

# 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  Sharing Our Blessings

**Sunday, April 7, 2024—9:30 AM**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Wandering Heart: “Here’s my heart”**

**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 Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ’s presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

## **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 Jesus said,

C **“Follow me.”**

P Jesus said,

C **“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”**

P Jesus said,

C **“Forgive seventy times seven.”**

P Jesus said,

C **“Feed my sheep.”**

P In response, we say:

C **“Here’s my heart.**

**Take and seal it.**

**Seal it for thy courts above.”<sup>2</sup>**

P Let us worship God with all our hearts.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

P For the last seven weeks we have been following the life and faith of Peter. Despite being one of Jesus’ most loyal disciples, Peter still made mistakes. He was faithful and messy, humble and afraid, loving and cautious.

Friends, we’re a lot like Peter.

Despite our faith, we make mistakes.

Despite our belief, we carry unbelief.

Despite our love, we can cause hurt.

So like Peter, let us return to God in prayer, confessing the truth of our lives.

God’s grace does not stop with that humble yet fearful disciple.

God’s grace reaches all the way to us. Let us pray:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C **Gracious God,**

**Like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink.**

**You tell us your truth and we push it away.**

**We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.**

**We profess our faith and deny it three times.**

**We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.**

**Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith.**

**Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination.**

**Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble hearts we pray, amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P Friends, the first time that Peter saw Jesus after the crucifixion, Jesus asked him three times, “Do you love me?” This repetition was not because Jesus doubted Peter’s word. This repetition was Jesus offering Peter grace.

You see, the last time Jesus and Peter were together, Peter said three times, “I do not know that man.” So when Jesus returned, he asked Peter, “Do you love me?” And in that moment, he allowed Peter to turn his denials into love.

Friends, the grace of our God knows no end. When we stumble, when we fall, when we deny God or cause harm, Jesus meets us where we are and offers us a second chance. So rest in this good news. Does God love you? Yes, yes, yes. God loves you.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love that never ends.

C **Amen!**

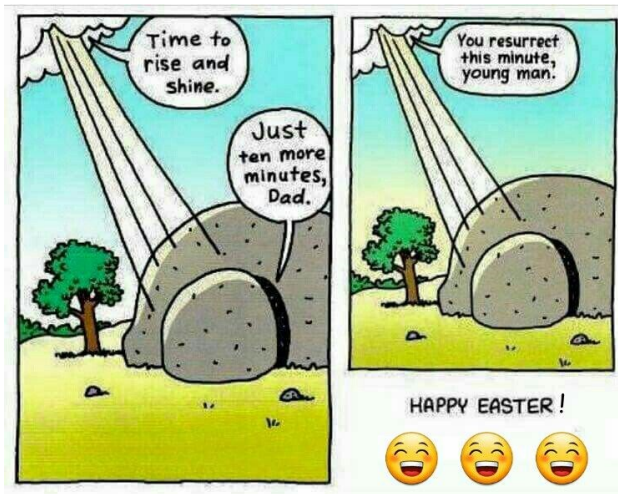
## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

## STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

**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.**

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory.

*Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

*Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high-  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

P God of second chances and God of new life,  
we have spent our days wandering.  
Like Peter, we have had milled about  
through nearly every state of faith.  
We have had courageous days  
and convicted days,  
learning days  
and questioning days.  
We have had days where we run to you,  
days for diving out of the boat,  
days for deep joy,  
and days where the pain of the world feels too close to bear.  
So as we bring our wandering hearts to you,  
we ask that you draw us in.  
Allow this story to spark something new in us.  
Allow this story of grace to give us pause  
and pull us in.  
We are listening.

**C Amen**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 133 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas- | ant it is,  
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-<sup>1</sup> on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar<sup>1</sup> of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the<sup>1</sup> hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for-<sup>1</sup> evermore.

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**L** The word of the Lord.

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

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

P The holy gospel according to John

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

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three



of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell



## Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:  
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing  
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**C We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—  
surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.**

**We believe in a God who cares for God’s people—  
a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.**

**We believe in a God who took on flesh—  
a God whose love changed the world as we know it.**

**We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat,  
calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service and  
community.**

**And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**—Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence. Each petition ends:*

**P** God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**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 **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

## 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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The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P One of the first things Jesus did after the resurrection was feed his disciples...  
...For this is the joyful feast for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P God of second chances, God of grace, meet us here...

...With wandering but grateful hearts, we pray the words your son taught us to pray, saying:

## 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



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 Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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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Oboist: Wayne Ryerson

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## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

9:30 am      Worship, Holy Communion

## **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION**

### Monday, April 8

12:00 pm      Food Pantry & Clothing Closet  
6:00 pm      Council Meeting

### Tuesday, April 9

### Wednesday, April 10

1:00 pm      Midday Service  
2:00 pm      Bible Study  
7:30 pm      Evening Service

### Thursday, April 11

7:30 pm      Al-Anon Meeting

### Friday, April 12

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

### Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm      80th Anniversary Dinner

### Sunday, April 14

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](http://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 honor of her grandson Joshua's 16th birthday.



In April we are asking for donations of macaroni and cheese, but any and all donations are always appreciated!.



**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:** Joan P, Joyce F, 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, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Elaine R, Linda B and Scott B.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Josiah G and Mike B.

## **GREETING**

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**C** **And also with you.**