the body. For Asian theologies, forgiveness is an invitation to examine and reexamine what constitutes our identity, not only our individual identity but, most especially, our communal identity. May God's forgiveness invite us all to face who we are truly as members of the body of Christ. May this rich promise embrace us all, taking away the pain of our battered body.

C Amen.

(The above resources are by the Rev. Teresita Valeriano on behalf of the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders-ELCA.)

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF PEACE

OPENING HYMN

“Seed That in Earth Is Dying”

ELW #330

**1 Seed that in earth is dying
grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel
turn into golden wine.
God, through this mystery grant us
faith in our deepest darkness,
life in our night and death.**

**2 We were baptized in Jesus,
into his death and grave,
to resurrection's promise:
praise and eternal life.
Heaven's own praises begin here
where you yourself are near us,
deep in our night and death.**

**3 Seed that in earth is dying
rises to bear much fruit.
Christ, as we meet at your table,
give us the bread of life.
Lord, we do thank and adore you!
Unceasing praise of the ages
rises from night and death.**

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 **O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

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. R**

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

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,

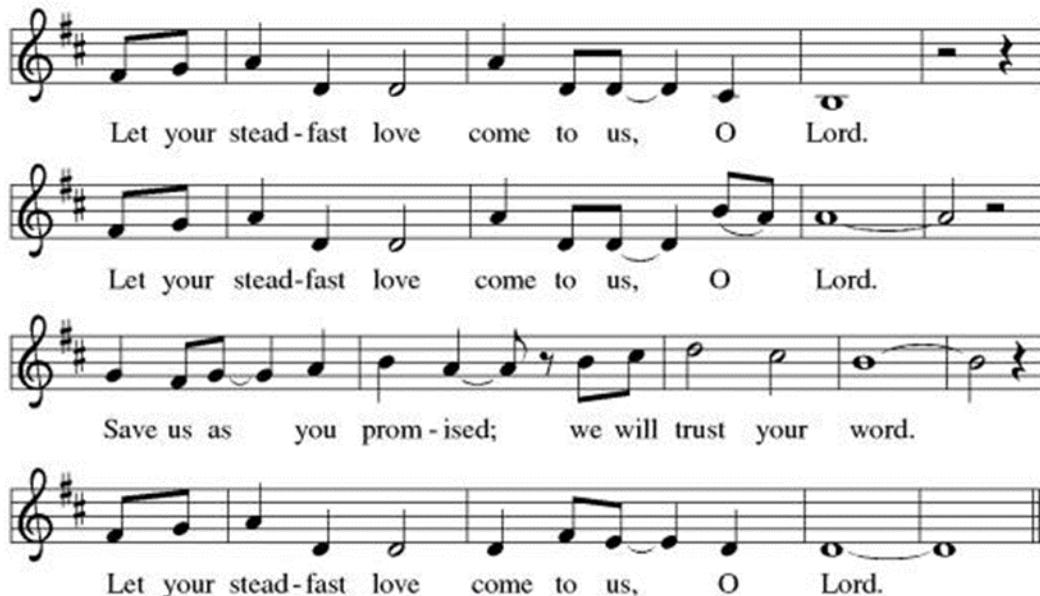
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

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.

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

Stand as you are able
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

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Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

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

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Please be seated
 SERMON

Rev. Robert Biekman

Stand as you are able
 HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 when in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

INSTALLATION OF RLC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—*Please be seated*

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.

Please stand

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

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence. Each petition ends:

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

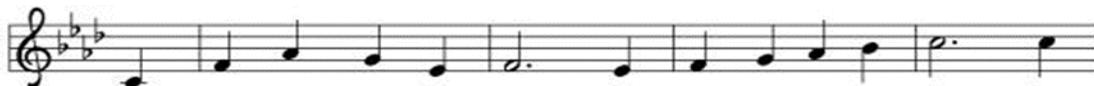
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
we are an offering.

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.**

Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

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

Please be seated
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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

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Pastor
Director of Music
Wayne Ryerson

Darryl Thompson Powell
Henrietta Atkin
Oboe



The flowers on the altar today are from Donna & Wayne Molley in honor of Donna, Robyn, Yorail, Wayne and Walter's birthdays.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, March 22

12:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

Tuesday, March 23

Wednesday, March 24

1:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
2:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Lenten Book Discussion

Thursday, March 25

6:00 pm Special Council Meeting

Friday, March 26

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

Saturday, March 27

Sunday, March 28

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



All donations are appreciated! The items that are currently in need are: **jelly, pasta sauce, and corn. Thank you!**



PRAY FOR MEMBERS: Dave N, Marvin K, and all of our homebound members.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS: Ernestine, Big Mike, Elaine Evans, Sue Boldt, Billy Golden, Beth Silenzi's friend Luke and his family, Kathy Kossack's grandson Art, Sue Flanagan's son Robert, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, Fred Shoemaker, Atour and her father Fuodor and sister Marina, Carly, Lynn and her family, Karen Shumaker's brother Curtis and cousin Joan, John, Elaine R, Lamone Carter, Eileen Gorski, Jacob Corona-Strong, Russ Sprenger's daughter Kimberly Shubinski, Henrietta's daughter Sophia, Linda Bike, Lois Sullivan's father Don Scharlow, Christine Riep, Christine Steiskal and family, and Janet Grace's son-in-law Scott Backus.

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

The 2021 virtual Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly in 2021 will be held on **Saturday, June 5, 2021, 8:30 am -12:00 pm**. The theme for this year is "Good STEWARDS" based on 1 Peter 4:10 *"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."*

All congregations in the Synod are allocated a minimum of two lay voting members. Larger congregations and congregations whose majority membership consists of people of color or those whose first language is other than English receive additional lay voting members according to the formula approved by the synod council.

**2 lay voting members have been allocated to:
Resurrection Lutheran Church**

*If you are interested in serving as a voting member from RLC, please contact our council president—Alan Miralgio— as soon as possible. **Again, the assembly will be virtual. You will need to have a computer (not phone or tablet) with internet access.***



Wednesdays during Lent: 1:00pm (limited in-person, Facebook, YouTube) Lenten service and discussion of *Anatomy of a Revived Church* by Thom S. Rainer.
7:00pm Lenten Book Discussion (Zoom). Book is \$13 on Amazon or you can order from the church.

Palm Sunday (3/28): 9:30am virtual procession with palms.

Maundy Thursday (4/1): 1:00pm and 6:30pm service (limited in-person, Facebook, YouTube).

Good Friday (4/2): 1:00pm and 6:30pm service (limited in-person, Facebook, YouTube).

Easter Vigil (4/3): 6:30pm-8:00pm (limited in-person, Facebook, YouTube).

Easter Sunday (4/4): 9:30am (in-person with pre-registration, Facebook, YouTube).

Last Sunday to order

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, March 21.**

PLEASE ORDER _____ Easter plant (s)

_____ Easter Lily \$16.00

_____ Hyacinth \$14.00

_____ Tulip \$14.00

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Given in honor or in memory (please circle one)

of: _____



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