

**Lenten Midweek Worship**  
**March 24, 2021**  
**Resurrection Lutheran Church**

*Opening*

Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
**now is the day of salvation.**  
Turn us again, O God of our salvation,  
**that the light of your face may shine on us.**  
May your justice shine like the sun;  
**and may the poor be lifted up.**

*Psalm* + Psalm 119:9-16

<sup>9</sup>How shall the young keep their way clean?  
By keeping to your word.  
<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you;  
let me not stray from your commandments.  
<sup>11</sup>I treasure your promise in my heart,  
that I may not sin against you.  
<sup>12</sup>Blessed are you, O LORD;  
instruct me in your statutes.  
<sup>13</sup>With my lips I recite  
all the judgments of your mouth.  
<sup>14</sup>I take greater delight in the way of your decrees  
than in all manner of riches.  
<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your commandments  
and give attention to your ways.  
<sup>16</sup>My delight is in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.

**Reading** + John 12:44-50

<sup>44</sup>Then Jesus cried aloud: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. <sup>45</sup>And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup>I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. <sup>47</sup>I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. <sup>48</sup>The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, <sup>49</sup>for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup>And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

**Hymn:** ELW # 629 “Abide With Me”

## Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847  
 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

*Prayers* + Lamenting the Weight of Guilt

With King David of old we cry out:  
Each day we hurt one another.  
Each day we diminish our very selves.  
O God, why are we humans so prone to evil?  
My sin is my faulty, my fault, my own most grievous fault.

*Sung Trisagion by the Choir*

Hear us, O God:  
**Hear us, O God.**

Deliver us from our offenses:  
**Deliver us from our offenses.**

Give us your life.  
**Give us your life.**

*A time of silence is kept.*

Hear these words, and receive their power:  
God the Father forgives even those sins of which we are unaware.  
God the Son accompanies us in a journey toward love and obedience.  
God the Spirit reconciles us to a family of forgiveness.

Thanks be to God.  
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(This prayer is from RELC member, Gail Ramshaw, in *Prayer, Praise, Give Thanks: A Collection of Litanies, Laments, and Thanksgivings at Font and Table* (Augsburg Fortress, 2017), 22-27.)

### *Lord's Prayer*

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### *Blessing*

You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.  
God bless you **✝** that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.  
**Amen.**