

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR C

Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

L A reading from Deuteronomy beginning with the 26th chapter.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

📖 Let us read psalm 91 responsively in whole verse.

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

² **will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.’**

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,

¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

📖 A reading from Deuteronomy beginning with the 26th chapter

^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

📖 Word of God, Word of Life

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



Optional Repeat
mer-cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

Holy and steadfast God, keep your word near to us, planting it in our hearts and communities. Make it blossom into proclamation for all people to receive. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As you give your Spirit freely, so also give bread that sustains every living thing. Graciously feed hungry souls and hungry stomachs with your bountiful provision. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Stir up courage among your people to resist oppressive powers and to lead people into freedom. Shine the light of your justice through their work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hold tightly those who grow weary in their struggle with addiction or temptation. By your strength bear them up to live fully in your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Teach us the stories of our faith by heart. As you accompanied our ancestors in their uncertainty, so guide us confidently into the future. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When we struggle and are tested, redeem us by the endurance of Christ. Give us steadfast faith to strive for your glory until we witness its fullness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***We welcome you to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church!
We hope our time together will be a blessing to you!***

Fellowship Sheet for Members and Guests—Welcome to our worship. You are in the right place! Please fill out the fellowship sheet that is inserted in your bulletin, then drop it in the offering plate (along with your pencil if you are at the second service). Thanks for worshipping with us today!

Flowers are given by Richard and Nancy Ayer in thankfulness for their family

Bulletins are given by Jeanne Fleck in memory of loved ones

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Welcome to Our Lenten Speaker Please welcome Pr. Jim Holthus from NE Lutheran Campus Ministry. He is here to share information about the needs of our Lutheran Campus Ministry in NE. They will be receiving our Lenten offering on March 13th.

Immediate Opening for Nursery Coordinator We have an immediate opening for the Nursery Coordinator position. This is a paid position. Applicant will need to be available for Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and special events. Please contact the church office to apply for this position. Thank you!



Easter Lily Sign-Up Sheet It's that time again to order your Easter lily to decorate the Fellowship Hall for our Easter services. There are sign-up sheets located on the north and south bulletin boards. Lilies are available at an amazing price of \$5.59. Make your check payable to Resurrection Church and mark it "Easter Lily" in the memo line. Lilies can be taken home after the late service on Easter. Please sign up by Monday, April 1st. You will be contacted to see what you would like to have printed in the Easter bulletins. Thank you!!

Message from the Health Ministry Team Here's an opportunity for us all to be intentional about physical activity. Please join us as we journey together to the cross this Lenten season. **Walking to the Cross** is a wonderful book for a 40-day Lenten devotional and physical activity program that provides a daily devotion, and an opportunity to track our daily physical activity minutes and other reflections for the day. As participants turn in their minutes weekly -- let's see how far we

collectively travel during this Lenten season! The program starts on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Good Friday. The Health Ministry Team will have a table to sign up between services on Sunday.

Lenten Meal & Worship Service Join us this Lenten season for a mid-week meal around the dinner table on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by an evening Lenten worship at 7:00 p.m. Each week a team from Resurrection will help prepare, serve and clean-up. Please join us as we enjoy a meal and fellowship together and experience the “Open My Life” Lenten resource.

Lenten Serving Group: Property Team, Outreach Team

Lenten Menu: Pancakes, egg casserole, sausage, cinnamon toast sticks, fruit and desserts

Easter Lenten Bags The Local and World Service Team will have empty grocery bags by their bulletin board (between the Nursery room doors) starting March 6th! If you want to help Project Hope replenish their dwindling supply of food, this is a great time to do it. Just pick the bag with the list of items on the front of the bag, fill the bag and return to the same area by Sunday, April 14th, Palm Sunday. We will deliver the grocery items during that week. Thank you so much for helping those in need this Easter season! -The Local and World Service Team.

Worship & Music Team We are in need of a new Chief Banner Hanger. This position mainly includes intermittent rotation of the banners in the sanctuary and fellowship hall, along with the seasonal banner behind the altar in the fellowship hall. We thank the Reineke family for their years of service doing this. They have offered to show the new person where the banners are and how to follow the ELCA church season calendar.

If you only have a small amount of time to volunteer each month, this is the position for you. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

RELC Archives Team If you have any stories with pictures of how the church was in years past and would like to share them, please contact Jim Eichner at Eichnerj6527@msn.com.

Camp Carol Joy Holling The theme this year is “Chain Reaction”. The confirmation class will be going to Carol Joy Holling on June 16th-21st. If you haven’t already done so, please get signed up today. We encourage all children grades 1st-12th grade to experience the adventure, fun, and spiritual benefits of CJH camp. If you are a first-time camper, there is a discount for you on specific promotional dates listed on the website. Use the code HALFOFF when you sign up. Go to CarolJoyHolling.org to get signed up today. Have a fun summer at CJH camp. You’ll love it!



Offering Envelopes Please pick up your offering envelopes today! If you are signed up to receive offering envelopes and you haven't already picked yours up, please stop by the table outside of the Fellowship Hall and take them home with you today.



Save the Date: VBS June 23-27 Mark your calendar! Plans for the Roar! Themed VBS 2019 in June are underway. The dates are set, now we just need some volunteers to make this a fun-filled learning experience for your children. Our next planning sessions will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on: Thursdays-4/11, 5/9, and Saturday-6/21. If you would like to sign up to help, go to: bit.ly/2sVjD18. If you have any questions, please email Tyler at Tyler.Johnson@relchurch.net.



ONGOING HAPPENINGS

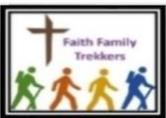
Mid-Week Programming Join us every Wednesday evening for special programming for all youth and choirs.

Programming includes: Chancel Choir-6:00pm, Bell Choir-6:30pm
Nursery(Pre-K-K)-6:00-8:00pm, Lambs(1st-5th gr.)-6:30pm,
Confirmation(6th-8th gr.)-6:15pm, Underground(9th-12th gr.)-6:30pm

2019 Resolution to Serve The Local & World Service team invites you to join them in 2019 by making a resolution to serve. The March 2019 service opportunity is with Omaha Street School (OSS). OSS, an alternative high school founded in 1999, empowers students to discover new hope through education and love in a Christ-centered environment. Enrollment ranges from 25 to 30 with an average classroom size of 8 students. Students find hope and gain self-esteem while increasing valuable self-sufficiency skills along with their education. To learn more, volunteer or donate, visit www.omahastreetsschool.org.

Nursery Help Needed We are in need of a few subs for the nursery on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and special events. Please contact the church office if you would like to know more about this position or to be put on the sub list. **This is a paid position.** You must be at least 18 years old and fill out a background check form if you don't already have one filled out. Thank you for your help!

Faith Family Trekkers The Faith Family Trekkers continue to walk through the winter months at Chalco on the weekends. Contact Sue Lobsiger to be added to the text messenger group for scheduling at (sue.lobsiger@gmail.com; [402.689.7658](tel:402.689.7658))



Coming up:

- Plan on joining the Trekkers on March 2nd for "Heat the Streets" a run and walk fundraising campaign that raises money and awareness for those in our community who are in need of utility assistance. Funds are managed by the non-profit organization, Common Fund of the Heartland.
- Join the Trekkers this month as we participate in the Lenten devotional "Walk to the Cross" where we combine spiritual and physical wellness. All are welcome!

Tai Chi Classes Join us for *Tai Chi for Balance* classes in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The session runs for 12 weeks and will be held every week on Monday and Wednesday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The instructors will be Karen Hitz and Nicki Ayer, both trained *Tai Chi for Balance* instructors.



We invite everyone to experience the benefits of increased balance, muscular strength, and mobility with this program as well. Classes are FREE and open to the entire Gretna community. Tai Chi is beneficial to all age groups and adaptable to persons with limited mobility. If you are interested in learning Tai Chi, please contact Karen Hitz at 402-212-2589 or bkhitz@cox.net.

Low Impact Aerobics Class The Health Ministry team would like to remind everyone that we offer a low impact aerobics class every Friday from 9:00-9:40 a.m.



We love our weekly attendees but would love to see some new faces as well. Our class consists of approximately 20 minutes of cardio work. We do only marching or side stepping and an occasional grape vine, no high impact! We use bottles of water or light weights of your choice or no weights at all. We then do approx. 15 min. of toning and a 5-min. cool down.

If you would like to find a way to a healthier you this year come and join us. There is no cost and it comes with good fellowship and some good laughs. This class is led by Nicki Ayer and Linda Anderson.

OWLS News! Join us the second Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. for as we welcome Dave Stage from Stage Law Office to speak with us about Trusts, Wills, Living Wills, Probate, etc. This will be very informative, so don't miss this special event. Join us after for a fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m.

Come to dinner with us every 4th Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Each month we will pick a new location. On March 28th, we will enjoy an evening out at the Farmhouse Café and Bakery in Omaha. If you would like to carpool, be at the church at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up on the OWLS bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall by March 24th.

Parenting Our Parents (POP) Support Group Join a new small group for those who are providing care for parents. Come share experiences and devotions, offer encouragement and examine resources available with the hope of experiencing a more loving and respectful attitude toward caregiving.

All are welcome as we support each other through fellowship and discussion. Contact Brenda Fleck or Sheri Feala for more information.

Sunday School Substitute Leaders Needed If you are able to share your time and talents as a one-time substitute teacher for Sunday school, please email Tyler at tyler.johnson@relchurch.com. Thank you!

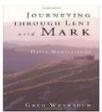
Tabletop Adventure Group (TAG) Join us on **March 15th & 29th** from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the RELC. Players will bring their pre-made character sheets for a night of adventure, fun, and fellowship. If you're new, come join us!



Individuals interested that don't have characters are welcome to come, as we will have pre-generated characters you can choose from for this session! Please eat beforehand and come ready to adventure at 6:30 p.m.!

Theology on Tap Please join on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Brag N Rights in Gretna. All adults over 21 are invited to join us as we enjoy a beverage and discuss whatever topic arises.

Adult Forum-Journeying Through Lent with Mark Beginning today, each Sunday between services at 9:45 a.m., we will embark with St. Mark on a 46-day journey of reflection on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and what this means to you as a disciple. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.



Text Study Join us each week at 10:00 a.m. as we learn about the week's lessons and gospels from the bible. Each week we will study at a new location. Contact Pr. James for details.

Blood Pressure Checks Thank you to the Health Ministry team for offering free blood pressure checks every third Sunday of the month between services. Please stop by the church office to get yours checked.

Cribbage Night Cribbage will meet the fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Courtyard. All are welcome!

Hospital Visits Hospitals usually don't contact us when you go into the hospital due to the privacy act. If you or a family member is going into the hospital, be sure and let the office know so that we can be there for you with prayerful support.

Café Help Needed The Café is open and the sheet to sign-up to help is located on the bulletin board. The Café person is responsible for making coffee, cutting up doughnuts and making sure everything is available between services. They are also responsible for cleanup (rinsing out the coffee pots and placing the dirty glasses over on the dishwasher).

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Sunday, 3/10	8:30 am Traditional Worship Service 9:40 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Forum 10:45 am Contemporary Communion Worship Service
Monday, 3/11	9:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Property
Tuesday, 3/12	10:00 am Text Study 1:00 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Outreach
Wednesday, 3/13	9:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Bridge 3:30 pm OWLS-Trust Wills 5:30 pm Mid-Week Meal 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Lambs 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Underground 6:30 pm Local & World Service 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service 7:30 pm Praise Band
Thursday, 3/14	6:00 pm Worship & Music 6:00 pm Gretna Public Library-Munchkin Drive-In 7:00 pm VBS Leadership Team Meeting
Friday, 3/15	9:00 am Low Impact Aerobics 6:30 pm TAG
Saturday, 3/16	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Billy's Café 9:00 am Walking Group @ Chalco 9:00 am Outreach @ Gretna Business Fair
Sunday, 3/17	8:30 am Traditional Communion Worship Service 9:35 am Blood Pressure Checks 9:40 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Forum 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service

ATTENDANCE

Traditional 77 Contemporary 118

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21	VBS Crew Leader & Station Leader Training
March 28	OWLS to Farmhouse Café

PRAYERS

Be still, and know that I am God...

Our shut-in members and those in the assisted living and nursing

homes: Keith Barkley, Carol Schlueter, Marge Warren, Harold Hansen, Jim Schram, Delores Short, Delores Kreifels, Jackie Mowinkel, Joan Bohling, Thelma Mowinkel

Healing and courage: Charlotte Pfeffer and Christine Cullinane's granddaughter-Emilie Bauer, Jeanne Fleck's daughter-Jayne Pool, Brian Roeber's father-Willis Roeber, Richard Ayer's sister-Margaret Curtis, Larry Kersten, Pr. Jim Holthus, Kim Palle, Harold Hansen, Denise McKay, Lois Nore, Judy Kersten's friend, Joyce Zimmerman's husband-Mike Zimmerman, Alvin and JoAnn Glasshoff's daughter-Dawn Allbery, Carolyn Hoyer's daughter-Angela Biggerstaff, Linda Karas' mother-Margie Biel, Kelli Barnhart's sister-Robin Maestle, Liz Flynn's mother-Sue Lutton, Sarah Nordhues' uncle-Ken Walker, Jan Sharples, Fred Hartman, Brandon and Luke Pyle, Denise McKay's sister-Kathy Ewert, Robert Walbridge Sr.-Church Custodian Co., Delores Armstrong, Jeanne Ralston's friend-Amy LaFontaine, Craig Gissler, Gwen Reier, Duane Strong, Schlechte's German foreign exchange student-Judith Willers, Kelli Barnhart's mother, Birgit Schlechte's mother-Elisabeth Höhn, Roger Asche, Morris Palle, Sandy Brehmer, Lexi's friend-Madelyn, Jeanne Ralston's mother-Pauline Bartlett, Marsha Wilderdyke, Elaine Ney, Klaus Langmaack

Birthdays: Nick Johnson, Conner Thomsen, Carter Bartram, Matthew Layher, Chase Anderson, Sharon Eichner, Susan Josoff, Kieraline Fleck, Noah Drews, Brian Mefford

Anniversaries: Louis & Kathryn Essen

Concord Sister Congregation Please pray for our sister congregation, Concordia Lutheran Church in Concord, NE. Concordia was picked as our "Building on a Foundation" Partner at the NE ELCA Synod Convention.

Service Men and Women: For all those serving our country and for the families of soldiers who were killed or injured, that they be healed in body and spirit.

****Please keep the office updated on the status of prayer requests.***

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

*Hand sanitizers are available throughout the church for your use.

*If you are having trouble hearing the service, please ask an usher for a Sound Mate hearing device.

*For large print bulletins, please contact the office.

*Wheelchairs are available for your use in the church. Contact an usher or a council person for assistance.

*First Aid kits are located in the kitchen, church office, and in the cupboard below the library book shelf by the narthex.

There is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located on the wall by the south bathrooms

Pastor: James Sells

Youth & Program Director: Tyler Johnson

Church Council Members:

Sue Lobsiger, Jerry Layher, DeeAnn Hartman, Linda Biel Karas, Melanie Van Blarcom, Ryan Bergsten, Karen Hitz, Dave Schram, Larry Rippe

Council Duty March 10

8:30 a.m.-Larry Rippe

10:45 a.m.-Sue Lobsiger, Jerry Layher, Ryan Bergsten

Council Duty March 13

7:00 p.m.-Need 1

Council Duty March 17

8:30 a.m.-Dave Schram, Larry Rippe

10:45 a.m.-DeeAnn Hartman

Office Managers: Desiree Stednitz, Jeanne Ralston

Nursery Coordinator: Needed

Music Director: Matt Hill

Sunday School Superintendent: Lynn Donahue

Kitchen Coordinator: Matt Anderson

Custodial Needs:

Property Team, Bill Schwarten

Flowers & Bulletins:

January, February, March-Joyce McMahill

Altar Guild for March

Mardelle Bergsten, Harolyn Stender, Joyce Mohling

Lay Readers for March

8:30 am-Karen Hitz

10:45 am- Doug Ayer, Dakota Gissler, Simon Gissler

Ushers for March

8:30 am-Jim Haver/Larry Rippe/Rich Killingsworth

10:45 am-Jon Gross

Acolytes for March 10

8:30 am-Carleigh Reoh, Andrew Hardy

10:45 am-Caden Prince, Noelle Williams

Acolytes for March 17

8:30 am-Karleigh North, Miles Craddock

10:45 am-Payton Bush, Ava Honeyman

Sound Board Team

March 10: Lane Rainforth March 17: Elliott Steinhoff

Screen Team

March 10: Jack Ralston March 17: Luke Pinkall

Connectors/Welcome Station for March 10

8:30 am-Steve & Diane Bergman, Todd & Brenda Anderson

10:45 am-Evan & Karen Peters

Connectors/Welcome Station for March 17

8:30 am-Dave & Shelley Schram

10:45 am-DeeAnn Hartman, Pat & Tricia Prince