



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

*Congregational responses are printed in **Bold Type**.*

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran Church where different people come together for the shared purpose of worshiping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.

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Call to Worship

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves *all* of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

Gathering Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross ELW 335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

Noisy Offering:

February was a short month so the Noisy Offering is today and the money will go to Feeding America.

Continued Book Study

Please join us for an ongoing bible study on the book, “Life Together” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 PM. The remaining dates are March 24, April 7 and April 21.

Final Vote for the House:

The final vote for the house will take place today, immediately after worship.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Dismissal

Go in peace to live and share the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

This Week at a Glance

Monday-Wednesday Office Hours	9:00 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday	
Quilters	9:00 am
Wednesday	
Confirmation	5:00-6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm
Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Sunday Worship Service	9:30 am

Upcoming Events

Assisting with Worship	3/1/2026	3/8/2026
Usher	Jim Gatske	Jim Gatske
Communion Deacon	Carol Borremans	Cathy Morgans
Counters	John & Jodi Koch	John & Jodi Koch
Lector	Pete Peterson	Jim Gatske
Altar Guild	Sandy Krakow & Jean Halloran	Sandy Krakow & Jean Halloran
Fellowship	Open	Open

Call to Confession

Family of faith,
we long to love others as God loves us,
but that work is easier said than done.

We lose our way.

We become distracted.

We grow fearful.

We *need* God's grace.

Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given.

So join me in the Prayer of Confession.

Join me in being transformed.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?

Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.**

But we must admit, we have a long way to go.

**Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage
to try again.**

With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

Words of forgiveness

Faith family, even when we act with judgment,
even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back
on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us.
So join me in this good-news declaration:

We are seen.

We are forgiven.

We are invited to try again.

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

Prayer of the Day

Good news God,
speak louder than the news updates.
Speak louder than our mental distractions.
Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear.

God, speak loudly to us today,
because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope
we pray. **Amen.**

Word

The good news of the gospel is alive in the world,
so go forth speaking.
For if you won't, then who will?
Thanks be to God
for this good, *good* news. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Blessed Assurance ELW 320

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Welcome to the Table

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak this good news.
For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises,
and nonviolence that transforms.

Gospel Acclamation p. 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospels

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 7: 36-50
and Matthew 25: 35-40

Glory to you O God.

Luke 7: 36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him,

“Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.”⁴¹ “A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.”⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?”⁴³ Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.”⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.”⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet.⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.”⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.”⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Matthew 25: 35-40

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?’³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’⁴⁰

Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this and remember me.

In the same way after supper, which is to say, with those same incredibly imperfect and fallible people there, His closest friends, the ones who knew him the best, the ones who had watched him heal, heard him teach and yet would doubt, deny and betray him. In the same way, among those same flawed and forgiven people, with their fear and confusion on full display. In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup and he gave thanks. He gave it to his friends, (his deeply loved, fully human friends), each of them in turn, saying:

Drink. This cup is poured out for you and for all people. It is the promise of God. Drink it and remember me.

We remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break the bread and share the one cup.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Please rise in body or in spirit.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

On the night in which he was betrayed
Which is to say, on the night before he was sentenced to death by
those who didn't like him challenging their power and disturbing
their status quo,

Which is to say, on the night before he was subjected to an unjust
trial, torture and humiliation, on that night, with the heart of God
on full display, as feet were washed, a meal was shared and
encouragement to carry on ministry was given. On that night,
Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and shared it among
them saying:

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did
it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you
did it to me.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you,**

O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Melissa Pagel

*Hymn of the Day By Grace We Have Been Saved W & P Pg.
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By Grace We Have Been Saved

1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -

not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the

what they heard and not by what they saw.
filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain

Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!

Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

Text: Rusty Edwards, stanzas; Frederick Whitfield, refrain
Music: OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS, North American traditional

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Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.
It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,**

**so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart
aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of
reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who
cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him.
I remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let
us pray for the world and its needs.

Response: Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength
and salvation. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Choir Behold the Lamb Larsen

Offering

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.