



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Melissa Pagel, Vicar

Sunday, February 25th 2024 The Second Sunday in Lent

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

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

Call to Worship

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,
the courageous and the fearful,
the hungry and the hopeful,
the impatient and the reserved.

God welcomes the young and the old,
the poets and the prophets,
the faithful and the tired,
the curious and the convicted.

Wherever you are on your journey,
wherever your boat is at sea,
there is room for all to gather here.

This is God's house.

Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

Amen.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

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, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits.

Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ.

Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same; it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats.

And here's what I mean:

In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this

prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God.

This is our moment to crawl out of the boat.

So friends, let's be like Peter.

Join me in being courageous.

Join me in truth-telling.

Join me in prayer.

It's time to get our feet wet.

Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

**There are days that threaten to swallow us,
days when the storms of life feel too big.**

**In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,
spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.**

Forgive us for doubting ourselves.

Forgive us for doubting you.

Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.

With hope in our hearts we pray.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith,

You could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter,
or fall to your knees and stay in one place.

No matter what you do,

Christ's love for you is unchanging.

Fearful or brave,

faithful or doubting,

Christ is always walking toward you.

So hear and believe this good news:

God's love is stronger than any storms.

On our best days,

and on our worst days,

we are seen, forgiven, and loved.

God is always walking toward you.

Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God,

There are days where the wind is loud.

There are days where the rain tears through the trees

and the storms of life beg for our attention.

So just as you stilled the wind and the sea, still our wandering hearts.

Quiet our restless minds. Reach out your hand to us and pull us into your Word so that we might hear, really hear, your message to us today. With one foot out of the boat, we pray.

Amen.

WORD

(Please be seated)

Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me^[a]

but heard when I^[b] cried to him.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor^[c] shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.^[d]

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD,

and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ To him,^[e] indeed, shall all who sleep in^[f] the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.^[g]

³⁰ Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord

³¹ and^[h] proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 14:22-33
Glory to you, O Lord.

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[h] for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind,^[h] he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

ELW 763

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: Hear Us, O God.

Congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**

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

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:

Holy, Holy

ELW 144

Words of Institution

In the night 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 *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup ELW 492*

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

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 *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* *ELW 696*

Dismissal

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

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This Week at a Glance

Monday- Thursday Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday- 9:00am Quilters
Tuesday-4:00pm Worship Committee mtg
Wednesday- Lent Worship 6:30pm at Bethel
Thursday- Food Pantry 5:30pm-7:30pm

Thursday- Call Committee 5:00pm
Friday- Office Closed
Sunday- 8:00am Bible Study

Upcoming Events

Lent Schedule

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.

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.

Assisting us this week, February 25th

Usher: Bob Bishoff

Communion Deacon: Sandy Krakow

Counters: Jim & Judy Gatske

Lector: Jodi Koch

Altar Guild: Carol Borremans

Assisting us next week, March 3rd

Usher: Jim Gatske

Communion Deacon: John Koch

Counters: John & Jodi Koch

Lector: Bill Hartung

Altar Guild: Carol Borremans

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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