

Resurrection Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

March 9, 2025



Our Mission Statement

Grounded in the Word, *we Gather* in Grace
Grow in Faith and *Go* with love to change the world!

We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

As such, we uphold the words of the Apostle Paul: "In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) Christ has made us all one. We believe that this oneness extends to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identities, or religious, economic, or political affiliation.

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10:00 Worship
Sunday March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Gather Us In (ELW 532)*

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

Opening Song: *Lead Me, Guide Me (ELW 768)*

Responsive Reading

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ² **will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.’** ⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, ¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.** ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; **I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.** ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. (*Psalm 91:1-16*)

Kyrie (means “Lord, have mercy): *Mercy We Abide in You*

Opening Prayer

O Lord God, as you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land, so guide us now, that through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, we may walk safely in the wilderness of this world filled with and steady in the life you alone can give. We pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen**

Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² **you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.** ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘**A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.**’ ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ **The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;** ⁹ **and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.** ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ **Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.**
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Announcement of the Reading of the Gospel: *Luke 4:1-11*

Gospel Acclamation

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. **He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished.**

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” **Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”**

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ **Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”**

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you, and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” **Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”** When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message and Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering Song

Noisy Offering Donations will go to Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Homily

Song: *On Eagles Wings (ELW 787)*

Prayers of the Church

We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need. Be with all who have occasions of joy. . .

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Be with all in need of healing. . .

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Be with all who grieve. . .

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our country and world. . .
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, your love never fails: you turn the shadows of sorrow, anxiety, and concern into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts so that, confident in your promises, we may be renewed hope and lifted into the joy and peace of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And Also with You.**

Offering

Song: *Restore in Us, O God (ELW 328)*

We pray:

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. From your gifts to us, let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, evermore praising you, and singing:

Holy, Holy (ELW page 153, setting 4)

The Words of Institution

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

Come, meet Christ, the Bread of Life, in this meal

Reception of the Meal

Songs: *Lamb of God (ELW 336)* and *Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup (ELW 492)*

Announcements

Benediction

Christ be with you, Christ before you, Christ behind you.
Christ be in you, Christ beneath you, Christ above you.
Christ be on your right, Christ on your left, Christ where you lie, Christ when
you sit, Christ where you rise.
Christ be in your heart in your walking,
Christ be in your mouth in your speaking.
Amen

Song: *Out in the Wilderness*

Sending

Go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
And all God's People said- **Amen!**

Announcements

Today: 11:45 - Memorial committee meeting, after worship.
12:30 - Food and Fellowship at Mama Stortinis
3:00 - Faith Reflections class

For Lent we will not be putting flowers on the altar, but we will fill the altar with them as we get to the Easter season.

Lent Services start Wednesday! 6:15 for soup, and 7:00 for Lent service. There is a sign up to bring soup and bread in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, at 10:00 am, we will have a work party to clean up and organize the READY room.

Outdoor furniture for the Community Garden

The community garden is looking for an outdoor set of a table and chairs with an umbrella. This will help provide an inviting space for small groups to hold social gatherings in the garden or just respite for the gardeners during the hot summer months. Contact Cindy Niemi at 253-380-9219.

Coming up:

Wednesdays - Lenten soup dinners and Services – March 12, 19, and 26. April 2 and 9.

Soup dinner at 6:15, services starting at 7:00 pm.

March 15 at 10:00 – Work party to clean up READY room

March 23 at 3:00 – Speakers Pr Kevin Bates & Marcia Bates on resilience.

Presentation on resilience from a historical and therapeutic perspective. Kevin is an ELCA Pastor, and historian and Marcia is a mental health therapist.

March 30 – Assemble Homeless bags after service.

We need the following items: Moist Wipes, Bandages, Chapstick, Socks, Travel size tissue packets, Bars (granola/protein), Packs of tuna/chicken (individual snack pack)

Continued prayers:

Barb as she hikes in Columbia. Marie (relative of Lynne's) who is in the hospital on a ventilator. Sylvia Nabben Wilson, a friend of the Sackmanns, recovering from back surgeries. Lynne's friend, Shirley, who is recovering from a brain aneurysm and surgery. Marion (recovering from surgery, and breast cancer). Rick (Friend of the Niemi's who is struggling with addiction). Steve S. Sheila. Bill Orvis (increasing Alzheimer's). Sherri Cashman (Nancy D. sister) for health concerns. Prayers for Geoffrey Olds for colon cancer (The Tucker's nephew).

Sunday, March 9

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online Worship

11:45: Memorial committee meeting

12:30: Food and Fellowship

3:00: Faith Reflections class

Join us for fellowship after worship, all are welcome!

Monday, March 10

9:00 -1:00: Office Hours

9:30: Chimes practice

12:00: Al – anon meeting

Tuesday, March 11

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

11:30: Finance meeting

3:45-4:15: Jump into music lessons

6:00: AA

Wednesday, March 12

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

9:30: Worship team practice

6:15: Soup supper

2:45-3:15: Jump Into music lessons

5-5:30: Jump Into music lessons

7:00: Lent service

Thursday, March 13

10:00: Quilting

3:00: Book study

6:30: Council meeting (Zoom)

Friday, March 14

3:15-5:15: Jump Into Music lessons

Saturday, March 15

10:00: Work Party

Sunday, March 16

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online Fellowship after worship!

1:00: Cards and games

3:00: Faith Reflections class

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