

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

We invite you to help us create sacred space by turning off your electronic devices, breathing deeply, recognizing yourself and the people around you as created in God's image, and praying to be open to the Spirit of God among us.



YOU ARE WELCOME at Resurrection Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

CHILDREN are welcome in worship, and we give thanks for joyful noises made to the Lord! The prayground table near the entrance has coloring supplies and the carpeted area in Fellowship Hall (through the doors by the pulpit) has toys and books for children and rocking chairs for parents.

Our sanctuary is great for music but can make hearing spoken words tricky. The pulpit side speakers work best and **HEARING ASSISTANCE** aids are available in the narthex (entryway) or from an usher. Larger print bulletins are also available in the narthex.

RESTROOMS are available at the bottom of the west stairs in the narthex (entryway) of the church. Accessible restrooms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher or pew neighbor if you need help locating facilities.

We are a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST** congregation, openly welcoming, celebrating the participation of, and advocating for/with people of all sexual orientations, gender expressions, and gender identities. In our baptismal affirmation, we promise to strive for justice and peace in all the earth and are committed to anti-racism in the church and world.

We receive **HOLY COMMUNION**, trusting God's promises that Jesus is fully present in, with, and under the bread and wine and that these elements are given and shed for us. Jesus is the host of this holy meal, and we trust he would invite all to come forward to receive. You can also come forward for a spoken blessing.

WORSHIPPING VIA ZOOM, the meeting link is on our website www.rlclakeview.com or go to www.zoom.com and use the following credentials: Meeting ID: 864 1603 4369 and Passcode: 588633. You can also call in using +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago).

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE & WELCOME

HYMN

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

ACS #977

We face the cross in procession during the opening hymn. Our hymns come from a variety of sources.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) is the red colored hymnal in our pews. We also draw from All Creation Sings (ACS), a resource we access digitally.



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con- verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

A reading from Micah:

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!"

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now
what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

Sylvia Johnston

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15



¹ LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.

⁴ In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ¹ fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their word.

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Lorenzo Mix

A reading from First Corinthians:

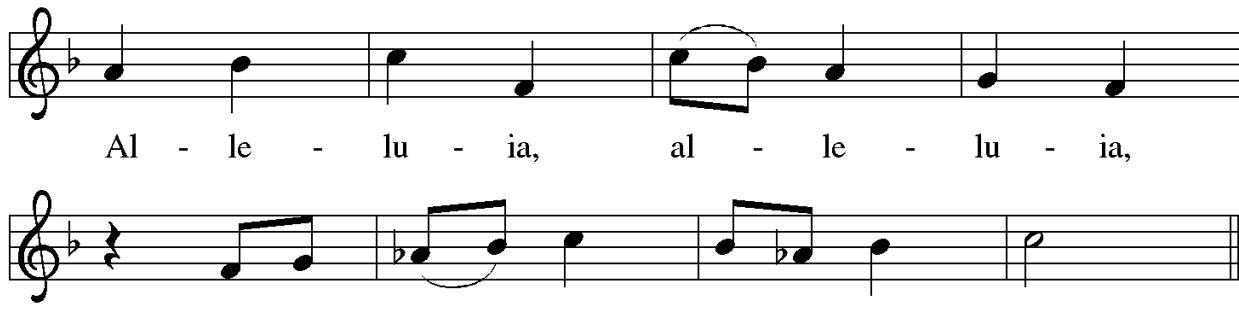
¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Rejoice ¹ and be glad,* for your reward is ¹ great in heaven.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for meditation follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW #710

*The hymn of the day after the sermon uses a tune by English composer Gustav Holst (1874-1934). He wrote the tune for his final movement of the orchestral suite *The Planets*. This tune, "Thaxted, is used for two hymns in our hymnal, and for a patriotic hymn popular in England, sung at both the wedding and funeral of Princess Diana.*



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
 a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo-ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rick Kline

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts as we celebrate Black History Month. Thank You for the rich heritage and the countless contributions of Black individuals throughout history. We honor their resilience, strength, and unwavering faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We sit after greeting one another in peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Our offerings include our time, talents, and treasures. Please bring forward when you come to commune or receive a blessing. If you prefer to give online, please visit www.rlclakeview.com/give or Zelle: giving@rlclakeview.com.

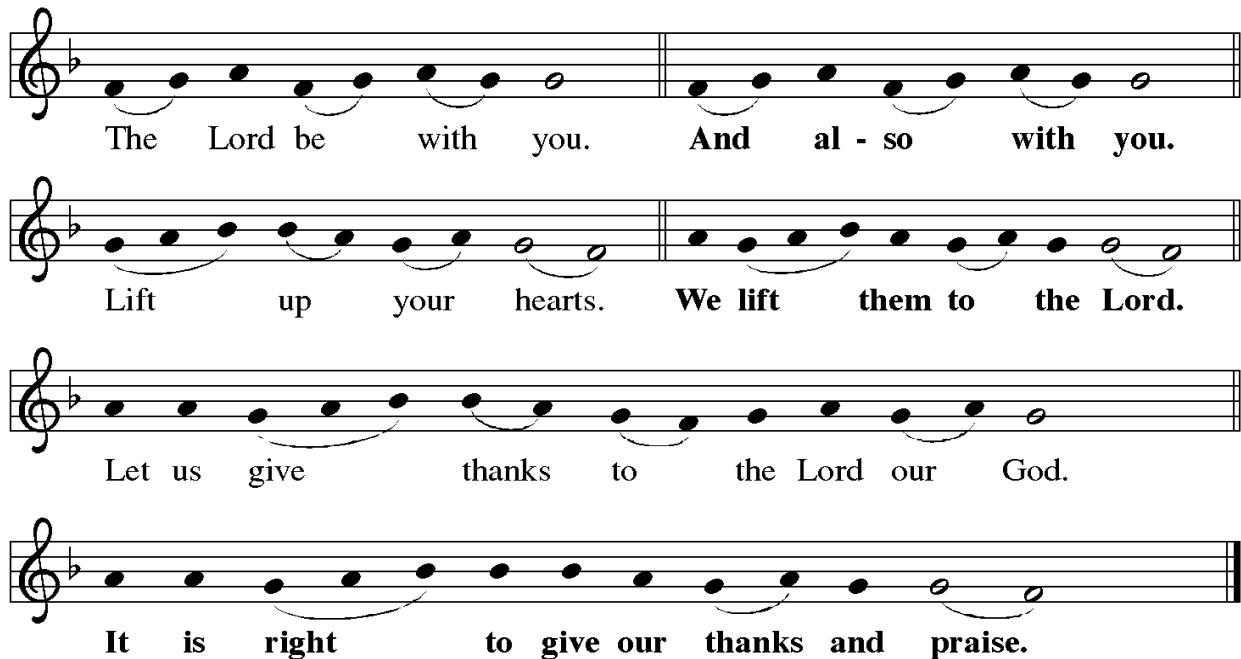
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rick Kline

Let us pray: God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE FOR THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our congregation sings or prays the Lord's Prayer in a variety of ways.

During this season, we sing the prayer:

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

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

We receive communion in the form of bread (a gluten-free option is available) and wine or grape juice by intinction (dipping just the wafer in the chalice). We trust that Jesus is fully present in, with, and under the bread and that the sacrament is given “for me.” Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a spoken blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW #714

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

After all have returned to their places, we stand as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER*Rick Kline*

Let us pray: Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW #551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy - like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing, deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus', name.

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise \dagger bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Rick Kline

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Following the dismissal, some people will remain in the pews to listen to the postlude. Others will quietly greet one another or depart toward Fellowship Hall (through the door next to the pulpit) or out the doors onto the sidewalk when weather is mild.

POSTLUDE

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LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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IN OUR PRAYERS

STEWARSHIP TEAM PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts as we celebrate Black History Month. Thank You for the rich heritage and the countless contributions of Black individuals throughout history. We honor their resilience, strength, and unwavering faith.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, HOSPITALIZED, OR RECOVERING AT HOME

Phyllis Apelbaum, *friend of David Thoele*

Sharon Bibbs, *friend of Dirlams*

Wes Calkins, *father of Sara Calkins*

Clemmer family, *friends of Dirlams*

George Eck, *friend of Dirlams*

Clayton Gard, *nephew of Harry Tingley*

Michael Hazard, *friend of David Thoele*

Larry Jensen, *friend of the Youngmans*

Harvey Kahler

Robert Lay, *friend of David Thoele*

Dave Mackey, *father of Tricia Mackey-Shew*

Joan and Bob Madsen, *sister and brother-in-law of Eloise Thompson*

Padraig McGuire

Patricia McGuire, *mother of Padraig McGuire*

Lucy Negron, *former neighbor of Sherman Hicks*

Anne Roberts

Lauren Schmees, *sister-in-law of Katie Schmees*

Mike Schmees, *father of Katie Schmees*

David Schuman, *nephew of Opal Katsma*

Robert Schuman, *brother of Opal Katsma*

Margaret Traves, *cousin of Linda Chin*

Bill VanDenburgh, *uncle of Ann Marie Walsh*

Charlotte VanDenburgh, *mother of Ann Marie Walsh*

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alexandra and Spencer Crowe, *niece and spouse of Rick Kline*

Jonathan and Mark Bangert, *family of the Ericksons*

Joshua Fairbanks, *family of Rick Kline*

Christian Youngman

For those who mourn the death of

Irene Hein, *friend of David Thoele*

Jean Cronin, *friend of David Thoele*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Viktoria Kassis 2.1

Kurt Larson 2.12

Hank Angelino 2.19

Ryan Hunt 2.28

Michael Kassis 2.10

Erik Leahy 2.14

Charlotte Apel 2.28

We try to keep our prayer list up to date. If you would like to add or edit someone, please let us know by leaving a note in the offering, emailing or calling the church office (773) 525-0605.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

ADULT EDUCATION: BIBLE STUDY

Adult Education continues this winter with bible study based on what we'll be hearing in worship. We follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a three year series of readings and will draw from this for our scripture focus in bible study.

Leading into Lent Series

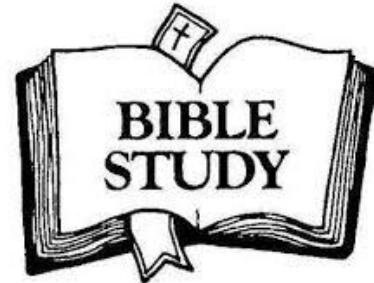
February 1: Matthew 5:13-20

February 15: Matthew 17:1-9 & Matthew 6:1-6: 16-21

March 15: John 4: 5-42 & John 9:1-41

March 22: John 11:1-45

March 29: Holy Week Scripture



Resurrection Lutheran Church

Every Member Visits



Pastor Kelly will be conducting Every Member Visits in the first quarter of this year. These are opportunities to reflect together on our congregation's ministry and dream of where God is leading us in 2026 and beyond. She is willing to come to you, meet for a meal or beverage, or host you at church for these conversations. Please sign-up [via Sign-up Genius](#) or contact her to arrange a time that might work for you and your household.

383 PARKING PASSES FOR 2026

We like to have some 383 parking permits on hand for evening meetings and events here at RLC. If you have accessibility to donate some, please bring some to church in the coming weeks.

COMING UP

FEBRUARY 18 ASH

WEDNESDAY

7:30-8:30a.m., 12-1p.m.

Ashes to Go @ RLC

7p.m. Worship at Holy Trinity,
1218 W. Addison St.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

MISSION ENDOWMENT

FUND FAIR

We gather with our grant recipients after worship to learn more about the great work they do!

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 A.M.

NEW TO RLC BREAKFAST

Whether you've been around for awhile or are brand new, this is an opportunity to learn more about our congregation and get to know some of our people.

Welcome to Resurrection!

We are glad you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting for the first-time or would like to know more about RLC, please complete this form, detach, and put in the offering plate.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Check all that apply:

- I am visiting for the first time.
- I would like to know more about RLC.
- I am interested in membership.
- I would like to receive RLC's weekly email.
- I would like the pastor to contact me via
 - phone
 - text
 - email



THIS WEEK @ RLC

Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Monday, February 2, 2025

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Windy City Performing Arts

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:30-8:30 p.m. District 19 Mutual Aid
Donation Drop-off

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

5:30-8:30 p.m. District 19 Mutual Aid
Donation Drop-off
7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Windy City Performing Arts
8:45 p.m. NA

Thursday, February 5, 2026

9 a.m.- 1p.m. District 19 Mutual Aid
Donation Drop-off

Saturday, February 7, 2026

9 a.m.- 1p.m. District 19 Mutual Aid
Donation Drop-off
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. RLC Men's Group

Sunday, February 8, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship
10:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LLP Confirmation