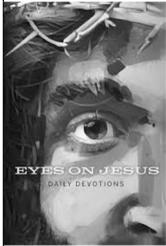


EYES ON JESUS



O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? In most cases, people misunderstood who He is and what He was doing. In some cases, by faith, people recognized Him aright. Our Lenten series this year, based on the Gospel according to St. Mark, will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him. We will “fix our eyes” on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death, and celebrate what God sees on account of His work:

our justification for His sake.

Eyes on Jesus will continuously focus our eyes on Jesus Christ and Him crucified, buried, and risen for our justification. This is a vision that will never disappoint, for by trusting in Jesus, He promises that we will gaze upon His beautiful face now by faith and forever in heaven!

Evening services are at 7:00 pm. Please join us before our Midweek services for a light supper from 5:30 to 6:30 and a Hymn Sing at 6:45. **There is no meal on Ash Wednesday; however, ashes will be applied beginning at 6:45 (before the service).**

Ash Wednesday, Feb 26 @ 7:00 pm	“Misjudging Eyes”
Wed., Mar 4 @ 7:00 pm	“Betraying Eyes”
Wed., Mar 11 @ 7:00 pm	“Sleepy Eyes”
Wed., Mar 18 @ 7:00 pm	“Denying Eyes”
Wed., Mar 25 @ 7:00 pm	“Murderous Eyes”
Wed., Apr 1 @ 7:00 pm	“Worldly Eyes”
Palm Sunday, Apr 5 @ 8 & 10:45 am	“God’s Eyes”
Maundy Thursday, Apr 9 @ 7:00 pm	“More Than Meets the Eye”
Good Friday, Apr 10 @ 7:00 pm	Tennebrae – Service of Darkness
Easter Sunrise, Apr 12 @ 7:00 am	“Resting Eyes”
Easter Festival, Apr 12 @ 9:30 am	“Angel Eyes”

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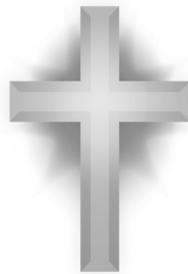
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Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran Church! We're happy you have chosen to worship with us. Please fill out the guestbook in the entryway and the registry as it is passed. If you have any comments, please speak with an Usher or Elder. We are very glad to have you here!

A Brief Statement about Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who have not communed with us before are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. *For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34*



As We Gather

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we consider the disciples. They failed to see that Jesus had to leave them so He could die and rise for them and for us. And they misjudged the selfless, loving act of the woman who anointed Jesus with expensive ointment. He saw it as a beautiful, selfless act of devotion that prepared Him for burial. We need to examine ourselves, lest we seek public approval or divine reward for our good deeds. Only what our Lord has done for us makes us pleasing to the Father.

Distribution Hymns

- 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee
- 608 Lord, to You I Make Confession
- 629 What Is This Bread
- 561 The Tree of Life



Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

- P** Let us pray.

We give thanks, almighty God, for the gift of this Sacrament in which we have beheld Your great love and mercy in the gift of Your Son for our pardon and peace.

- C** **Strengthen us so that we may exhibit in our daily acts of love and piety our faithful response to Your sacrifice for us until we see You in heaven, where we shall gather with all Your saints to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;**

- P** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Benediction

- P** The blessing of almighty God—the Father, who saw mankind's hopeless condition, the ✠ Son, who showed the depth of God's love, and the Holy Spirit, who has opened our eyes of faith in Christ—be upon you now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Address

- P** We have come to Lent again, these forty days in which to prepare for Easter, this period for introspection and contrition. It is a time given to us to struggle against all that would distract us from seeing the sacrifice of Christ in our place, the Good News that He has paid for all our sins once and for all. But through our hearing of the Gospel and receiving of our Lord's body and blood, we have been strengthened for the task. Indeed, in terms of seeing our Savior by faith, we can be sure that by His grace, though we once were blind, now we see. Let us confidently sing "Amazing Grace."

744 Amazing Grace sts. 1-5

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever looks to Him for salvation should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the insight of faith by which we trust that He has redeemed us from all sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may look beyond the bread and wine and faithfully eat and drink our Lord's body and blood, receiving thereby the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PREPARATION

Imposition of Ashes

P Ashes have been a sign of repentance and contrition over the centuries. They are a visible reminder that we are totally dependent on the grace of God, for we are only dust, and to dust we shall return.

Those desiring ashes come forward as directed. As he makes the sign of the cross with the ashes, the pastor reminds the penitent, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The penitent responds, "Amen."

Silence is kept as the ashes are applied. Those in their seats may meditate on Psalm 51 in the hymnal.

Address

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419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession

P Let us heed our Lord's call and go to Him in repentance.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have displayed the same errors of the people who saw our Savior during His sojourn on earth.**

P With the disciples, we have misjudged the good deeds of others and have failed to see that our Lord is pleased with the loving service of His followers.

C **With Judas, we have betrayed our weak faith when making difficult decisions.**

P With the closest disciples, we have preferred physical comfort over spiritual turmoil.

C **With Peter, we have let Sunday's professions fade when Monday morning dawns.**

- P** With the Jewish leaders, we have allowed our personal plans to oppose God’s will.
C **With Pilate, we have let ourselves be deceived by the world’s definition of success.**
- P** With the casual observers, we have not always looked beyond what our eyes can see in the Sacrament.
C **With those at Golgotha, we have, at times, failed to fix our eyes on Jesus, God’s Lamb.**
- P** With Jesus’ followers, we have not always looked beyond what we see in the present moment.
C **With the women at the tomb, we have, at times, let fear keep us from telling our friends about our Lord’s resurrection.**
- C** **Our heavenly Father, forgive us all our sins for Jesus’ sake. Help us fix our eyes on our Savior each day until we follow Him to our eternal home, where we shall see You face to face.**

Absolution

- P** The Lord has had pity on us. He sees the weakness of our mortal nature and forgives us for Jesus’ sake. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
- Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
C **Create in us new and contrite hearts that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

- P** My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. *Psalm 25:15*
 For all who struggle with unemployment or underemployment, with poor living conditions or displacement from home, with personal demons or ill health, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Behold their turmoil, Lord Jesus, and grant them relief and hope.**
- P** His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. *Psalm 97:4*
 For all people in authority over communities and countries, all whose decisions affect the climate of the planet and the health of its inhabitants, and all who are charged to maintain justice within their borders and peace among nations, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Gaze upon Your servants, O Lord; protect and guide them that they may serve with wisdom, compassion, and courage.**
- P** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord. *Psalm 121:1–2a*
 For all who serve the Lord as they care for others—medical personnel and first responders, counselors and advisers, friends and neighbors, professionals and volunteers—let us pray to the Lord.
C **Observe how they use the gifts You have given them, O Holy Spirit, and open doors of opportunity for them so that many may rejoice together.**
- P** Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings. *Psalm 17:8*
 For the Church around the world, as clergy and lay leaders seek to proclaim the Gospel and faithfully endeavor to share their faith, especially in the face of persecution, let us pray to the Lord.
C **See their struggle, O Holy Spirit, and give them strength to persevere and grow.**
- P** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! *Psalm 34:8*
 For the Church, wherever it gathers around Word and Sacrament, relying on God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, and looking forward to the fulfillment of all His gracious promises, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Watch over Your Church, Lord Jesus; protect and defend us until that day we see You face to face.**
- P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

We share the Lord’s peace with the words “Peace be with you,” acknowledging that we are at peace with all who come to the Table of the Lord.

Offering

Epistle

2 Peter 1:2-11

- P** Paul encourages us to confirm our calling and election to the kingdom of God by practicing Christian virtues in our daily living.

A reading from the first chapter of Second Peter.

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **O Lord, have mercy.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.
²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .
¹⁶“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen

by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Passion

Mark 14:1-9

- P** When a woman anoints Jesus, the disciples misjudge her motives, but Jesus says she did a beautiful thing, preparing Him for burial.

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the 14th chapter.

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest [Jesus] by stealth and kill him, for they said,

- C** **Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.**
P And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over His head. There were some who said to themselves indignantly,
C **Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.**
P And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to Me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have Me. She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **O Lord have mercy.**

Children’s Message