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Serving Our Neighbors  Sharing Our Blessings

Sunday, March 9, 2025—9:30 AM

The First Sunday of Lent

Everything [in] Between: “**stranger & neighbor**”

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 **Wonderous Love, Robert Farrell**

CENTERING TIME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

C **Who is my neighbor? How can I help?**

What do I have to learn?

Where is God in it all?

P Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

C **So may we listen. May we learn.**

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

P This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P Our faith tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, but you and I know that is often easier said than done.

Fortunately for us, prayer can be a tool for transformation.

When we are honest before God and each other, we open the door to growth and change.

So join me in the prayer of confession.

Join me now, so that tomorrow, we will be even better at loving our neighbors as ourselves. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P Family of faith,

When we set limits on love,

C God loves extravagantly.

P When we forget that we are neighbors,

C God claims us as God's own.

P When we judge, hold back, or harm,

C God surrounds us with grace.

P There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.

C This is the good news of the gospel. 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

Wonderous Love, Henrietta Atkin

Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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 Gracious God,

We love to ask you questions.

We love to throw our wonderings at the sky, to bring our curiosity to your feet, to examine, beseech, and imagine all day long. But when the answers come, we don't always like what we hear. Awaken a curiosity in us.

Awaken a penchant for listening,

and make room in our spirits for your Word to land. With hope we question, we wonder, we dream, we listen.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹ When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (read responsively)

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

² **you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust."**

⁹ Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

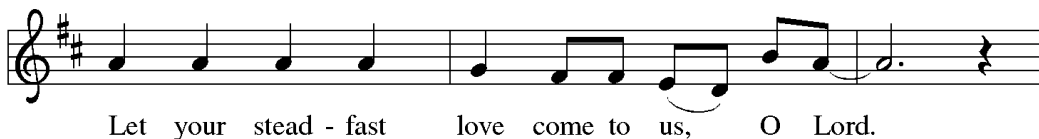
¹⁰ **no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge | over you,

- to guard you in | all your ways.
¹² **Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**
¹³ You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
¹⁴ **I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
¹⁵ They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
¹⁶ **With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

P The holy gospel according to Luke

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

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority;

for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

HYMN OF THE DAY

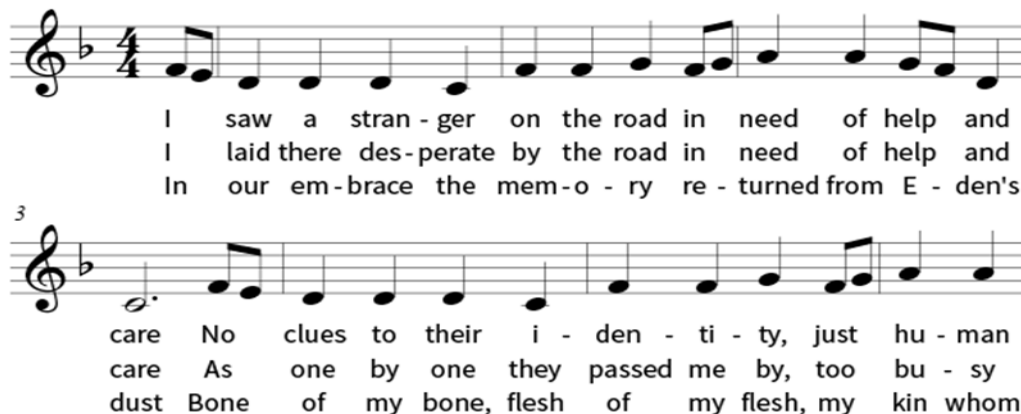
ELW #321

I Saw a Stranger

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Music: English trad., arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906



I saw a stran - ger on the road in need of help and
I laid there des - perate by the road in need of help and
In our em - brace the mem - o - ry re - turned from E - den's
3
care No clues to their i - den - ti - ty, just hu - man
care As one by one they passed me by, too bu - sy
dust Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, my kin whom



flesh laid bare A thought had flut - tered through my
or too scared Then one ap - proached and my first
I can trust The ar - ti - fi - cial walls we



mind: "Is this one of my own?" My tri - bal mind
thought was "Do they mean me harm?" To my sur - prise
build a - round the tribes we claim Make us for - get



made me for - get that they're bone of my bone
they met my eyes and held me in their arms
the gos - pel truth: "Be - lo - ved" is your name

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P Church, if God asked you, "Who is your neighbor?" what would you say?

C We would say,

every child, every person, every weeping willow,
and every morning lark.

Every freckled face,

every wrinkled pair of hands, every tail-wagging dog,
and every crisp ripe apple. We would say,

we are connected—

to one another, to all of God's creation. There are no strangers in God's house.

We are all family here.

- P I think God would delight in that answer. For it is said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
C **with all your soul,**
with all your strength,
C **with all your mind,**
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
C **We believe. Help our unbelief. 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.**

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 How Great Is Your Name, 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.**

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
11:00 am	Receive and sort Costco donation

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

Wednesday, March 12

1:00 pm	Lent Service
2:00 pm	Bible Study
3:30 pm	Outreach Meeting
6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	Lent Service

Thursday, March 13

7:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
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Friday, March 14

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

9:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion
11:00 am	Receive and Sort Costco donation

Online services are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live), YouTube (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) 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).



The flowers today are from Sue Koevenig in honor of her granddaughter Jacqueline's 17th birthday.



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 100th 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.

