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Welcome to Resurrection!

We extend a warm welcome to each one present. As we unite together in worship, may we experience together the grace and mercy of our God through his life-giving Word and sacraments. Guests, below is some information that may help us host you well in the Lord's house. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.



**Lent Midweek 4
March 25 & 26, 2020**

Visitor Information

Worship at Resurrection Lutheran Church follows the historic liturgy of the Church. Our worship service is designed to give our Savior thanks for the salvation He won for us. Lutheran worship is really a conversation between God and his people. He speaks to us in His Word; we praise Him and respond to Him in song. We confess our sins and needs; He provides the forgiveness Jesus accomplished at the cross, and helps us with our individual needs.

Worship will follow the service folder, guiding us in our dialogue with the Lord. Feel free to participate at whatever level you are comfortable. **Where indicated you will find some of the hymns and psalms in the Christian Worship hymnal.** Whenever the words are printed in bold, the congregation is welcome to join in responding or singing. May God bless us as we place Him at the center of our worship.

Preacher: Pastor Ryan Cortright

Leader: Pastor Andrew Ewings

✘ WELCOME ✘

OPENING HYMN: 113 “Upon the Cross Extended”



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, See, world, your Lord sus -
 2 How God at our trans - gres - sion To an - ger gives ex -
 3 'Tis I who should be smit - ten, My doom should here be
 4 A crown of thorns you're wear - ing, My shame and scorn you're
 5 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to you for -



pend - ed; Your Sav - ior yields his breath. The Prince of
 pres - sion, How loud his thun - ders roll, How fear - ful -
 writ - ten: Bound hand and foot in hell. The fet - ters
 bear - ing That I might ran - somed be. My bonds - man,
 ev - er; I am no long - er mine. To you I



life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly giv - en
 ly he smites him, How sore - ly he re - quites him—
 and the scourg - ing, The floods a - round you surg - ing,
 ev - er will - ing, My place with pa - tience fill - ing,
 glad - ly ten - der All that my life can ren - der



To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 All this your suf - f'rings teach my soul.
 'Tis I who have de - served them well.
 From sin and guilt has made me free.
 And all I have to you re - sign.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.
 Tune: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN (776 778) Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517, alt.

- Leader: O Lord, open my lips.
 People: And my mouth shall declare your praise.
- Leader: Hasten to save me, O God.
 People: O Lord, come quickly to help me.
- Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.
 People: And the day is almost over.

Leader: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PSALM 132 (*Spoken responsively*)

Leader: Lord, remember David and all his self-denial.

People: He swore an oath to the Lord, he made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

Leader: "I will not enter my house or go to my bed,

People: I will allow no sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,

Leader: till I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

People: We heard it in Ephrathah, we came upon it in the fields of Jaar:

Leader: "Let us go to his dwelling place, let us worship at his footstool, saying,

People: 'Arise, Lord, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

Leader: May your priests be clothed with your righteousness; may your faithful people sing for joy."

People: The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanliness of my hands he has rewarded me.

Leader: The Lord swore an oath to David, a sure oath he will not revoke: "One of your own descendants I will place on your throne.

People: If your sons keep my covenant and the statutes I teach them, then their sons will sit on your throne for ever and ever."

Leader: For the Lord has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,

People: "This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.

Leader: I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor I will satisfy with food.

People: I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her faithful people will ever sing for joy.

Leader: Here I will make a horn grow for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

People: I will clothe his enemies with shame, but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown."

PASSION READING: MATTHEW 27:3-31

NIV

³When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.” “What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.” ⁵So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

¹¹Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “You have said so,” Jesus replied. ¹²When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” ¹⁴But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge - to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.” ²⁰But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered.

²²“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!” ²³“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

²⁴When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!” ²⁵All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. ³⁰They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

HYMN: 736 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"



1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who
 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In -
 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im -
 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our
 5 O Chris - tian, firm - ly hold this gift And
 6 So use it well! You are made new— In



know the God of heav - en, And
 deed, from your con - cep - tion, Con -
 mersed and drowned for - ev - er. The
 shame is ful - ly cov - ered With
 give God thanks for - ev - er! It
 Christ a new cre - a - tion! As



in whose dai - ly life is prized The
 demned and lost with all the earth, None
 wa - ter of your bap - tism day Re -
 all that he once sac - ri - ficed And
 gives the pow - er to up - lift In
 faith - ful Chris - tians live and do With -



name of Christ once giv - en: Con -
 good, with - out ex - cep - tion. For
 stored a - gain what - ev - er Old
 free - ly for us suf - fered. For
 all that you en - deav - or. When
 in your own vo - ca - tion, Un -



si - der now what God has done, The
 like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 A - dam and his sin de - stroyed And
 here the flood of his own blood Now
 noth - ing else re - vives your soul, Your
 til that day when you pos - sess His



gifts he gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap -
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all our sin - ful selves em - ployed Ac -
makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be -
bap - tism stands and makes you whole And
glo - rious robe of right - eous - ness Be -



tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
con - stant - ly de - nied him.
cord - ing to our na - ture.
fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.
then in death com - pletes you.
stowed on you for - ev - er!

This hymn calls to mind the gifts of Holy Baptism—new life, forgiveness, and the divine inspiration to offer our lives in service to God and others.

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Tune: NUN FREUTEUCH (87 87 887) *Erlisch Christlich liden*, Wittenburg, 1524

SERMON TEXT: GALATIANS 3:23-29

NIV

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

SERMON - PASTOR RYAN CORTRIGHT

BASED ON: GALATIANS 3:23-29

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LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Leader: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: We join in the Lord's Prayer.

All: Our Father 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Leader: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

People: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)

People:



In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part
ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen
your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 594 "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended"



1 The day you gave us, Lord, is end - ed;
 2 We thank you that your Church, un - sleep - ing
 3 As o - ver con - ti - nent and is - land
 4 So be it, Lord; your throne shall nev - er,



The dark - ness falls at your re - quest.
 While earth rolls on - ward in - to light,
 Each dawn leads to an - oth - er day,
 Like earth's proud king - doms, pass a - way.



To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;
 Through all the world her watch is keep - ing
 The voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,
 Your king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er



Your praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 And nev - er rests by day or night.
 Nor do the prais - es die a - way.
 Un - til there dawns your glo - rious day.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-93, abr., alt.
 Tune: ST. CLEMENT (98 98) Clement C. Scholefield, 1839-1904.



LENTEN WORSHIP BEGINS



Special midweek services will be held for the season of Lent. Lent is the forty day season when we focus on Jesus' suffering and death. We see how much he sacrificed and how much he loves us.

Three special reasons to attend these special services (which will all be different from any Sunday service):

1. The Lenten hymns are awesome! Focused on Christ and his love for us.
2. The Passion reading. We will hear again the specific details of Jesus' suffering and death.
3. Special sermons. Pastor Ewings and Vicar will prepare special sermons, along with Pastors Moldenhauer and Cortright from Our Redeemer in Madison and Pastor Bauer from Good News in Mt. Horeb.

Here are the special service dates and times. Note that meals have been cancelled.

Monroe - Service at 7 pm.

April 1

Verona - Service at 6:30 pm.

April 2



Maundy Thursday - April 9

Verona: 6:30pm
Monroe: 7:00pm

Good Friday - April 10

Monroe: 12:00 noon
Verona: 6:30pm

Easter Sunday - April 12

Verona: 7:00am Sunrise Service
9:00am Festival Service
Monroe: 10:30am Festival Service
No Communion Easter Sunday

PLEASE NOTE:

We are making every attempt to continue to worship together as a church family. However, due to the ever-changing conditions with Covid19, we ask that you please monitor the website and our Facebook page for any changes. We will comply with all government mandates as they are issued & modify our gatherings accordingly.

We will be posting online worship opportunities very soon. You will receive notification of them via email and they will also be posted on our Facebook page, our YouTube channel (The Resurrection Channel) and the websites. Resources to follow along will be included.

Your gifts of love are still needed, and can be mailed to the main office: Attention Treasurer, 6705 Wesner Rd, Verona, WI 53593. You also may contribute through your bank's bill-pay service & they will mail the check for you. Or, you may contribute online by contacting the office to obtain the form to do so: ministrycoordinator@rlcverona.com.

Pastors and Vicar are available for communion by request.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent comes from a word that means, “spring,” as Lent takes place during the spring of the year, even if it does not feel like Spring.

The season of Lent officially lasts forty days, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending the day before Easter. Lent is traditionally a somber season of repentance, or sorrow over our sins. This sorrow is shown in the ashes on Ash Wednesday, the mood of many Lenten hymns and the lack of Alleluias during worship (Alleluia is a joyous word that means, “Praise the Lord.” This word is not sung or spoken during the Lenten season). We also do not open the triptych during Lent to convey the somber nature of the season. The color purple is also a color of repentance that is used only during Lent. A special crown of thorns candle wreath will also help us focus on our sins and Christ’s suffering and death to pay for all our sins. In spite of all the somber moods Lent conveys, we still focus more than anything on the wonderful good news that all our sins are indeed paid in full because of Christ’s suffering and death. One way this stands out is that the Sundays during Lent are not counted as part of the official forty day length of the season. Each Sunday remains a little Easter, a chance to reflect again on the victory of Christ’s resurrection which follows his suffering.



Throughout the history of the Christian Church, many traditions have sprung up around Lent. If we remember the good reason for these traditions, we may use them as aids to focus on Christ, rather than thinking they will earn Christ’s love. Because Lent was often a time of fasting or giving up certain foods, people began to celebrate, “Fat Tuesday,” the day before Ash Wednesday, when people would gorge on the foods they were not going to eat during Lent. This practice seems the least desirable of all the traditions connected with Lent. Mardi Gras is an example of an entire festival that takes place before the enforced somberness of Lent begins. That one doesn’t seem like a good idea either.

But what about giving something up for Lent? You may have heard of friends or family, especially those who belong to the Roman Catholic Church, doing this. The original idea behind giving something up for Lent, was to help the person remember the great sacrifice of Christ by making some small sacrifice for him. There’s nothing wrong with that. Over time, however, many people thought they were earning Christ’s love by their sacrifices. As a result, many Christians objected to the faulty reason for the tradition, more than the tradition itself. Also today, because the tradition is strongest in the Roman Catholic Church, it has come to be associated as “Catholic” rather than simply, “Christian.”

In the final analysis, a Christian who wants to give up something for Lent to remember Christ’s much greater sacrifice can do so and worship Christ in this way. The Christian who chooses not to do so is not any more or less Christian. Maybe a good idea for those who want to remember Christ’s sacrifice would be to consider replacing something in their life with more focus on Christ. For instance, maybe you would give up your favorite TV show and replace the 30 minutes a week with Bible reading, or attending Wednesday evening worship in addition to Sunday worship. Maybe a Christian would give up drinking pop and use the money as a special offering to Jesus. Again, this won’t earn God’s love, but maybe it will help you keep your focus on Christ’s great sacrifice, and help you remember just how much Jesus loves you. That’s what Lent is really all about.