



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

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FEBRUARY 28, 2021, 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Every day thousands of people face the question "who am I?" In search of clues from their ancestry, they seek to know who they are by finding out their forefathers and mothers. But knowing our past is not the same as knowing who we are. Jesus invites us to find out who we are through our knowledge of Who He is. In the confession of Jesus Christ, we discover who we are---the children of promise by faith whom God delights to call His own.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Handbell Ensemble

Amazing Grace — arr. P. A. Thompson

GREETING

❖ **INVOCATION**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P While we were still weak,

C Christ died for the ungodly.

P While we were still sinners,

C Christ died for us.

P While we were enemies,
C we were reconciled to God by the Death of His Son.

❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS**

P Most Merciful God,
C we confess to You all our sin and waywardness, our failure of self-denial and our failure to take up our cross and follow Christ. For His Sake we beg Your Forgiveness and pray for renewal, that we may be restored to the company of the faithful and walk in the Way of Christ.

P Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake forgives you all your sins.
As a Called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the Grace of God to you; and in the Stead, and by the Command of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

❖ **HYMN**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
3. Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

**4. Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.**

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KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us
all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who
travel, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned,
and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us Gracious Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Amen**

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.
C **By Your Mighty Power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

(God establishes His Covenant with Abraham and Sarah.)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I Am God Almighty; walk before Me and be blameless.
I will confirm My Covenant between Me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."
Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,
"As for Me, this is My Covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

I will establish My Covenant as an everlasting covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.

I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 22:23-31

(The psalmist joyfully proclaims the Name of the Lord in the midst of the whole congregation.)

P You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him!
C **Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!**

P For He has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one;
C **He has not hidden His Face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

P From You comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
C **before those who fear You will I fulfill my vows.**

P The poor will eat and be satisfied;
C **they who seek the LORD will praise Him—may your hearts live forever!**

P All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD,
C **and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him,**

P for dominion belongs to the LORD
C **and He rules over the nations.**

P All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will
kneel before Him—
C **those who cannot keep themselves alive.**

P Posterity will serve Him;
C **future generations will be told about the Lord.**

P They will proclaim His Righteousness
C **to a people yet unborn—for He has done it.**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

(Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

And we rejoice in the hope of the Glory of God.

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His Love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, Whom He has given us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

But God demonstrates His Own Love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by His Blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's Wrath through Him!

For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His Life!

Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Hebrews 12:2; John 4:23a

P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the Right Hand of the Throne of God.

C **The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.**



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

(Peter boldly confesses Jesus as Lord; and then Jesus describes His imminent Suffering, Death and Resurrection.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus and His disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way He asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about Him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the Law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But when Jesus turned and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

"Get behind Me, Satan!" He said. "You do not have in mind the Things of God, but the things of men." Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the Gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of Me and My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His Father's Glory with the holy angels."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Alan Shaw

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688, vs. 1-2, 4-5

1. "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.

2. "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.

4. “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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SERMON

Vicar Alan Shaw

Mark 8:27-38



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APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the Life ✠ Everlasting. Amen.

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3*)

Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Handbell Ensemble

Holy Mana – arr. P. A. Thompson

❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Heavenly Father, You have bestowed upon us a wealth of blessings.

Make us worthy stewards of Your vast creation.

May we give unwavering praise to You, Father, Lord and Creator, realizing that all things proceed from Your Good and Gracious Word.

C Grant us wisdom in managing our resources on life's journey.

P Your Word reveals to us bold and life-saving promises secured by the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. We give You thanks for Christ's death on the cross.

Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to comprehend this enormous sacrifice of Your Only-Begotten Son.

C Strengthen us to bear the burden of our own crosses.

P Christ Jesus, You have established Your Holy Church as a vessel of Word and Sacrament ministry to preserve and increase the faith of Your people. May our church give a bold witness to Your reconciling work in the midst of Your people.

C Grant us peace in resolving conflict within Your church.

P Our world is ensnared in cultural and religious warfare. Lord, establish justice in every place; that Your Law and Gospel may be preached without hindrance within every nation.

C In the face of hatred and conflict increase our hope and Christ-centered determination.

P Lord, in this life we engage in warfare against emotional, physical, and spiritual conflict. Abide with those who bear the weight of illness, endure the mental anguish of addiction, and patiently wait for wounds to be healed. Sustain, renew, and restore them with the power of Your Word and the consolation of Your Holy Spirit.

C **May we faithfully live according to Your life-saving Gospel.**

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the Sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

❖ 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.**

❖ BENEDICTION

P But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for Salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. *(2 Timothy 3:14-15)*

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)
C **Amen.**

❖ CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783, vs. 1, 3-4, 6

**1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.**

**4. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.**

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Choral Song – C. Wesley

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Lenten Offerings for 2021

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