

Resurrection Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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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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Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
10:00 Worship

Welcome

Palm Sunday Reading (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

We pray:

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, you pour out your infinite life to the world. Hold us in the promises given to us in Christ this Holy Week: love present and moving even in suffering; hope present and working even in death. **Amen**

Processional Song: *King of Kings*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

Opening Song: *All Glory, Laud and Honor* (ELW 344)

Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—

Wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; Therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

The Announcement of the Gospel: *Luke 23:1-49*

Gospel Acclamation: *Return to the Lord Your God*

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” ³Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “**You say so.**” ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” ⁵But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² **That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.**

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ **I will therefore have him flogged and release him.**”

Then they all shouted out together, **“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”** ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, **“Crucify, crucify him!”** ²² A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” ²³ **But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.** ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, **“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”**

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ **There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”**

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ **He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ **But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message and Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering Song: *Praise Him, Praise Him*

Noisy offering Donations will go to Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Homily

Song: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 597)*

The Prayers of the Church

We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need. God, move your Spirit among us, that in the week ahead we would tend faithfully and well to the story and promise of your love poured out for us in Christ Jesus, your only Son, our Lord, who remained steadfast in your love to death, even death on a cross.

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

For those who have occasions of joy...

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

For peace throughout the world...

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

For the sick, that they would find healing...

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

For the grieving, that you would give comfort...

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

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

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Offering Song: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 583)

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, Holy

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us,

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

Reception of the Meal

Songs: *Lamb of God (ELW 336); In the Singing (ELW 466)*

Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

Amen

Song: *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

Sending

Traveling Mercies! Go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

And All God's people said- **Amen!**

**Traveling Mercies means Love the journey, God is with you, Come back safe and sound.*

RLC Holy Week



Prayer Vigil

April 11 - 12th
Noon - Noon

*Sign up to be a prayer Host
and/or partner*



Palm Sunday

April 14 - 10:00 Service

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' Triumphant entry to Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

April 17 - 7:00 pm Service

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing.



Good Friday

April 18 - Noon & 7:00 pm

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the stations of Stations of the Cross.



Easter Sunday

9:00 - Breakfast
10:00 - Service
11:30 - Easter Egg Hunt

Hallelujah Christ has risen!