

Resurrection Lutheran Church  
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
March 1, 2026



**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.

***Ancestral Homelands***

"We are gathered at this assembly on the original and ancestral homelands of the Coastal Salish peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. Let us remember the Indigenous peoples and tribal nations who were the first to love, pray, grow, celebrate, cry, drum, dance and sing upon these lands."

10:00 Worship  
March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday in Lent

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Welcome

Gathering Song: *God Loved the World* (ELW 323)

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

Let us confess the things we have done and failed to do that do not reflect the ways of the God of love, mercy, and hope.

Holy God,  
**Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
**Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:  
**Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdainning the living water Christ offers:  
**Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
**Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

**Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the love of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your willfulness and failings are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen**

Opening Song: *Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)*

### Prayer of the Day

You love the whole world, O God; your promise is sure in Christ. Fill us with the same love, and equip and move us to share it.

**Amen**

Kyrie: ACS, setting 11

Reading: *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 **But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.**

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcement of the Gospel: *John 3:1-17*

Gospel Acclamation: *Lenten Verse (ACS, setting 11)*

### Reading of the Gospel

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, **“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.”** 3 Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4 **Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”** 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 **Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”** 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Children’s Message and Noisy Offering

Song: *Jesus Loves Me*

### Homily

Song: *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*

### Confession of Faith

I believe in God, The Holy One Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Holy One Almighty;

He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

### The Prayers of the Church

Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.  
**Amen**

### Sharing of the Peace

#### Offering

Song: *When Peace like a River (ELW 785)*

### 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 our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you O God, through Jesus Christ; who is your light made manifest to all the nations; and so with the church on earth; all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name, and join in their unending hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

### The Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name,**

**Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will 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.**

**Amen**

#### Reception of the Meal

Songs: *Lamb of God; What Wondrous Love Is This (ELW 666)*

### Announcements

## **Blessing**

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:** *Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)*

## **Sending**

Go in peace to serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**  
And All God's people said- **Amen!**

## **Announcements**

Happy Birthday Ivey J! *(As you are able, please remember a donation to the Mission Endowment in honor of your birthday or to honor another's birthday.)*

**Today:** 11:30 – Outreach meeting, 1:00 – Cards and games

**Monday, 7:00** – Prayer tidbits on Zoom. ID: 279 362 6486 Zoom password: Prayer

**Wednesdays:** Lent soup suppers (6:15) and services (7:00). There is a sign-up sheet to bring soup and bread.

**Next Sunday at 12:30** – Food and Fellowship at Mama Stortini's, please sign up.

**March 27, Noon – 10 pm: Prayer Vigil** – Please sign up to be a prayer host or participant (no limit). We are emphasizing “give thanks”, we will be holding a food drive during the vigil, please help fill the food donation box!

**March 28, 1:00** – Memorial service for Wes.

**We are collecting Easter Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt! Donations appreciated!**

**Homeless Bags: We would love help collecting items, assembly will be end of March**

We are collecting supplies for the homeless bags. Anything you can do to help is appreciated. These are the items we need: Moist wipes – Bandages - Chapstick – Socks - Kleenex packets - Bars (granola/protein) - Tuna and chicken packs

**Continued prayers:**

Please keep Dot and the whole family in your prayers with the passing of Wes. Tiffany (Gail's, daughter in law) on her mother's passing and a lesion on her brain. Andrea (friend of Peggy's) dealing with kidney stone. Billy (Peggy's friend) recovering from surgery. Stanette for her health. Steve (Gail's cousin) and family, Steve's wife Vicki passed away. Fred and Sherry V. (friends of the congregation) for healing, comfort and strength. Bud and his wife Vicki (friend of Gail's) Bud is fighting prostate cancer. Kathy G. prayers for health. Holden village. Sylvia (hip surgery, and pain, prayers for healing). Maria (Cindy's mom), for improved health. Kim. Marion. Bill O.

**Sunday, March 1**

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online

11:30: Outreach meeting

1:00: Cards and games

*Join us for fellowship after worship, all are welcome!*

**Monday, March 2**

6:00 – 8:00: Jump into music

7:00: Prayer tidbits on Zoom

**Tuesday, March 3**

9:30: Worship and music meeting

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

6:00: AA

**Wednesday, March 4**

9:30: Worship and music practice

6:15: Soup supper

7:00: Lent Service

**Thursday, March 5**

10:00: Quilting

3:00 – 3:30: Jump into music

**Friday, March 6**- Office closed

4:30-5:00: Jump into music

5:30: NA meeting – building in use

**Saturday, March 7**

**Sunday, March 8**

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online

12:30: Food and Fellowship at Mama Stortini's



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