

# ***Resurrection Lutheran Church***

New Life + For Now + Forever

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## **Lent**

*The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter.*

*The word "Lent" in English comes from an old word for "springtime." In Southern European languages, "Lent" means "40." In Northern European languages, "Lent" means "fast" or "great fast." If you combine these three concepts, springtime, 40 days and fast, you have 40 days to re-orient your schedule, inviting God to renew your inner life. How can you give God new space in your life from now till Easter?*

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### ***Our Vocation of Intercession by Andrew Murray***

*May God open our eyes to see what the holy ministry of intercession is, to which, as His royal priesthood, we have been set apart. May He give us a large and strong heart to believe what mighty influence our prayers can exert. And may all fear as to our being able to fulfill our vocation vanish as we see Jesus, living ever to pray, living in us to pray, and standing surety for our prayer life.*

**PRELUDE**

**Nikki Basel**

P: Together, let us call on the name of the Lord: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**↑OPENING SONG**

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

**#9**

**↓WELCOME**

P: Brothers and Sisters, we have come here to recall who we are—a people baptized into Christ, but a people who have not lived the life of Jesus. And so we are called by the all-powerful Word of God to a change of heart and living in God's Good News. If we are faithful to God's call, we shall be ready at Easter to stand up with the whole church and profess again our faith in the risen Christ. In order to hear that call more clearly, let us examine our lives in the light of the Gospel.

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** (from 1 John 1, Romans 8 and Augustine)

P: If we claim we have not sinned, we make God out to be a liar and his word is not in us. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Today, let us confront evil, repent our part in it, and celebrate our liberation.

**C: O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruined, O repair it! But who shall cleanse it, to whom shall I cry but to you? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and turn Your servant from sin. Amen**

P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

**PRAYER (together)**

**Holy God, we come asking for more of your Spirit in our lives. We come seeking a clearer understanding of your will. We come knocking for doors of opportunity to open. We come, knowing that you are always more ready to give than we are to receive. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 30:1-9, 34-38 (NIV)**

**30** “Make an altar of acacia wood for burning incense. <sup>2</sup> It is to be square, a cubit long and a cubit wide, and two cubits high—its horns of one piece with it. <sup>3</sup> Overlay the top and all the sides and the horns with pure gold, and make a gold molding around it. <sup>4</sup> Make two gold rings for the altar below the molding—two on each of the opposite sides—to hold the poles used to carry it. <sup>5</sup> Make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. <sup>6</sup> Put the altar in front of the curtain that shields the ark of the covenant law—before the atonement cover that is over the tablets of the covenant law—where I will meet with you.

<sup>7</sup> “Aaron must burn fragrant incense on the altar every morning when he tends the lamps. <sup>8</sup> He must burn incense again when he lights the lamps at twilight so incense will burn regularly before the LORD for the generations to come. <sup>9</sup> Do not offer on this altar any other incense or any burnt offering or grain offering, and do not pour a drink offering on it.

<sup>34</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Take fragrant spices—gum resin, onycha and galbanum—and pure frankincense, all in equal amounts, <sup>35</sup> and make a fragrant blend of incense, the work of a perfumer. It is to be salted and pure and sacred. <sup>36</sup> Grind some of it to powder and place it in front of the ark of the covenant law in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you. <sup>37</sup> Do not make any incense with this formula for yourselves; consider it holy to the LORD. <sup>38</sup> Whoever makes incense like it to enjoy its fragrance must be cut off from their people.” **R: The Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 67 (NIV)**

R: <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—

**C: so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

R: <sup>3</sup> May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

**C: <sup>4</sup> May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

R: <sup>5</sup> May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

**C: <sup>6</sup> The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.**

R: <sup>7</sup> May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**R: The Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 8:2-5 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

<sup>3</sup> Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to

offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. <sup>4</sup>The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake. **R: The Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**↑P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke Chapter 11**

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

<sup>5</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' <sup>7</sup>And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you,

even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **P: This is the GOSPEL of our Lord! C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

**↓MESSAGE**

"Talking with Jesus about Your Calling"

**Pastor Ben Unseth**

**SIGN OF THE CROSS**

P: Let all who humbly acknowledge their fragmented and brief, mortal lives, and place utter dependence on the grace of God in Christ Jesus, make the sign of the cross together.

**C: I rise and lie down, I live, and I shall die—in the name of the + Father** [touch the forehead], **Son** [touch the chest] **and Holy Spirit** [touch the shoulders].

P: Mortal creature, remember that you are made of dust and to dust you shall return, but Christ has given you abundant life. Amen

**↑ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**PRAYER**

(See Screen)

**HYMN**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**#223**

**OFFERING**

**↑LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

P: You have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer you who live, but Christ who lives in you. The life you now live in the flesh, live by faith in the Son of God who loved you and gave himself for you.

**SENDING HYMN**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

**#21**

**DISMISSAL**

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