



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Melissa Pagel, Vicar

Sunday, February 18th, 2024, First Sunday in Lent

(Congregational responses are printed in **Bold** type.)

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- **Note: Disposable communion with both elements is available in the narthex for those choosing not to come forward.**

Call to Worship

Come in.

Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries.

Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears.

Relax the tension in your jaw, for Christ is here.

God never stops seeking us.

We have been found.

Let us find God in return.

Let us worship the God of deep waters.

Amen.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore ELW 817*

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

In our scripture passage for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. In the story, Peter is in the presence of the Divine for quite some time before he realizes it. Jesus crawls into Peter's boat. He tells him to head toward deep water. Together, they let the nets down.

And it is only when the boat threatens to sink, due to the extreme abundance of fish, that Peter turns to Jesus and truly sees who's in his boat. Sometimes we miss what's right in front of us. Fortunately, Christ keeps crawling into our boats anyhow. So join me in the prayer of confession, not out of fear, but out of a desire to finally see who's right in front of us. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

You call us by name.

You join us in the deep waters of life.

**You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,
and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.**

**Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised
to find you in our midst.**

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.

Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.

Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.

**Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord
our God, and it is in your name that we pray.**

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy.

And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend.

Church family, hear and believe this good news:

You can make a thousand bad impressions.

You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better.

And even still, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart. That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Creator God,

You hear everything.

You hear the rush of the wind through the trees.

You hear a baby's first cry.

You hear the crickets chirping, our silent prayers, and laughter around tables. You hear it all!

We don't need that same capacity,
but we do need to hear your Word, O God,
for we cannot live on bread alone.

So today we pray: give us the ability to truly listen.

Give us the ability to listen with our hearts,
and may the truths revealed in your scripture today change us.

With hearts full of gratitude we pray.

Amen.

WORD

(Please be seated)

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

**³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

- ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**
- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
- ⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**
- ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**
- ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.
- ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Gospel Acclamation *Return to the Lord* *p 151*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 5:1-11
Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus^[a] was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled

their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" "For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day *Will You Come And Follow Me* **ELW 798**

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in a God of abundance—
**a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

I believe in a God who comforts—
**a God who says, "Do not be afraid;"
a God who joins me in life's deep waters.**

I believe in a God who invites—
a God who says, "Follow me," and, "You will be fishers of people."

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—
**a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by
name. We believe. Help our unbelief.**

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Each Petition ends: God of grace.

Congregation responds: **receive our prayer.**

The Peace

(Please be seated for the offering)

Please offer a word of peace to your neighbor from your seat to maintain safety.

The Offering

Choir Anthem

Lenten Meditation

Althouse

Offering Prayer

(Please stand)

Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

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 right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 would plot against him for challenging their power and disturbing their comfortable life,

Which is to say, on the night *before* he was subjected to a mockery of a trial, tortured and humiliated,

On *that* night, with the heart of God on full display, as feet were washed, a meal was shared and commands to love one another were 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,

In the *same way*, 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 people just like us, among people *flawed and forgiven*, 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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit 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**

Invitation to Communion

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Communion Hymn *We Come to the Hungry Feast* *ELW 479*

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

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

Benediction

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on
your sleeve.

May you look for God in every face.

May you find the courage to get out of the boat,

to run to the tomb,
and to speak of your faith.
And when the world falls apart,
may you hear God's voice deep within,
saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid."
You are called.
You are blessed.
In both your ups and your downs,
you always belong to God.
Go now in peace.
Go trusting that good news.
Amen.

Sending Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child*

ELW 815

Dismissal

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

This Week at a Glance

Monday- Thursday Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday- 9:00am Quilters

Wednesday- 5:00pm Confirmation Lent Worship 6:30pm here

Thursday- Food Pantry 5:30pm-7:30pm

Friday- Office Closed

Sunday- 8:00am Bible Study

Upcoming Events

Reminder: Next Sunday **February 25th** is **Noisy Offering.**

Recipient: Feeding America

Lent Schedule

February 21, 6:30 pm Resurrection

February 28, 6:30 pm Bethel

March 6, 6:30 pm Resurrection

March 13, 6:30 pm Bethel

March 20, 6:30 pm Resurrection

March 28, Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm , Resurrection

March 29, Good Friday, 6:30 pm Resurrection

March 31, EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship

In an abundance of caution, please consider wearing a mask.

Every Thursday at 7:00am we can use help at the Food Pantry to unload the truck.

Also, please let Jean know in the office if you are able to be an intermittent volunteer at the Pantry. This means we will call you when we need you.

There are Easter Flower cards in the narthex to order Lillies or Tulips
Please fill our card and drop in offering plate.

We are looking for individuals who are willing to fill 2 specific pantry spots.

Communications

Volunteer Coordinator

There are job descriptions if you are interested. Neither is difficult.

Bethel Aebleskiver Fest

February 24th 9:00-2:00pm Aebleskiver Fest – Apple Pancakes!

***Reminder: Please send me your reports or articles for the Lifeline by the 22nd**
of each month. Thanks for your help.

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive runs Feb 11th- March 3rd.

There is a box in the narthex for donations.

Assisting us this week, February 18th

Usher: Bob Bishoff

Communion Deacon: Debbie LaPlante

Counters: Jim & Judy Gatske

Lector: Chris Peterson

Altar Guild: Carol Borremans

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Church Council Members

Council President: Carol Borremans

Vice President: Bill Hartung

Secretary: Jodi Koch

Treasurer: Debbie LaPlante

Vicar: Melissa Pagel

Secretary: Jean Kaster

Organist: Adria Cary

Choir Director: Beth Krepline

Financial Secretary: Chris Peterson

Committees

Resource & Finance: Jim Gatske

Education: Debbie LaPlante

Worship & Church Choir: Carol Borremans

Food Pantry: Jodi Koch

Celebration: Craig/Christina Marcin

Church Support & Property: Bill Hartung

Outreach & Wiener Wednesday: Sandy Krakow

Personnel: Carol Borremans Call Committee: John Koch

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