



**REND YOUR
HEART**

CLAIMING THE PROMISE

Resurrection
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Look Up and Live

Numbers 21:4-9

- March 14, 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 (1st and 3rd 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.**

March 14, 2021
10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

“More Precious than Silver”
with **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** – *arr. Stan Pethel*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” *LSB 837 verses 1, 4-6*

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.

Refrain

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Friends of God, believe this—God loved the world, God loves the world, we are the beloved! May the truth of this great love story, shine through our worship today, and renew our sense of calling. So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements; come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings; come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God’s love and mercy. Come, in friendship to God and to each other, and in friendship to the world, to look up, live and listen for God’s Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: O Lord Lifted Up,

C: We have to look our evil in the face to be healed. The snakes that plagued the Hebrews in the desert were their betrayal come back to bite them, their being Eden’s serpent. The cure was to gaze at their sin. So we gaze upon the Crucified One, our victim, and look our awfulness in the eye and only there grasp forgiveness, and only then become truly alive. Sorry for our sins we take time to look at it and lift it up to You now that we might be forgiven.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” While you will hear these words again, remember every time you hear them that they are true and they are for you! You are not condemned, but rather are saved and forgiven all your sins in the name of the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit! Look up and live!

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

“Amazing Grace” – arr. James Manfield

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

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

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know” TCH 535

Ask ye what great thing I know
That delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
Healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on His right
With the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

This is that great thing I know;
This delights and stirs me so:
Faith in Him who died to save,
Him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

SERMON

Look Up and Live
Numbers 21: 4-9
Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the
"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAISE SONGS

"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 x2

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

Chorus x2

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

There's a place
Where mercy reigns
And never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace
Flow deep and wide
For all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You; I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
And my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You
Jesus

There's a place
Where sin and shame
Are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God
And forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down

Chorus

Bridge

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here, arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down, here I bow

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 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

"I Am Not the Same"

You restore the wasted years
You build the broken walls
Your love replaces fear
Your mercy makes us whole

Chorus

I am not the same I'm a new creation
I am not the same anymore
I am not ashamed I will not be shaken
I am not the same anymore

I bow before Your cross
A broken life made new
Amazed at all You are
And who I am in You

Chorus

Bridge 1

You have overcome
It is finished, it is done
Now my heart is finally free
Every chain undone
By the power of the Son
Risen Savior, reigning King
Forevermore You reign
Forevermore You reign

Chorus

I am not the same I'm a new creation
I am not the same anymore
I am not ashamed I will not be shaken
I am not the same anymore

Bridge 2

You have overcome
It is finished, it is done
Now my heart is finally free
Every chain undone
By the power of the Son
Risen Savior, reigning King
Reign in me

POSTLUDE

"Lift High the Cross" – *arr. Gordon Young*



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs:	John Lambuth, Melina Mantey
Elder:	Frank Peto
Organist:	Karen Tiffany Burgess
Reader:	Melina Mantey
Worship Team:	Dale & Suzy Lindeke

In Our Prayers:

- **We pray for all those who look up and try to live lives placing their trust in things other than you, O Lord!** We pray that you would lead them into the light of your Gospel and into eternal salvation through your Son. We pray for all those blinded by doubt or despair. Comfort them with your Gospel and bring them to renewed faith and life in you.
- **We pray for those who live surrounded by violence— whether from war or political unrest, crime or domestic abuse.** We pray for those who have been victims of violent crime, and for those whose loved ones have been injured or murdered that your comfort, healing and peace would surround them.
- **We pray for peace and safety in the world.** We pray for countries struggling to care for their citizens and to rebuild their economies, for all who do not receive the respect and consideration they deserve, for all those persecuted for their faith or their views, for all who are disenfranchised and long to live in freedom. May all these, your children, know your grace.
- **Teach the leaders of the nations the ways of wisdom, integrity, and humility.** Keep them from being seduced by power and praise. Fill them with a hunger for justice; a love of mercy; and a desire to work for peace among all people.
- **As the Israelites looked upon the bronze serpent and were healed, grant that all who suffer may look upon the Cross of Christ and find healing, comfort, forgiveness, hope and life.** We especially lift up to you our sister Terri Kinkade who fell and broke her hip and is now at Wesley rehab. Bring full healing and recovery to her. And to all who are sick or suffering restore them to your fellowship; and bestow upon us all the joy of your salvation.

Questions for Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

Look Up and Live

Are you afraid of snakes? Why or why not?

Read Numbers 21:4-9. What do we learn about the people in this story?
How are we like the people in this story?

Read John 3:14-21. Earlier in the John passage, Jesus and Nicodemus have an exchange that includes the word play of being “born again.” Here, the word play is about being lifted up, clearly echoing back to the story from Numbers. How is God’s gift of Jesus like the image of the serpent?

What themes are common in both the Numbers story and the John passage?

The Romans believed their gruesome method of execution by crucifixion was a way of shaming those who came against their authority. How does this idea of Jesus being lifted up on a cross get flipped upside down to being a method of exaltation? Read Isaiah 52:13-15.

How are you experiencing a renewed call for repentance and the receiving of healing and new life by focusing on Jesus during Lent?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Coming Up-One Service at 10am Next Week!

As we continue our series "Rend Your Hearts," we will be focusing on Scripture from Jeremiah 31. In this text God recounts how the people struggled in keeping the covenant through the generations, and so he is going to give them a new one and do it through new means. What is the covenant and more importantly where will he write it? Join us next Sunday by reservation in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rldesmoineswa> at 10 am to find out! We look forward to seeing you.

Zoom Bible Study This Week

Join us at either 10 am or 7pm for our Lenten Zoom Bible Study this Wednesday. We will be looking at the 10 instructions of the Lord given to Moses that inform the Israelites way of living, and see how they inform the way we then walk before the Lord as well! 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!

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 by next week! Thanks!

Holy Week Schedule

Here are the service times for the Holy Week services so you can begin to plan ahead. More details will follow shortly.

Holy Week Good Friday Service—April 2nd at 7 PM

Easter Sunday—April 4th at 8 or 10:30 AM—Services Only, No Between Service Activities

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 HERE!

With the success of the first CARDSTOCK we thought we would do it again. Please grab some cards from the table in the lobby and write some cards to residents of senior living facilities in our community! Also, if you are out at the store and see a small pack of Easter Cards pick them up and we will distribute blank cards to our sister Joan at Solstice so residents can write cards to their loved ones.

Office Hours: By Appointment Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm
Email: secretary@resurrection-lcms.org