

# **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 25, 2024—9:30 AM**

**The Second Sunday of Lent  
Wandering Heart: “Rescue me from danger”  
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**

*The second covenant in this year’s Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God’s promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham’s faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.*

## **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 God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

**C the courageous and the fearful,**

P the hungry and the hopeful,

**C the impatient and the reserved.**

P God welcomes the young and the old,

**C the poets and the prophets,**

P the faithful and the tired,

**C the curious and the convicted.**

P Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

**C there is room for all to gather here.**

P This is God's house.

**C Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

P In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits. Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ.

Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same; it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats.

And here's what I mean:

In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God.

This is our moment to crawl out of the boat. So friends, let's be like Peter.

Join me in being courageous. Join me in truth-telling.

Join me in prayer.

It's time to get our feet wet. Let us pray together:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**C Gracious God,**

**There are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves.**

**Forgive us for doubting you.**

**Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

**P** Family of faith,  
You could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place.  
No matter what you do,  
Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave,  
faithful or doubting,  
Christ is always walking toward you.  
So hear and believe this good news:  
God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days,  
and on our worst days,  
we are seen, forgiven, and loved. God is always walking toward you.  
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

# Into the Waters

HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11.11.11.5

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Johann Crüger, 1640

The musical score is written for a single voice and a basso continuo. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in a 3/2 time signature. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'In - to the wa - ters, ti - mid and un - stead - y Bare feed find But then the winds shift and I let my gaze break Fear starts to Safe in the boat I won - der where the fault lies Was it the Grace for the jour - ney, grace for all my fail - ings Grace when I'm'.

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pur - chase in the wa - ter's ed - dies Eyes fixed on Je - sus  
 drag me un - der - neath the lake's waves In my dis - tress I  
 storm or my own reck - less de - sire To have con - trol or  
 sink - ing, grace when storms as - sail me Faith in my - self and

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while the storm is ra - ging And waves are break - ing  
 cry out to my Sa - vior, "Save me from dan - ger!"  
 prove my - self as a - ble Ra - ther than faith - ful  
 faith in God's pro - vi - sion Not my am - bi - tion

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## 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 Holy God,

There are days where the wind is loud.

There are days where the rain tears through the trees and the storms of life beg for our attention.

So just as you stilled the wind and the sea, still our wandering hearts. Quiet our restless minds.

Reach out your hand to us and pull us into your Word so that we might hear, really hear, your message to us today. With one foot out of the boat, we pray.

C **Amen**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31 (read responsively)

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is  
the LORD's face hid- | den from them;  
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

## **SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

<sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**P** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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 14:22-33**

P The holy gospel according to Matthew

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

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell**

## Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;  
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
 nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,  
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,  
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 to save your soul from death and hell.  
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**C I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage. I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.**

**I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey. I believe in a God who knows my name.**

**I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid. 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

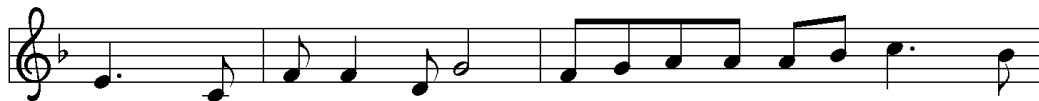
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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  
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## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

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

## **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION**

### **Monday, February 26**

12:00 pm      Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

### **Tuesday, February 27**

### **Wednesday, February 28**

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

### **Thursday, February 29**

7:30 pm      Al-Anon Meeting

### **Friday, March 1**

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

### **Saturday, March 2**

### **Sunday, March 3**

9:30 am      Worship, Holy Communion

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 Barb Ziemer in celebration of her granddaughter Ashley’s 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.



The Synod Assembly this year is on Saturday, June 1. **1 more volunteers is needed** to attend. It is an all day event located in St. Charles, starting at 8:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm. There is no cost to you. The price of admission increases the longer it takes us to register. If you are interested in attending or have any questions regarding this event, see Alan Miralgio.



We are in the process of updating our RLC 2024 church directories. Please look at your current directory to make sure that your information is correct. If not, call or email the office or fill out a form that is located on the brown table outside the sanctuary and return to the office.

**Thrivent members—you have until March 31, 2024 to designate your remaining 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars.**



**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, 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.

