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I AM



the Resurrection

March 30, 2022
1:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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I AM STATEMENTS

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Theme: I Am The Resurrection

As We Gather

“I Yam What I Yam” said Popeye the sailor man. It was a way to identify who he was, a sailor man. This Lent our theme will be the great I Am statements of Jesus. Like Popeye, He was identifying who and what He was about. When Jesus says “I Am” He is claiming to be God, and so He is.

Prelude

(1:00) Steve SeGraves, pianist

(7:00) Rick Helderop, organist

Opening Hymn 145 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.
2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
Tho' we see Thee wounded, bleeding, see Thy thorn-encircled
brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath bro't us life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us calms the sinner's stormy
breast.

3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for Thee!

May our eyes be ever turning to Thy cross of agony
'Till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading

P: We place at the cross today the palm branches that welcomed Jesus as He rode triumphantly into Jerusalem. The people loudly shouting, "Hosanna!" expected to be saved by a conquering hero. Palm Sunday reminds us of our self-centered expectations.

C: Lord Jesus, we confess our misguided, impatient expectations. We expect You to deliver us from suffering. We expect You to bless our materialism. We expect You to destroy our enemies. Help us say "No" to our self-centered, unholy expectations. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.

P: Palm Sunday is about worship. We worship the One most holy. We worship the One for whom we are willing to die.

C Lord Jesus, Holy Week reminds us that, although we worshiped You on Sunday, we denied You on Friday. Like Peter we promised to die for You; You have died for us. Help us say "No" to worship without sacrifice. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.

P: Palm Sunday is about worship. But the people turned the triumphal entry into a political parade.

C:Lord Jesus, Holy Week reminds us that the heroes we most admire ride in chariots pulled by white horses. We confess that we don't want to follow leaders who empty themselves of power, and ride on donkeys. Help us say "No" to "strength making right." Help us say "Yes" to the cross.

P:Palm Sunday is about worship. But we follow Jesus, hoping for positions of power on his right and on his left.

C:Lord Jesus, Holy Week reminds us that we want Your power without accepting the cup of suffering that You drank, without the obedience to the point of death. We want your Kingdom to come, but we fear it will cost us too much. Help us say "No" to our weak disobedience. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.

P:Almighty God, we confess that we love parades of power; Your parade was humble. We confess that we worship conquering heroes; You were conquered. We confess that we grasp whatever advantage we can get; You emptied Yourself for us. In Jesus Christ You have brought us mercy! Teach us to be merciful to one another. Burn our palm branches into ash; help us take up our cross daily and follow You. Amen.

Children's Message - 7 PM

Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 12:1-3

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people — everyone whose name is found written in the book — will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake:

some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Gospel Lesson

John 11:1-44

1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days,

7 and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." 8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. 10 It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." 12 His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." 13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant

natural sleep. 14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

16 Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in

the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." 40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Hymn of the Day I Love to Tell The Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

2. I love to tell the story - 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. Refrain

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain

Sermon

John 11:1-44

"I Am The Resurrection"

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Voluntary

(1:00)

There is a Balm in Gilead - Mark Hayes
Traditional Spiritual

Bonnie L. Brooks, soprano; Ben Kletzli, baritone

(7:00)

God With Us – Woods/Butler

Karen Newman

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill faraway stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
'till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me:
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. Refrain

3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. Refrain

Postlude

(1:00) Steve SeGraves, pianist

(7:00) Rick Helderop, organist

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Thanks and appreciation to:
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Ushers

1:00 - Bob Stewart

7:00 - Jim Grove, captain; Jim Endress, Bill Couger,
Jeff Kidder, Peter Pridmore, Kevin Browett

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring,
Robin Swift, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp

Audio/Video Operators

7:00 - Jim Endress and David Hardoin

Our Lenten Meal Preparers:

(lunch): Robin Swift

(supper): Michele Margosian

Rev. Randall J. Schlak, Senior Pastor
James Greenwalt, Vicar

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LENT

April 6: I Am The Way The Truth and The Life

1:00pm Chapel and 7:00pm Gym/Sanctuary

Each worship service is preceded by a meal

lunch - 12:00 noon;

dinner - 5:30pm confirmands; 6:00pm congregation

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Good Friday, April 15

1:00pm and 7:00pm each day

Easter Eve, April 16

5:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:30am with Holy Communion,

9:00am and 10:30am