

# Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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## PRELUDE

*(please stand)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Returning again to the waters of our baptism,  
We begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

P Let us confess our sin before God  
and in the presence of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious and merciful God,

**C We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.**

**We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.**

**We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.**

**We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,**

**and to make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.**

**We have neither worked to release the oppressed  
nor admitted our own captivities.**

**Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free  
that we might live with your whole creation  
in the justice and joy of your promised future.**

P God, who is merciful and kind,  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
hears the cries of all who plead for mercy  
and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus  
to announce the good news of forgiveness and release  
to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame,  
that they might praise God and serve the world  
with glad and generous hearts.

For freedom Christ has set you free.

**C Thanks be to God.**

# GATHERING HYMN

## Beneath the Tree of Life (verse 4 only)

### Refrain



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and



gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your



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|-------------|------------------------------|
| Je - sus,   | sing - ing praise to him who |
| pas - sion, | Oh how sweet the taste, how  |
| va - tion,  | come and die to sin, rise    |
| mer - cy,   | we in - voke your name, re - |
| Gos - pel,  | may we bear the fruits your  |



leads us on from death in - to new life.  
deep and rich the well - spring of your love.  
up to life with - in the reign of God.  
mem - ber how your love has set us free.  
Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

### To Refrain

# GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

# KYRIE



▣ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



▣ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. ▣ 1. For the  
▣ 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
peo - ple here who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the



Lord: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord:



▣ Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.



fend us, O God: ▣ A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



## Refrain



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on



earth. earth. earth.

*To Verses 1 and 2*

*To Verse 3*

*Final ending*

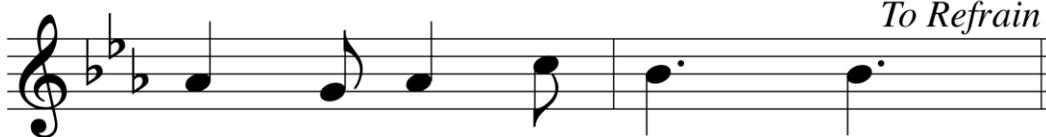
## Verse 1



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry.

*To Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty God,  
C **your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-3

A A reading from Isaiah

<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts;  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread  
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

A Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING John 6:24-35

A The Holy Gospel according to John

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the

food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”<sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”<sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”<sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Ralph Supper

*(Please stand as you are able)*



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



*To stanzas 3 and 4*  
 love you and you are mine."  
 4 "I

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (After each petition concludes with *“Hear us, O God”* the congregation responds, *“Your mercy is great.”*)

## **PEACE**

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

## **GIFTS OF OFFERING**

(See inside cover for QR code to give electronically)

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. O God,

**C maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.**

**Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, mighty and immortal, through Christ, our Lord.

P You bid us return to you and be renewed, that your justice may shine like the sun and the poor of the earth be lifted up. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your



glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his welcome to outcasts and his eating with sinners, his own hunger and thirst, his death and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of our faith until he comes again to share the feast that has no end.



☐ Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.



Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died.



Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, receive our prayers and praise as Jesus received the cries of the poor, and renew us by your spirit, until your mercy mends all that sin has torn and we feast forever in the company of Jesus, through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

C **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

P Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.





You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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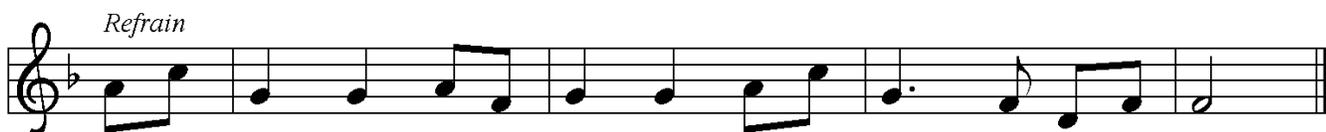
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- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
 Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
 God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
 Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** God of our salvation,

**C** **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**P** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
 ✚ bless you now and always.

**C** **Amen.**



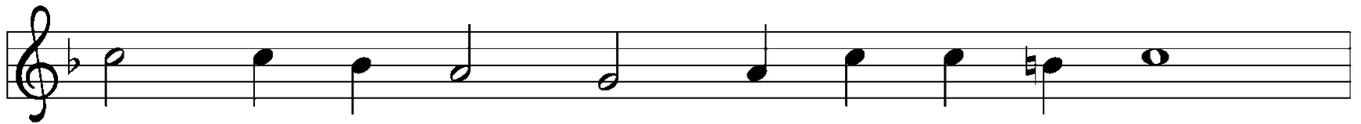
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



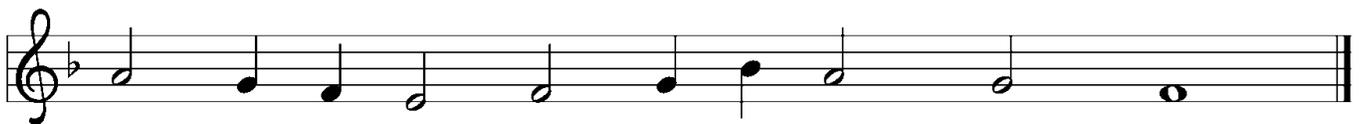
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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**A** Go in peace. Believe the Good News.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

**Assisting Minister:** John Cameron

**Lector:** Darlene Reber

**Communion:** Casey Mills

**Ushers:** Kevin Daley, Jennifer & Tarek Khan

**Altar Guild:** Betty Donelson

**Sanctuary Flowers** – Given by Jan Brown in honor of grandson, Kevin Brown Howard's heavenly birthday.

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## **Holy Week**

- † **March 29, Palm Sunday** – 9:00, Sanctuary –10:30, Faith Center
- † **April 2, Maundy Thursday** – 7:00 PM, Faith Center
- † **April 3, Good Friday** – 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

## **Easter Sunday – April 5**

- † **6:30AM** – Sunrise Service in the grove
- † **9:00 AM** – Traditional Easter Service, Sanctuary
- † **10:30 AM** – Contemporary Easter Celebration, Faith Center
- † **10:00AM – Kids' Eggstravaganza!** - On Easter we will have a special scavenger hunt and treats for the kids! Come by our special table on the patio between or after services on Easter and your kids can start their hunt! Once they are finished, they solve the clue and can head back for a goodie bag. Hope you will join us!

**Don't forget to bring FLOWERS for the Easter Cross!**

## **HELPING HANDS FOR MARCH: Lutheran Social Services – Welcome Baskets**

*(Food requests are no longer asked for – Thank you!)*

Over the next few months LSS of Northern California will be providing permanent housing for 220 of our chronically unhoused Sacramento neighbors in three locations. **They** are creating Welcome Baskets to provide some of the essential items needed to set up a home. We will be focusing on providing for their Cleaning Kits:

- **Lysol wipes**
- **Toilet Bowl Cleaner**
- **All-purpose cleaning spray**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Sponges**
- **Broom with Dustpan**
- **Trash Bags**
- **Swiffer**

Additionally, **contributions made at the mid-week Lenten Services will be donated to Lutheran Social Services.** The Social Ministry team will start the contributions off with \$500. Last year, \$4,478 was collected at the mid-week Lenten Services and donated to The Gathering Inn. Thank You!

### **UPCOMING COMMERATIONS**

#### **Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758 Sunday, March 22, 2026**

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

#### **Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of San Salvador, martyr, died 1980 Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

#### **Annunciation of Our Lord Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.