

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran

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First Sunday in Lent

In Christ the Cornerstone...Living His Word, Sharing His Love



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AS WE GATHER -

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back” (Hebrews 11:17-19). The writer to the Hebrews makes such a beautiful statement about something that must have been literally gut-wrenching for Abraham. Losing a loved one is hard. Losing a child is incredibly hard. But being asked to sacrifice your one and only son? It seems unfathomable. Yet, this presents a poignant truth for us—when everything looks so wrong, God provides by keeping His promises for us and by being with us.

OPENING HYMN: 657 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

sts. 1-4



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

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P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Introit

- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
C I will rescue him and honor him.

- P** With long life I will satisfy him
C and show him my salvation.

- P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
C the Most High, who is my refuge—

- P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
C no plague come near your tent.

- P** For he will command his angels concerning you
C to guard you in all your ways.

- P** On their hands they will bear you up,
C lest you strike your foot against a stone.

- P** You will tread on the lion and the adder;
C the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
C I will rescue him and honor him.

- P** With long life I will satisfy him
C and show him my salvation.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

The Sacrifice of Isaac

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and



went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”



The Temptation of Jesus

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sermon Hymn: 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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Sermon

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering/Hymn : 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Lord to remember us according to His steadfast love and goodness in Christ and to instruct and lead us by His Spirit in His ways, that we may repent and believe the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Lord who placed the wood of the cross on the back of His only begotten Son to bless His Church and all those called to preach and teach with the certainty that the gates of hell, which Christ possessed through His death, cannot prevail against them; and for bold faith to trample every power of the enemy underfoot, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P To the Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes, that He would keep us from being enticed by our own desires to misuse His gifts in sin; for His help to use them rightly in service to Him and our neighbor; and for Him to bless _____ and all our leaders, that we may be governed wisely and justly for the good of this present generation and all those to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home, that God would preserve them from the assaults of the evil one and, as Christ overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, give us the victory through Him and His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P To the Most High, who is our refuge in every trouble and has promised to hear us when we call to Him, that He would command His angels to guard our brothers and sisters [*especially* _____] and all those who suffer in our midst, and keep them from every evil that can befall the body, mind and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who commune, since the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand as His beloved Son comes to us here at the altar, that God would grant us by His Spirit to receive Christ in repentance and believe the Gospel proclaimed to us in His body given and His blood shed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for those before us whom God brought forth by the Word of truth and who now live and reign in His presence with His Son; and that the Lord would bring us to full maturity by this same Word, which brought us forth in Baptism, that we, too, may be gathered with them to His Son on the glorious harvest of the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

- ❑ 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.



+ Service of the Sacrament +

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

Musical notation for the first part of the preface, consisting of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F4, E4. The bass staff has a accompaniment of quarter notes: G3, B2, D3, E3, F3, G3. The lyrics 'And with thy spir - it.' are written below the treble staff.

P Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Musical notation for the second part of the preface, consisting of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F4, E4. The bass staff has a accompaniment of quarter notes: G3, B2, D3, E3, F3, G3. The lyrics 'We lift them up un - to the Lord.' are written below the treble staff.

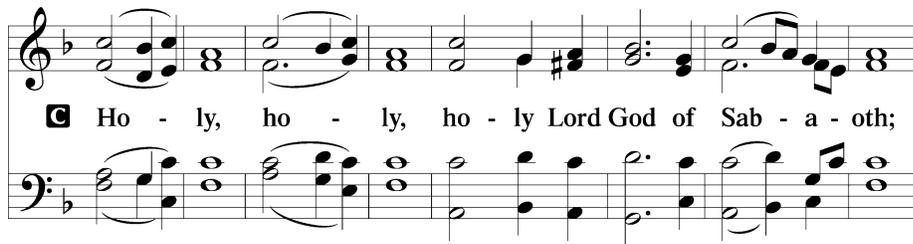
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

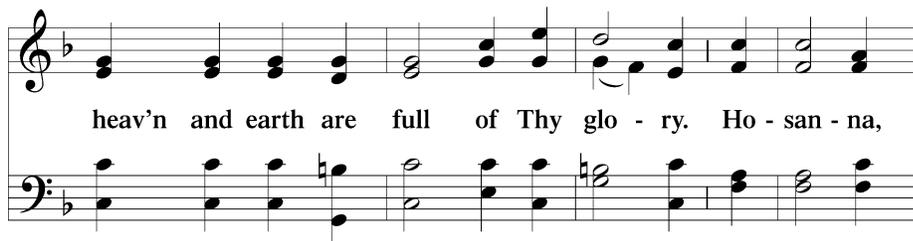
Musical notation for the third part of the preface, consisting of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F4, E4. The bass staff has a accompaniment of quarter notes: G3, B2, D3, E3, F3, G3. The lyrics 'It is meet and right so to do.' are written below the treble staff.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



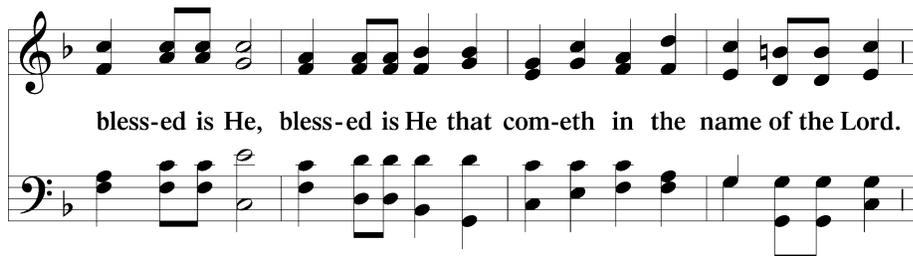
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

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."

Pax Domini

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

Musical notation for the Pax Domini. It consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef and the bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: **A** - - - - - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It consists of five systems of two staves each, treble and bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef and the bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: **O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. **O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. **O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. **A** - - - - - men.

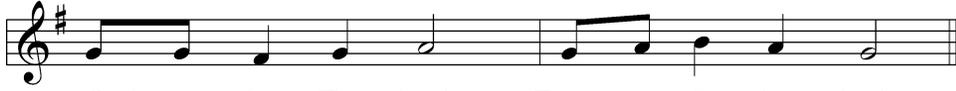
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 727 On Eagles' Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

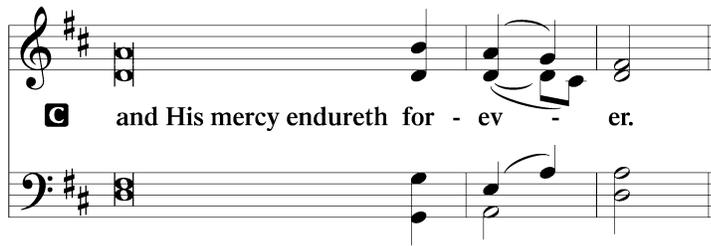
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



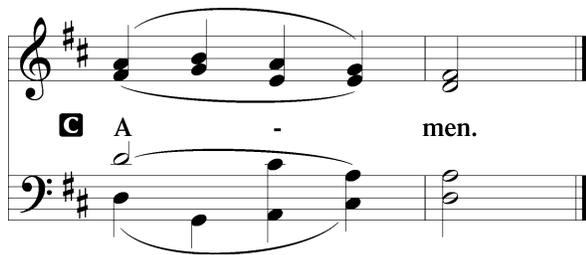
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus/Benediction

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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Service & Stewardship

Worship Services	Feb 21	WED LENT Feb 24	Feb 28	
Counters	Jim Geraets Michelle Geraets		Jim Geraets Michelle Geraets	
Elders (Com Srvc)	Tobey Eich Kent Muller		Quint Dooley Kent Paulson	
Acolytes	EARLY Brody Muchow Zia Pierson	LATE Zane Meyer	EARLY Katie Wald	LATE Micah Sperle
Accompanist	Darcy Muller		Julie Baumann	

Mark 1:13 - "And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him." God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father's provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

Offering Statistics	14-Feb	YTD
Received	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 25,966.00
Budgeted	\$ 5,807.69	\$ 34,846.14
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (3,946.69)	\$ (14,687.83)

Prayer Requests

(Health and Healing will run two-weeks unless you extend)

Health & Healing	Serving in the Military
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For all those who are currently dealing with COVID - Kent Muller - Jesse Neyens - Isaac Baumann - Gloria Baumann - ALS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seth Bolon - Michael Dolly - Caitlyn Glover - Isaiah Sperle
Ministry	His Ark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resurrection Lutheran Church - His Ark CCDC - Come and See - Dayspring - SF Lutheran School 	Fern & Tristan; parent Kate Ty, Quinn, Blake; parents Jessie & Jordan Dawson; parent Kaley STAFF: Sally Rusk

Thank You for your part in the fundraiser for my brother! We sold over 600 cupcakes and raised more than \$1,500! God is good... -Sarah Kehn



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

CALENDAR		
Sunday (today)	8:00 am LIVE 9:30 am LIVE/ONLINE 10:45 am LIVE/ONLINE	Worship (1 & 3 w/Communion) Adult Bible Class - Leviticus Worship (2 & 4 w/Communion)
Monday	5:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm	1 st Tues: Elders 2 nd Tues: His Ark BOD
Wednesday	3:45 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	His Ark Chapel, School Age Choir (join us...please!) Hymn Sing Lenten Service "Return to the Lord"

- During COVID - if you desire to receive the Lord's Supper, but are uncomfortable being in larger groups, please contact Pastor Ascher or the church office to set up alternate communion options...

- FUNDRAISER for His Ark -- Eileen's Colossal Cookie Dough. Taking orders from now through March 5th. Pick up at church will be after March 22.



\$15 for 3 pounds in all those yummy flavors!

Chocolate Chip; Monster; Snickerdoodle; M&M; Oatmeal Raisin; Peanut Butter; Sugar.
Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Have your dough before Easter!



Main Street Living - (www.mainstreetliving.com)

DATE	WATCH "This is the Life" @ 10 am	LISTEN Sioux Falls KDLT @ 10:30 am
2/21	"The Day We Lost Ella Mae."	Rev. Micah Bauer, pastor at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD. The sermon is based on Genesis 22:8 and tells us "Abraham Wasn't Lying."
2/28	"Out of Bondage" examines the Christian approach to alcoholism.	Rev. Jonah Domenichelli of Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Tea, SD bases the message on Mark 8:27-38. The message is called "The Truth of His Gospel."

Lutheran School

- SCRIP orders are back in operation at SFLS Association Congregations and Zion Lutheran Church. Please visit www.siouxfallslutheran.com/scrrip.
 - New to SCRIP: Get physical gift cards delivered right to your door by shopping through the RaiseRight app! Learn more online. You must call the school 605.335-1923 to obtain a code.

CELEBRATIONS: February & March

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Celebrating	Date
Brian and Heather Crosby	11 years	18-Feb

FEBRUARY Birthdays

First	Last	Birthday
Rebecca	Ascher	1-Feb
Lincoln	Kielty	3-Feb
Zane	Meyer	4-Feb
Mark	Hitzemann	5-Feb
Sarah	Adamson	8-Feb
Joshua	Baumann	9-Feb
Julie	Baumann	9-Feb
Miriam (M)	Keiser	11-Feb
Celeste	Saylor	11-Feb
James	Jurrens	13-Feb
Elias	Baumann	18-Feb
Sue	Baumann	18-Feb
Caleb	Christiansen	18-Feb
Caleb	Paulson	18-Feb
Mark	Ham	19-Feb
Dennis	Brooks	21-Feb
Adam	Schreier	21-Feb
Carol	Buckneber	24-Feb
Kip	Steinberg	24-Feb
Steph	Muchow	28-Feb

MARCH Birthdays

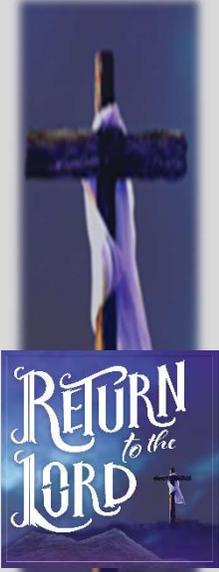
First	Last	Birthday
Theresa	Dennis	1-Mar
Kim	Hoffman	1-Mar
Brittany	Jacobsen	4-Mar
Maranda	Meyer	5-Mar
William	Adamson	8-Mar
Darla	Bierwagen	9-Mar
Jeffrey	Trainer	11-Mar
Caden	Barta	13-Mar
Evelyn	Baumann	14-Mar
Erik	Gerlach	15-Mar
Emily	Kehn	15-Mar
William	Douglass	16-Mar
Cory	Ahrendt	18-Mar
Michael	Dennis	18-Mar
Reyna	Jacobsen	19-Mar
Janice	Jundt	20-Mar
Ethan	Olson	21-Mar
Patrick	Bartel	22-Mar
Jacob	Hoffman	22-Mar
Lucas	Hoffman	22-Mar
Edmond	Mbanda	23-Mar
Shelby	Glover	24-Mar
Marissa	Dooley	26-Mar
Dylan	Meyer	27-Mar
Noah	Christiansen	28-Mar
Roslyn	Neyens	28-Mar
Landon	Dunker	29-Mar
Wilbur	Kalb	30-Mar
Jeremy	Eich	31-Mar
Eugene	Limmer	31-Mar

~ Return to the Lord ~

In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel’s prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord:

“Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster” (Joel 2:13). God’s invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares.

During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme “Return to the Lord” and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God’s grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God’s wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to “turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him” (Joel 2:14).

	FEB 17 7 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY “A Call to Return”	
	Feb 24 7 pm	LENT 1 “Return to Prayer ” Peter, James, & John/Gethsemane	
	MAR 3 7 pm	LENT 2 “Return from Betrayal ” Judas	
	MAR 10 7 pm	LENT 3 “Return from False Witness ” Caiaphas and the Council	
	MAR 17 7 pm	LENT 4 “Return from Denial ” Peter	
	MAR 24 7 pm	LENT 5 “Return to the Kingdom of God ” Pontius Pilate	
	APR 1 7 pm	MAUNDY THUR “Return to the Table ” Jesus’ invitation (First Communion)	
	APR 2 7 pm	GOOD FRIDAY “Return to the Cross ” 7 Last Words	
	APR 4 7 am	EASTER SUNRISE “Return to the Church ” What was accomplished	
	APR 4 930 am	EASTER FESTIVAL “Return and See ” Christ is risen	

Feb 24, 2021

This sermon focuses our attention on Peter, James, and John in the Garden of Gethsemane and explores the topic of prayer. God commands us to pray, but we seldom do a very good job of it. Through the apostle Paul, we are exhorted to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17), and yet none of us manages actually to do so. Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus to the garden, where He prays. His command to them is actually a little softer; it is not that they are to pray, but only that they “watch with Me” (Matthew 26:38), while He does the praying. They are unable to do even that, and they doze off. This time the command is that they “watch and pray.” And so it goes. Our prayer life ebbs and flows; we have seasons of abundant prayer and seasons of drought. Throughout all of it, though, Jesus prays consistently. Indeed, “the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words” (Romans 8:26). When God calls us to pray, He provides the means to do so and even fulfills what we ourselves are unable to do. So also Jesus takes our sins upon Himself and dies on the cross, satisfying the wrath of God and fulfilling what we ourselves are unable to do.