



**REND YOUR  
HEART**

**CLAIMING THE PROMISE**

Resurrection  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



*This Is the Sign*

Genesis 9:8-17

- February 21, 2021 -

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **We are asking you to wear face coverings.** All employees, members and visitors in attendance are asked to wear face coverings at all times in the building.
- ◆ **The double doors in the lower lot will be our only access point.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **We will not be having fellowship time or Bible Study after service, to minimize risk and to clean the sanctuary after service.** Please join us on Wednesdays though for Zoom Bible Study at 10 am or 7 pm!
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like they are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **If you are high risk, consider not attending service.** We will continue to stream our worship services for those who cannot attend.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **There will be an elder checking people in for service.** If an outbreak occurs, this information will allow us to have a way to contact individuals that may have been exposed which may be critical to help save lives.
- ◆ **When you pick up your service elements we will have a recommended temperature check.**
- ◆ **Remember to layer up as the windows will be open and the fans will be on to help with air circulation.**

# February 21, 2021

## 10:00 am Service

### PRELUDE

**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

**“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** – *arr. Phillip Keveren*

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

**P:** We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

**“Let All things Now Living” TCH 794**

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God’s banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:  
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of storms and rainbows, God of rain and sunshine, God of all creation we worship and adore You. We gaze in wonder at the beauty of Your creation and marvel at stormy skies transformed with the vibrant colors of a rainbow. Like Noah and his family, we praise You for this everlasting sign of Your love and care for the whole creation in Your desire to preserve and not destroy life. And at Jesus' baptism, the sky again revealed Your love when You identified him as Your beloved Son, strengthening Him with the same Spirit who empowers and strengthens each of us. For all these assurances of your Love for us and for the whole creation, we praise and worship You, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen!**

## ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: God of Promises and of the rainbow,

**C: You made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. God of pathways, You show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another, to love You and our neighbors, and rather think that we are the center of the universe. We wander from Your paths of truth into paths of deceit and pride. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of Your love. Amen**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: God is merciful and full of steadfast love. He will lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness God will not forget us, but promises wash us clean! So rejoice you are washed clean and forgiven all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit!

**C: Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:** Genesis 9:8-17

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:8-22

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

**“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” – arr. Sam Batt Owens**

## GOSPEL READING

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:9-15

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.

## SERMON HYMN

**“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”** *LSB 591 Tune: Azmon LSB 528*

This is the Spirit's entry now:  
the water and the word,  
the cross of Jesus on your brow,  
the seal both felt and heard.

This miracle of life reborn  
comes from the Lord of breath;  
the perfect Man from life was torn;  
our life comes through Christ's death.

Let water be the sacred sign  
that we must die each day  
to rise again by His design  
as followers of His way.

Renewing Spirit, hear our praise  
for Your baptismal power  
that washes us through all our days.  
Lord, cleanse again this hour.

# SERMON

## **This Is the Sign**

Genesis 9:8-17

*Pastor Matthew Mantey*

# REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the  
"Give to RLC" button at [resurrection-lcms.org](http://resurrection-lcms.org)*

# PRAISE SONGS

## **"Desert Song"**

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides  
This is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold  
So refine me Lord through the flame

### **Chorus**

And I will bring praise, I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice, I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on His promise I'll stand

### **Chorus**

### **Bridge x2**

All of my life, In every season  
You are still God  
I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship

### **Chorus x2**

This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favor and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow

## “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

### Chorus

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

### Chorus

### Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour  
(REPEAT)

### Chorus

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine  
I am Yours and You are mine

## PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*(After each portion of the prayers)*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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.

## COMMUNION

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## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen!

## CLOSING SONG

### “Grace Like Rain”

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 so clearly

#### Chorus 1

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away  
they're washed away

'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 1

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing Your praise  
Than when we first begun

#### Chorus 2 x2

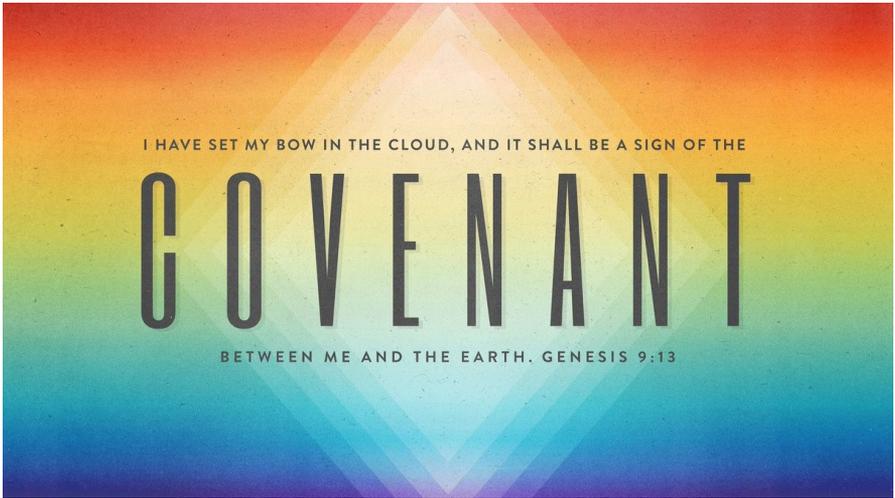
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#### Chorus 3

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away  
They're washed away

## POSTLUDE

“Old Hundredth” – arr. John E. Boalt



## SERVING IN WORSHIP

<b>Pastor:</b>	Matthew Mantey
<b>A/V Techs:</b>	Alex Lindeke, Robin Thomas
<b>Elder:</b>	Jim Pagenkopf
<b>Organist:</b>	Karen Tiffany Burgess
<b>Reader:</b>	Robin Thomas
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Dale & Suzy Lindeke, Martin Lindeke



- **This Lenten season, draw us closer to you and lead us into deeper faith and devotion.** Strengthen all those who have undertaken fasting or opportunities for extra service during Lent, and keep them safe from the temptation to glorify themselves or to draw attention to themselves in any way. Guide your church into genuine repentance and help us all to focus our lives according to your will.
- **We lift up to you all those who are vulnerable and have struggled to keep warm in the frigid cold because of the winter storms and power outages in Texas and other places.** We pray that they would find safe shelter and warmth. Bless those who work at restoring power with your strength and safety through this difficult time. We also lift up those who have lost loved ones due to these storms. May the comfort and care of you our Resurrected Lord surround them.
- **Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations.** Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect. Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows. Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly, so that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, or skin color. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness, so that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors. And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors. Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty. And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven.
- **Bless the work of those who minister like angels to the sick and dying, to the people who are depressed and to those who want to give up on life here in your world.**

## Questions for Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

### This is the Sign

What might it look like during this Lent to ‘rend your hearts?’ Notice this is plural. It is for individuals and for the community.

Read Genesis 9:8-17. What might be the difference between a contract and a covenant? What words and themes are repeated? How are these themes expressed in this passage?

Read Genesis 6:1-8. How might this narrative be a fitting introduction to the story of Noah and the flood? How might the narrative of the flood be a story of re-creation?

How was the rainbow a sign of God’s promise? How might the church function as that promise today? What might that say about us?

How is Jesus the ultimate covenant maker? How is Jesus the ultimate “bow” or “rainbow” as a sign of God’s presence in the world?

How might the work of rending our hearts contribute to being a sign of God’s presence in the world?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **What's Coming Up**

We continue our Lenten series called, "Rend Your Hearts," by continuing looking at Abraham! Abraham gives an example of a true rending, a true sacrifice. It makes our no chocolate or coffee for a few weeks seem kind of meager. Yet, a sign is a sign. It is about our willingness and our patience. So join us by reservation in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 10 am next Sunday as we see how God walks before Abraham and us as we rend our hearts and claim His promises!

## **Zoom Bible Study This Week**

Join us at either 10 am or 7pm for our Lenten Zoom Bible Study this Wednesday. We will be exploring the promise God gives to Noah after the Flood. Also, in normal years Lenten Bible Study also has us eating together, so for the evening session feel free to be having dinner or a drink during Bible Study to help provide that fellowship!

## **Doubleheader Sunday—March 7th 8 and 10:30 am**

Since we are able to meet in person again we thought it would be nice to have a 2 Service Sunday so mark your calendar for March 7th as we have services at both 8 and 10:30 am. We look forward to seeing you at either service or online!

## **Easter Flower Donations**

With it looking like we will be able to be in-person for Easter we are doing a collection so Sara Andrew can buy Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. If you would like to donate either put cash or a check in an envelope with Easter Flowers written on it or mail in a check with Easter Flowers on the memo line. Thanks!

## **Opening Hands Opportunity—Collecting Food Donations for the Food Bank**

To help support the Food Bank in multiple ways we have decided to do a collection now through April to help support those in need. Thank you so much for your support!

## **Most Needed Food Items**

Healthy Options, Low Sodium Soup, Pasta, Canned Corn, Fruit Cups, Cereal, 100% Fruit Juice Boxes

## **Most Needed Non-Food Items**

Paper Bags - Clean and Untorn, Toilet Paper, Diapers (Size 4, 5, 6), Soap, Laundry Detergent, Pet Food

## **Opening Hands Opportunity-CARDSTOCK 2 IS COMING!**

With the success of the first CARDSTOCK we thought we would do it again. We will be collecting cards throughout February and Mid-March with a goal of delivering them for Easter to Wesley Homes. So if you are out at the store and see a small pack of Easter Cards pick them up and write encouraging notes for our friends at Wesley!

Office Hours: By Appointment Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm  
Email: [secretary@resurrection-lcms.org](mailto:secretary@resurrection-lcms.org)