

Resurrection Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
March 8, 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 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Special music – All Was Not Well*

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 disdain 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: *As The Deer*

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 5:1-11*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 **And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

9 Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11 **But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

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

Announcement of the Gospel: *John 4:5-42*

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

Reading of the Gospel

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 **The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"** 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, **"Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."**

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26 **Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."**

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. **She said to the people, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.**

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word.

42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message and Noisy Offering

Song: *Jesus Loves Me*

Homily

Song: *You Are Mine (ELW 581)*

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

All: Mercy, we abide in you. Stir in us, we pray. Mercy, we abide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

Worship Team: For peace in reigning chaos; for hope, when hope seems afar; for love, where hatred fights fiercely; Move us in your ways.

All: Hm...Stir in us, we pray. Stir in us we pray. Stir in us we pray. Mercy, we abide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

Worship Team: For those who are torn from their families; for those who protest what is cruel; for those who are grieving lost loved ones; Move us in your ways.

All: Hm...Stir in us, we pray. Stir in us we pray. Stir in us we pray.

Mercy, we abide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

Worship Team: For spears to turn into plowshares; for warfare to cease, O God; for victims of bombings and shellings; Move us in your ways.

All: Hm...Stir in us, we pray. Stir in us we pray. Stir in us we pray.

Mercy, we abide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

Worship Team: For justice for those who've been trampled; for care for your earth, we pray; for those who are ill, for the weeping; Move us in your ways.

All: Hm...Stir in us, we pray. Stir in us we pray. Stir in us we pray.

Mercy, we abide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

Other spoken prayers are offered.

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

Amen

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Song: You Are Holy (ELW 525)

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; Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (ELW 334, vs 1, 2, 3, & Lent 3)*

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: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (ELW 719)*

Sending

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

Announcements

Happy Birthday to 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.)

We are collecting items to make Easter baskets for the food bank. We are looking for Easter baskets, Easter grass, small stuffed animals, and small toys. Also, we would candy for the Easter Egg hunt.

Today at 12:30 – Food and Fellowship at Mama Stortini’s

Monday at 7:00: Prayer tidbits on Zoom. ID: 279 362 6486 Zoom password: Prayer

Tuesday, 11:00: Finance meeting

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

Thursday at 6:30: Council meeting

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.

Easter Sunday – 9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Easter Service

11:15 Coffee and Fellowship

11:30 Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date! April 26 at 11:30 – Professor Samuel Torvend will be here, speaking on “Living our vocation in a chaotic time”.

Homeless Bags: We would love help collecting items, assembly will March 22nd

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

June 26-27, Church rummage sale – We are looking for someone to lead and organize the rummage sale. If you are interested, please let Holly know.

Continued prayers:

Geoffrey (Elvira's nephew) for health issues and upcoming surgery. 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. 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.

<p><u>Sunday, March 8</u> 10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online 12:30: Food and Fellowship at Mama Stortini's <i>Join us for fellowship after worship, all are welcome!</i></p> <p><u>Monday, March 9</u> 6:00 – 8:00: Jump into music 7:00: Prayer tidbits on Zoom</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 10</u> 11:00: Finance meeting 6:00: AA</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 11</u> 9:30: Worship and music practice 6:15: Soup supper 7:00: Lent Service</p>	<p><u>Thursday, March 12</u> 10:00: Quilting 6:30: Council meeting</p> <p><u>Friday, March 13</u> - Office closed 5:00-5:30: Jump into music 5:30: NA meeting - building in use</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 14</u> 10:00: Special music team rehearsal</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 15</u> 10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online 1:00: Cards and games</p>
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