



**DEAD  
END**

Resurrection   
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Signs of Lent: Dead End?*

John 11:20-27

- March 29, 2020 -

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule 10:00 am– Streaming Service

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

As we gather online, we continue to look at the signs of Lent. This morning we look at how when it looks like we come to a dead end and all hope is lost, that Jesus can change even that sign! As he proclaims to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.” Then he asks her and asks us today amid the dead ends, “Do you believe this?” This is the question we will address today as we lift our hands in all our different locations!



Resurrection Lutheran Church is *lifting* its hands in worship,  
*holding* hands in prayer groups, and *opening* hands by sharing the  
love of Jesus in our community.

**Holy Communion:** If you would like to commune with us this morning, please read the Holy Communion statement in the friendship booklet. We encourage not only our members to celebrate together this gift from God, but also those visiting from sister congregations and those who share our confession regarding Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please speak with an elder or pastor.

**March 29, 2020**  
**10:00 am Service**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** *LSB 528 verses 1, 3, 6, 7*

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an offering made  
For ev'ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

**INVOCATION & OPENING PRAYER**

P: Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even Your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

**C: Amen**

# SCRIPTURE & APOSTLES' CREED

**First Reading:** Isaiah 53:7-9

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTIVE HYMN

**“The Lamb”** *LSB 547 verses 1, 2, 4, 5*

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price!

### Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb  
whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

### Refrain

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.

### Refrain

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.

### Refrain

## GOSPEL READING

**Gospel Reading:** John 11:20-27

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

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

## ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P:** O Savior,

**C:** There are so many times we feel like we have come to a dead end in our faith. We give up hope in You and find it much easier to trust in the sinful habits of this world. We do not believe that You can remove even the darkest looking dead end with Your life and power of the Resurrection. Forgive us for our lack of faith, and lack of sharing Your light in these moments.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**P:** Though darkness, supposed dead ends, and death appear all around, there is the comforting healing light of God's love shining on you and in you. Feel the warmth of the presence of God and let go of your fear, for God is with you. Go forth forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen!

## SERMON HYMN

**“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”** LSB 563 verses 1, 2, 5, 6

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

# SERMON

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John 11:20-27

*Pastor Matt Mantey*

# OFFERTORY

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

# PRAISE SONGS

## “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

## **“You Alone Can Rescue”**

Who O Lord could save themselves  
Their own soul could heal  
Our shame was deeper than the sea  
Your grace is deeper still  
(REPEAT)

### **Chorus**

And You alone can rescue  
You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You O Lord have made a way  
The great divide You healed  
For when our hearts were far away  
Your love went further still  
Yes Your love goes further still

### **Chorus**

### **Bridge**

We lift up our eyes  
Lift up our eyes  
You're the giver of life  
We lift up our eyes  
Lift up our eyes  
You're the giver of life

### **Chorus**

## **RESPONSIVE 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.**

*(The prayers conclude)*

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S 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.

## 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

### “Whom Shall I Fear”

You hear me when I call  
You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night  
It cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear  
You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield  
Though troubles linger still

### Chorus

I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name  
For You alone can save  
You will deliver me  
Yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear  
Whom shall I fear  
(Whom shall I fear)



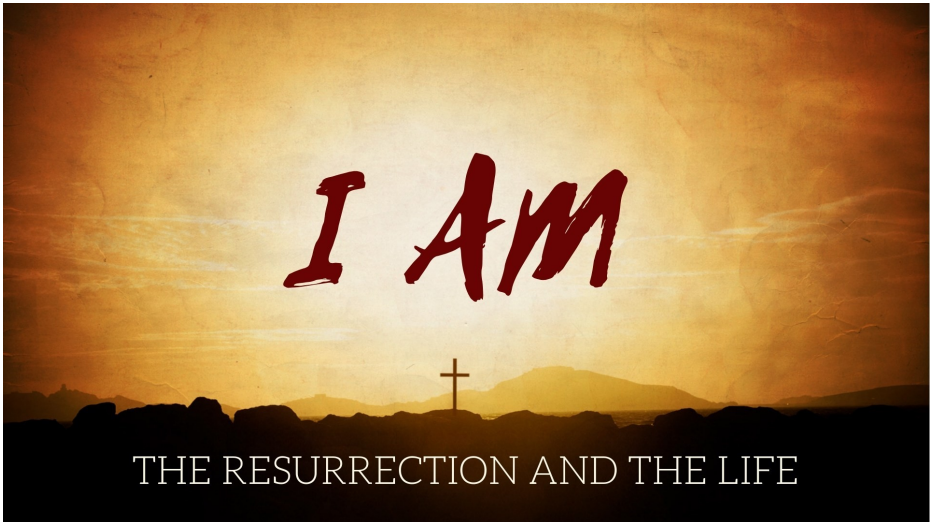
### **Bridge**

And nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful  
You are faithful  
(REPEAT)

### **Chorus**

I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
(REPEAT)

## **POSTLUDE**



## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Pastor:** Matthew Mantey  
**A/V Tech:** Alex Lindeke, Melina Mantey  
**Worship Team:** Dale & Suzy Lindeke

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Livestreaming Service Next Week-April 5th

We just want to remind everyone that with the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order in place that we will once again Livestream service at 10am for Palm Sunday. We pray you are able to watch and lift hands at your house in celebration of our coming King! No matter where we are let’s cry out Hosanna!

### Home Bible Study and Online Devotions

We just want to remind you that in the bulletin here are Bible Study questions you can work through together in your household as a devotion during the week. Also Pastor Matt will continue to post Facebook videos that you can watch on Facebook and if you don’t have it, we will send out emails with links to the videos.

### Holy Week Updates

With the possibility of the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order being extended it is hard to do much planning in advance. When we do finalize a Holy Week Schedule we will let you know.

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

### Praise God:

- **Lord, are the Resurrection and the life!** We praise you that you have the power over all the dead ends of sin, death, and the devil! May we proclaim your goodness and joy with others creatively using technology this week.
- **We praise and thank you that wherever 2 or 3 are gathered you are there also.** We pray over these livestream services that your word would still have absolute power! We also pray blessing of health and protection on all of us who are meeting today!
- **For all those in the medical field who are working with people to bring healing, vaccines, and proper procedures.** Bless their work in times of stress and long hours that you would keep them strong and steadfast in their vocations.
- **We praise you Lord and ask your wisdom on ways to remind us to stay in community during this time.** May we not be isolated, but rather use our phones, emails, and texts to your glory in the body of Christ.
- **We thank you for all the essential workers in state that keep the infrastructure of things going.** Please Lord keep them safe and strong as they continue to work.

### In Our Prayers:

- **We pray for all those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.** We pray that in the midst of panic and fear, your peace and Gospel Light would shine upon people. Give doctors and government officials guidance on the best ways to work through this with your healing power overseeing it all!
- **We pray over the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order here in Washington.** That we could do so and that the curve of spread would flatten and hospitals would be able to treat all who are ill.
- **We pray your blessing over all those in self-quarantine.** May they not feel isolated or alone, but rather feel your love and the love of people around them during this time.
- **We pray for all churches in our region.** May all churches be a mighty blessing in this time to our community in the midst of so much fear and uncertainty using creative means and way! Let us proclaim the certainty of the Gospel to all!

**With Bible Study suspended, please take some time over the week to use these questions as a devotion.**

Read John 11:1-16.

How did Jesus respond when he learned that one of his friends was ill?

What prompted him to finally go to Bethany?

If Jesus loved Lazarus, why did he wait two days to help him?

What does verse 15 tell us about Jesus' purposes?

Read John 11:17-27

Did Martha have faith, doubt, or a mixture of both in this passage? How so? How did this look like a dead end to her?

Jesus said, "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." How should Christ's statement alter our views of life and death? How do we live with Jesus as our resurrection and life in our current times? How does this show there is truly no dead end in Jesus?

Jesus obviously knew what he was going to do, so why was he so deeply moved by Mary's grief?

What was the response of the crowd?

Read John 11:38-55

Imagine being at this scene. What would you think and feel?

If you were one of the disciples and you saw this happen, how do you think you would have reacted?

What are the various ways that people responded to this event?

Read John 12:1-3

In addition to the joy of having their brother back, what hope did this miracle give Mary and Martha? What hope does it give you and me? How does knowing the power of Jesus to raise the dead impact the way you live your life?

Now consider question 3 again. Why do you think Jesus waited those two days?

## **BUDGET REPORT**

**The budget report will return. There has been some issues with the spreadsheet. Sorry for the delay.**

