

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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11:15 AM

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

Words that Changed the World

Week Four:

Who Do You Say that I Am?

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WE GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
(Chorus x2)

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

The following reading is from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, and resurrection Jesus Christ. Please stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
(Word of God speak)

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GOSPEL: John 14:1-7

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE "WORDS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: PART FOUR"

SONG OF THE DAY The The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Verse

Father let your kingdom come (holy holy)

Father let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven (let it be done)

Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread

Forgive us forgive us

As we forgive the ones who sinned

Against us forgive them

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's yours it's yours

All yours all yours

The kingdom the power

The glory are yours

It's yours it's yours

All yours all yours

Forever and ever

The kingdom is yours

Tag

On Earth as in Heaven

Right here in my heart

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion (*especially*). Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died (*especially*). We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

In Unison

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



HOLY COMMUNION

Preparing for the Table

People of God, People of life. We gather as a holy communion, for a meal that has been shared countless times, in countless places, and in countless ways.

The first time this meal was shared, Jesus was gathered around a table with a ragged collection of people--outcasts, betrayers, the power-hungry, the fragile, lonely, lost.

The first time this meal was celebrated, Jesus promised that it was for all time, that whenever the bread was broken and the wine poured, wherever the story was told around a table, he would be there.

Today we remember the story as it's been told a thousand times over; we eat the bread, and we drink the wine, and we affirm that we all belong at this table and that Jesus is here.

So if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to this table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to this table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our life.

Forgive us, O God, and draw us close to you.

Forgives us, O God, and draw us close to you.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

Thanks be to God!

Words of Institution

When Jesus ate with his friends,
He took bread, and after blessing it,
He broke it and gave it to them saying:
**"Take, eat; this is my body given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me."**

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying:
**"Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God.
Whenever you drink it, remember me."**

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break bread
and share the one cup.
Thanks be to God!

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We invite you to come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the Sacrament, the Body and Blood of Christ, returning to your seat by the outside aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available as well.

If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate your choice by crossing your arms across your chest.

If you wish to have Holy Communion brought to you, please notify the pastor.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONG "YOU SAY"

Verse 1

I keep fighting voices in my mind
That say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me
I will never measure up

Verse 2

Am I more than just the sum of
Every high and every low
Remind me once again just who I am
Because I need to know oo oh

Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh you say I am yours
And I believe oh I believe
What you say of me I believe

Verse 3

The only thing that matters now
Is everything you think of me
In you I find my worth
In you I find my identity

Bridge

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at your feet
You'll have every failure god
You'll have every victory

Ending

Oh I believe yes I believe
What you say of me I believe

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG "How Great Is Our God"

Verse 1

The splendor of the King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR:

John Price, Alfred Domschke, Sabrina Kasdaglis, John Butera, Peter Guettsches, Al Carila, Bonnie Whiting, Margaret Corey, Rusty Haese, Dick Cunnion, Tracy Glenn, Ryan Holloway, Betty McCombs, Brigitta Unold, Betty Sobeck, Marilyn Sorenson, Deborah Sigler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Weekend at Resurrection - Please note that we will have one service for Easter this year so that we can celebrate, together, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will gather for worship at 9:30 a.m. and the service will be followed by our annual Easter breakfast. (There will be no Cafe or 11:15 service)

Easter Sunday Breakfast – Dessert Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall

We're excited to celebrate Easter Sunday together! Please sign up to bring coffee cake, etc. to share for our Easter Sunday Breakfast.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us every Sunday at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall for good food and great company! Whether you're new or a regular, we'd love for you to join us. Don't worry if you don't know anyone—we're a friendly bunch, and you'll feel right at home in no time.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST SOCIAL

Join us for a morning of fun, friendship, and great food. Our Women's Breakfast Social meets the **first Tuesday of every month** at Southern Charm Cafe located at 8501 Astronaut Blvd in Cape Canaveral. Come enjoy a warm and welcoming atmosphere, connect with wonderful women, and start your day with delicious food. We'd love to see you there!

LENTEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES WITH PASTOR PAUL

Wednesdays at 6:00PM

Ministry Center

During Lent, join **Pastor Paul** for a variety of meaningful experiences with spiritual practices. This time of intentional prayer and listening will help you journey through the season with greater focus and intention.

No preparation is needed—simply come as you are and be present.

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

Grow in faith and community this Lent—whether in person or online, we have options that may fit your schedule. Embrace this season of reflection in a warm and welcoming environment. All are welcome!

We will be exploring *The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World* by Pastor Adam Hamilton, diving deep into the power and meaning of Jesus' words. **Purchasing the book is NOT required.**

Week 4 March 31: Who Do You Say that I Am?

Week 5 April 7: Final Words

Week 6 April 14: The Resurrection and the Life

Offered Monday mornings at 10:30 AM (in-person), Ministry Center

no registration required

or

Monday evenings at 6:00 pm (online only)

You must register for the online study to receive the Zoom link.

Go to our website at: goresurrection.com

GOD SPA FOR WOMEN AT LUTHER SPRINGS

Join other women of faith at Luther Springs' God Spa for Women. God Spa is a weekend retreat for women of faith to be restored, renewed and refreshed in the beauty of God's creation at Luther Springs, relaxing your mind, body, and spirit.

Dates: April 4-6, 2025

Cost*:

Double: \$210

Single: \$270

Cabin Bunk room: \$185

*massages are an extra fee

Go to <https://luthersprings.org>. For more information and to register. Click on "Year Round Programs". If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to Deacon Sue Mendenhall at 352-358-1440.

Special Gift Request - Our choir has been growing and improving steadily under the guidance of our Director of Music, Julie Anderson. As a part of this growth, we are asking for you to help us update our piano for the choir loft to facilitate further improvements. The total amount needed is \$4,500. We invite your prayerful consideration of how you might help us reach our goal. Please contact Pastor Paul with any questions or to pledge to support the effort.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 43:16-21

The LORD gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people

Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

Philippians 3:4b-14

To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings

Luke 22:14-30

Words at the Last Supper

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