



# *Resurrection Lutheran Church*

*To Live & Share the Love of Christ*

Pastor Melissa Pagel

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*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*

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

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## ***To Live & Share the Love of Christ***

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**

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert,  
water turned into wine,  
love after loss,  
forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive,  
hope for the hopeless,  
mourning turned to dancing,  
and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in.  
There's no time to waste!  
This surprising good news is here for you.  
**Let us worship this good-news God.**

**Gathering Hymn** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me ELW 325*

**I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

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.**

### **Call to Confession**

You may have heard, “All is fair in love and war,”

or “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

But God says, “Forgive seventy times seven.”

God says, “I am slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

God says, “Turn the other cheek.”

God’s mercy catches us by surprise.

So with wonder and gratitude, let us go to God in prayer.

Let us be surprised by God’s grace all over again.

Friends, let us pray:

### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God,

**somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious.**

**We have to pray on our knees without ceasing.**

**We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies.**

**We have to check our wiggles *and* our questions at the door.**

**But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed.**

**You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant.**

**And all of a sudden, we wonder:**

**Can we be like that mustard seed?**

**Can we be faithful and unruly?**

**Can we be playful and curious?**

**Can we be messy and still be yours?  
We know the answer already.  
The Spirit whispers: *of course, of course, of course.*  
Forgive our doubt.  
Pull us closer into your embrace.  
With faith like a mustard seed, we pray. Amen.**

**Words of forgiveness**

God's grace is wild and unruly.  
God's mercy is abundant and surprising.  
God's love is expansive and unending.  
So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?"  
the answer is and always will be:  
*of course, of course, of course.*  
This is the good news of the gospel.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy One,  
it is easy to see the mustard plant and forget to marvel at the  
seed. It is easy to taste good wine and not appreciate it.  
It is easy to miss the holy that is in our midst.  
So as we turn to your text today, we pray,  
surprise us. Speak to us. Move through us.  
Draw us closer to your good news.  
We wait with bated breath. **Amen**

**Word**

**Treasurer's Snapshot for January by Debbie La Plante:**

Total Income:	\$65,341.36
Operating Income:	\$60,729.25
Food Pantry/Noisy Offering:	\$4,612.11
January Expenses:	\$13,916.44
Checking: 1/31/2026:	\$120,812.57
Savings: 1/31/2026:	\$62,171.64
(Includes Certificates of Deposits totaling \$80,000)	

Mark your calendars for the remaining dates: March 10, March 24 and April 7.

**Final Vote for the House:**

The final vote for the house will take place on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars to attend. It will take place immediately after worship. Please feel free to add any comments to the pros and cons sheets.

**Crossways ZOOM Call**

Please join Crossways on Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

*What Comes Next in a Generous Life?* Crossways is hosting this webinar as an engaging, informative conversation about how generosity can fit into the bigger picture of your life and beyond.

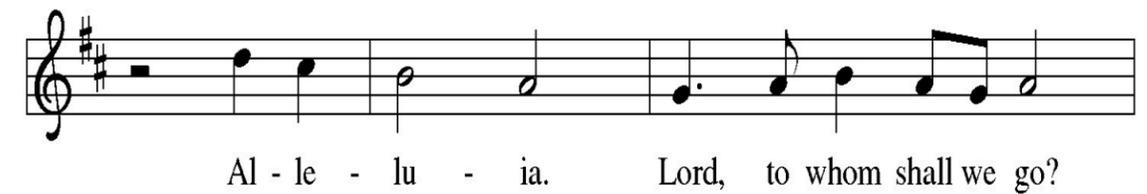
The webinar is led by Sister Marianne Brock, an ELCA Gift Planner, and is designed to be thoughtful, practical, and approachable as it explores tools like estate planning and tax-advantaged giving.

This is an important step in how we are cultivating Legacy Giving at Crossways, with hopes of planting seeds now that will sustain generosity and ministry long into the future.

**You can read more and register here:**

[CrosswaysCamps.org/webinar](http://CrosswaysCamps.org/webinar)

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**The Gospels**

The Holy Gospel according to John 2: 1-11 and Matthew 13: 31-32

**Glory to you O God.**

**John 2: 1-11**

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the

banquet.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

**Matthew 13: 31-32**

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

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

**Sermon**      **Pastor Melissa Pagel**

*Hymn of the Day*    *A Mighty Fortress is our God ELW 504*

**Upcoming Events**

<b>Assisting with Worship</b>	<b>2/22/2026</b>	<b>3/1/2026</b>
Usher	Bob Bishoff	Jim Gatske
Communion Deacon	Bill Hartung	<b>OPEN</b>
Counters	Jim & Judy Gatske	John & Jodi Koch
Lector	No Lector needed	<b>OPEN</b>
Altar Guild	Carol Borremans	Sandy Krakow & Jean Halloran
Fellowship	Hartungs/Kochs/Gatskes	<b>OPEN</b>

**Celebration Reminder:**

Please join us following today’s service to celebrate the marriages of Jim & Judy Gatske, Bill & Kris Hartung and John & Jodi Koch. Thanks to Jim & Judy for providing the altar flowers in honor of this celebration.

**Noisy Offering:**

The Noisy Offering is today and the money will go to Feeding America.

**Continued Book Study**

Please join us for an ongoing bible study every other Tuesday, based on the book, “Life Together” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Tuesday, February 24 at 6 PM. The book is FREE so please contact the church office if you plan on attending.

## 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	
Soup Supper	5:00 pm
Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Thursday	
Brown County. Hunger Coalition	7:30 am-9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service	9:30 am
Noisy Offering	9:30 am

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



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

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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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 Room at the Table Lloyd Larsen**

## Offering

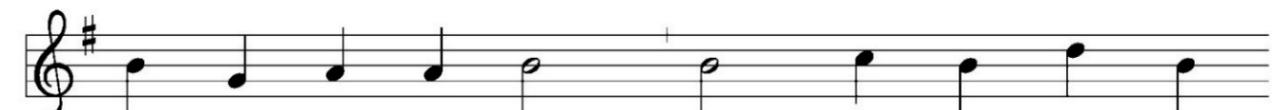
love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises,  
and nonviolence that transforms. The good news of the gospel  
is alive in the world, so go forth speaking.  
For if you won't, then who will? Thanks be to God  
for this good, *good* news. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn The Glory of these 40 Days ELW 320**

### The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **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

### **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.  
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.**

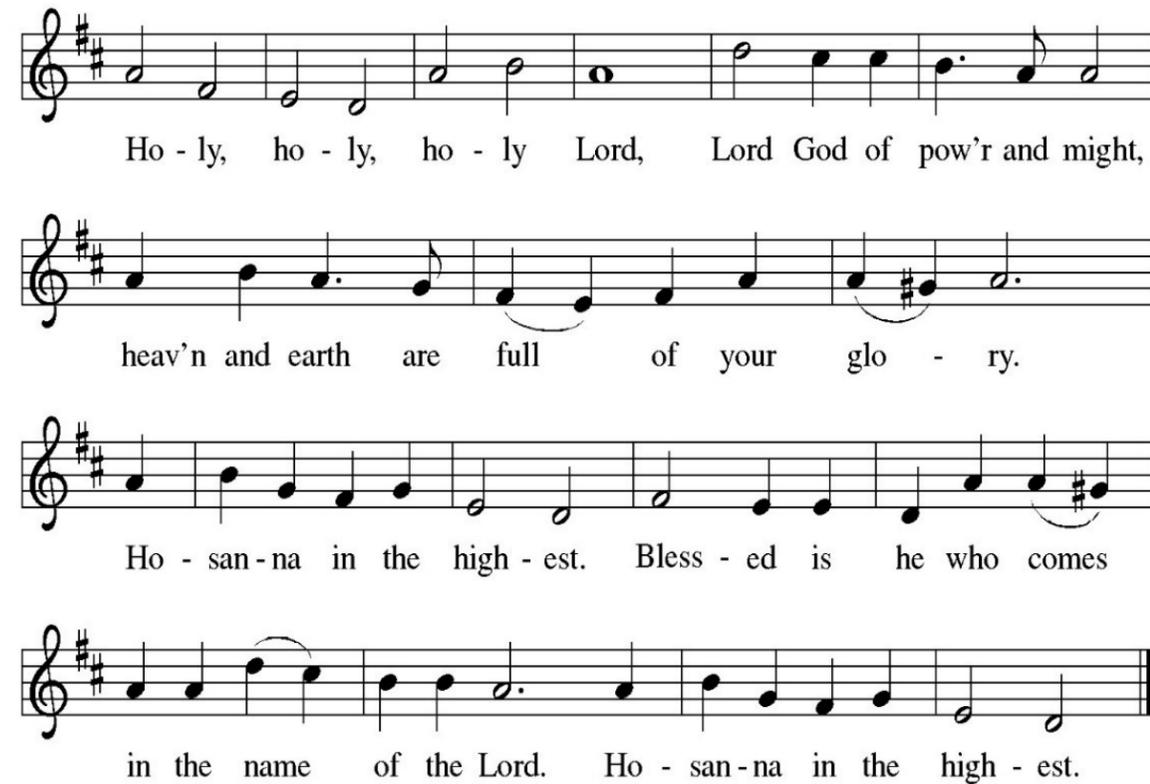
#### **Preface**

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy....

We praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy*

*ELW Pg. 153*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

**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:

**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.**

On the night...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.**