

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Serving Our Neighbors  Sharing Our Blessings

**Sunday, March 23, 2025—9:30 AM**

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

***Everything [in] Between: “rest & grow”***

**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.*

## WELCOME

**PRELUDE**            **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley, Robert Farrell**

## CENTERING TIME

*Music will play to center our hearts and mind in prayer and worship.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- P    Worship is a place to rest.  
C    **We breathe deeply here.**  
P    We still our aching bones.  
C    **We sit in the quiet.**  
P    We surround ourselves with music.  
C    **Worship is a place to rest.**  
P    Worship is a place to grow.  
C    **We listen for God’s word.**  
P    We invite it to challenge us.  
C    **We lean in with curiosity.**  
P    We ask questions.  
C    **Worship is a place to grow.**  
P    So come into this space.  
      Come rest and grow here.

- C For where two or more are gathered,  
God is always there.**
- P Let us worship our gracious God.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

- P Friends, we carve out time for confession in worship because it is not enough to hear about God's grace once. We need that reminder again, and again, and again. So join me in speaking the truth of our lives, and join me in receiving God's grace again.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

- P Holy God,  
There are days when we fail to rest.
- C We stretch ourselves too thin. We say "yes" to every invitation.  
We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest.**
- P There are also days when we fail to act.
- C We wait for someone else. We take the easy road.  
We find excuses and justify our inaction.**
- P God, forgive our imbalance.
- C Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly. Show us how to do the same.  
Amen.**

### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

- P Family of faith, I have good news! Our God does not keep score. Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us. No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love. So join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:
- C God's grace is deeper than the ocean. God's love is wider than the sky.  
We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven.  
May this realization change and inspire us.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.**

### **SHARING OF PEACE**

SONG

Lonesome Valley, Henrietta Akin

OPENING HYMN

ELW #611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

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,

**C Your Word is like soil,  
something we can root ourselves in.  
Your Word is like the sun,  
big enough to touch everything with its warmth.  
And your Word is like a gardener,  
a love that prunes and encourages, waters and delights, seeds and tends.  
So as we turn to your text today, warm our bones,  
tend to our broken pieces, and show us how to grow. With hope we pray,  
Amen.**

## FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.

<sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

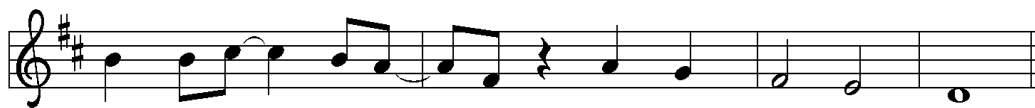
**PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8** (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where  
there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- <sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.
- <sup>4</sup> **So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**
- <sup>5</sup> My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup> **when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- <sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- <sup>8</sup> **My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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



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

## GOSPEL: Luke 13:6-9

P The holy gospel according to Luke

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

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

# Beneath the Soil

WINCHESTER OLD 8.6.8.6

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by George Kirbye, 1592



Be - neath the so - il in the dark there's  
Re - mem - ber when the world de - mands more  
The rest and nur - ture we re - ceive will  
In ev - ery sea - son of our lives the



growth too slow to see A trans - for - ma - tion  
than you can pro - duce We each grow at a  
turn to fruit in time For God made us to  
Spi - rit is at work To nur - ture us to



not dis - played in bran - ches, fruit, and leaves  
diff - erent pace and growth starts at the roots  
grow and change as toward the sky we climb  
bear good fruit while root - ed in the earth

## STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**C** We believe in a God who loves and tends to us like a gardener.  
We believe that like the trees,  
some seasons are for growth, and some seasons are for rest.  
Some days require pruning, and some require planting.  
Fortunately, we believe that our green-thumbed God  
sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit.  
So may we plant roots,  
reach for the sky,  
grow where we can,  
and rest when we need,  
for we believe there is holiness in the pruning and  
in the planting. And we do not grow alone.  
Thanks be to God, amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**—Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for The church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence. Each petition ends:*

**P** God, in your mercy,  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty...we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, 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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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## 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    I Waited for the Lord, Bob Moore (Miniatures)**

## **STATING OUR MISSION**

P Resurrection, what is our mission?

**C Serving Our Neighbors by Sharing Our Blessings!**

## **BENEDICTION**

P As you leave this place,

May you find God in every messy middle.

May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.

May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes.

So may you move through this world with an open heart,

with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains,

in the valleys,

and everywhere in between.

Believe that good news, and go in peace

**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  
11:00 am      Receive and sort Costco donation

## **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION**

### **Monday, March 24**

12:00 pm      Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

### **Tuesday, March 25**

### **Wednesday, March 26**

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

### **Thursday, March 27**

7:30 pm      Al-Anon Meeting

### **Friday, March 28**

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

### **Saturday, March 29**

### **Sunday, March 30**

9:30 am      Worship, Holy Communion, Installation of the 2025 Council members  
11:00 am      Fellowship Hour  
11:00 am      Receive and Sort Costco donation

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 Wayne & Donna Molley in honor of all of the family birthdays.



For the month of March, the food pantry is in need of canned fruit. All donations are very much appreciated!



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

### Let's Celebrate a Milestone!

April 3, 2025, is June Knapp's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! Even if you don't know her, please take a moment and send her a card to the address below. Let's all make her day extra special!

Mrs. June Knapp  
Alexian Village  
975 Martha Street, Room 330  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007



**PRAY FOR MEMBERS:** Shari J, Rita V, Judy H, Russ S, Sue S, Janet C, Lindsay, Valentina, Virginia S, June K and family, Janet G, and Donna T.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS:** Dean M, Sabrina, Lenny, Winnie Z, Rene V, Terry, Darlene M, Ronnie W, Anita, Joan P, Joyce F, Pastor Finney, Leena, Jacque, Diane L, Marilyn R, Ed V, Emily F, Curtis, Allen, Nancy, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Sophia, Marina, John B, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K, Lynn, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Elaine R, Linda B and Scott B.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** 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. **The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, April 6.**

PLEASE ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ Easter plant (s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily \$20.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth \$16.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \$16.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

of: \_\_\_\_\_

