

THE CROSS

MARCH 13, 2022



SUNDAY WORSHIP

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

322 OHIO ST RACINE, WI 53405

2nd Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022

8am & 10am In-Person Worship
& Livestream

MORE INFO

WWW.LCRRACINE.ORG

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THE
CHOSEN



8:00am & 10:00 am In-Person Worship & Livestream

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/lcrracine>

Website: www.lcrracine.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/resurrectionlutheranracine

Masks optional for in-person worship

**Please go to one of the above sites
to view Sunday's Worship Service.**

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

TURNING TOWARD
GOD'S ABUNDANCE:
A SERVICE OF WORD & PRAYER

NOON & 6:30 PM



Focusing on five divine
attributes drawn from readings
and the gospel texts for Lent:
*faithfulness, mercy, compassion,
forgiveness, and love*

**JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY LENTEN
WORSHIP AT NOON AND 6:30PM**

**SOUP & BREAD LUNCHES AND
DINNERS WILL BEGIN MARCH 16
(See the article on pg. 4 for more
information on how to volunteer)**

**Hope & Grace Lenten Devotionals
are available in the Gathering Area**

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- **Charlie**, Barb Tuttle's 8 month old great grandson, who is facing health concerns.
- **the people of Ukraine** for their safety during the unrest in their country.
- **Brad Bartel** for continual healing after surgery.
- Our members facing long term health concerns: **Shirley Alton, Darwin Behlke, Pastor Kara, Marcia Garcia, Doris Yarrington, Scott Matthews, Sandy Nielsen, Mark Wanggaard, Sandy Miller, Jim DeCamp and Kit Canman.**
- **the family of Ron Sorensen**, as they mourn his passing.

UPCOMING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

March 13

8am Reader: Dave Backmann

10am Reader: Christy Cline

Worship Assistant: Jeff Wunderle

8am Ushers: Joe Kiemen, Grace Holm

10am Ushers: Steve Dues, Colin McKenna

8am Acolyte: Layla Matthews

8am Worship Tech: Gayle Wint

10am Worship Tech: Tori Pahl

March 20

8am Reader: Jill Schwartz

10am Reader: Gary Anderson

Worship Assistant: Karla Bidstrup

8am Ushers: Joe Kiemen, Grace Holm

10am Ushers: Aaron Kozlik, Pam Tague

8am Worship Tech: Dave Backmann

10am Worship Tech: Nate Kozlik

March 27

8am Reader: Jay Weiss

10am Reader: Jay Weiss

Worship Assistant: Jay Weiss

8am Ushers: Joe Kiemen, Grace Holm

10am Ushers: Jeff Wunderle, Connie Gardner

10am Acolyte: Colin Gardner

10am Worship Tech: Zeke Petrach

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday March 13

8am - Traditional Worship

9am - Sunday School

9am - The Chosen Watch Party

10am - Contemporary Worship

Monday March 14

10:30am - Staff Meeting

Tuesday March 15

8am - Sew & Sews

Wednesday March 16

12pm - Lenten Worship followed by
Soup Lunch

1pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

6:00pm - Soup Dinner

6:30pm - Lenten Worship followed by
The Chosen Watch Party

Thursday March 17

11am - Bible Study - The Chosen

1pm - Hope and Joy Circle

Sunday March 20

8am - Traditional Worship

9am - Sunday School

9am - The Chosen Watch Party

10am - Contemporary Worship

Season 2:
The
Chosen

Episode 6

Watch Parties

Sunday

March 13, 2022

9:00AM

& Wednesday

March 16, 2022

after 6:30PM

Worship

Bible Study

Thursday – March 17

11:00AM



JOIN US FOR OUR
NEXT CHOSEN
WATCH PARTY
(parental supervision is
advised)
& BIBLE STUDY!



Brown
Bag
Bible
Study

Date: March 16

Time: 1pm

Location:

Lutheran Church
of the Resurrection

Pre-Read:

Chapters: 8, 9 & 10

FOREWORD BY JIM WALLIS, AUTHOR OF GOD'S POLITICS

Adam Hamilton

Seeing

Gray

**in a World of
Black and White**

Thoughts on Religion,
Morality, and Politics

JOIN US MARCH 16
AT 1PM (After
Lenten Soup Lunch)
FOR BROWN BAG
BIBLE STUDY

RUTH SCHOENING IS TURNING 100!

Ruth Schoening is turning 100 on March 23! Ruth was the first organist for Lutheran Church of the Resurrection and retired in 2015 after more than 50 years as the organist. If you would like to send a birthday card to Ruth to help her celebrate this milestone birthday, you can mail them to:

Ruth Schoening
1213 Long Meadows Drive, #410A
Lynchburg, VA 24502

LENTEN SOUP MEALS

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection



STARTING WEDNESDAY - MARCH 16, 2022
after Noon Worship & at 6PM
Please see sign-up link to Volunteer!

www.lcrracine.org

LENTEN SOUP MEALS ARE BACK!

Lenten soup meals will begin on **March 16** thanks to the volunteers that signed up for that day! Soup and bread will be served after the Noon worship and at 6pm before the 6:30pm worship. There is a catch however... We need volunteers to bring soup, set up and clean up. Bread will be provided. Please click on the link below to volunteer. If we don't get enough volunteers each week there won't be a meal. Let's re-gather for fellowship and a meal this Lenten season!

[https://lcrracine.flocknote.com/
signup/83608](https://lcrracine.flocknote.com/signup/83608)

**Can you count to 4?
Want to try something new?
What to have fun with music?**

come

learn about the new Hand Bell Choir

starting now at 9am in the choir room



All ages are welcome...youth & adults!

The Hand Bell Choir will share music

at 8am & 10am services

CONTACT JIM SODKE FOR MORE INFORMATION:
JSODKE@GMAIL.COM

NEW HAND BELL CHOIR

If you are interested in joining LCR's new Hand Bell Choir please contact Jim Sodke at jsodke@gmail.com. We are looking for people of all ages to join!

HAPPY Birthday!

Mason Garcia	3/11	Nancy Haman	3/18
Melissa Larson	3/12	Isabelle Baumgardt	3/21
Thomas Sheriff	3/12	Dawne Grindeland	3/21
Mohammed Shittu	3/12	Ed Grabanski	3/22
Sue Napier	3/13	Mike Larson	3/23
John Bickle	3/14	Denise Olson	3/23
Julie McKenna	3/14	Ruth Schoening (100!)	3/23
Valerie Nance	3/15	Ralph Miller	3/24
Ann Bartel	3/16	Roxann Dresen	3/26
Carol Baylon	3/18	Jeff Pahl	3/26

HAPPY Anniversary!

3/12	Paul & Kim Andersen	34
3/14	Jeff & Diana VanderLeest	7
3/25	Eric & Connie Gardner	22

SCRIP CARDS ARE AVAILABLE



To place your orders, call the office at 637-7431 or email at office@lccracine.org. Place orders by Monday and they will be available for pick up the following Monday. We ask at this time you pay only by check and make it out to LCR Scrip. A list of cards that are available is at the end of The Cross.

LCR STAFF

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/LCRRacine>

People of LCR....

Many of you have stated over the last number of months that you have noticed we have not had the number of people return to worship like we had before the pandemic and have asked why. There are many reasons for this...some we know, some we many not totally understand, and some are part of a shift in our society today. Below is an article from the March Living Lutheran that does a great job in framing where things are today and gives us things to think about as the church, as the people at LCR and the leadership as well. This is part of the reason we are embarking on this visioning process at LCR and thinking about where God is calling us as a church in the Racine community for the future when the future may look a little different than we thought it would 2 years ago. Please let me know if you have any questions, thoughts, comments or want to talk after reading this article.

They May Not Come Back

AND HERE'S WHY

By Dwight Zscheile

When in-person worship resumed last year, congregations across America saw significant decreases in their pre-pandemic attendance rates. It's true that some congregations have grown over

the last two years, but the more common story is one of decline—in some places, 40% or more.

There are multiple reasons for this: some people are still concerned about safety as the pandemic

continues, some prefer online worship even when in-person is offered, and others have simply walked away. No one is sure how things will settle, but I suspect the pandemic has accelerated a deeper cultural shift that was already long underway.

To understand this shift, we need to examine history. After the American Revolution, a new paradigm for institutional life emerged and came to dominate American religion and society—the voluntary association. Whereas congregations prior to that time carried over the state church model from Europe (with some important variations), the disestablishment of religion spurred innovation.

Congregations began to organize themselves as voluntary societies, which individuals could choose to join and support with donations. Ted A. Smith, a professor at the Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, says this new “Age of Association” also brought countless service clubs and other ways of organizing, joining, participating and serving. Many denominations emerged during this era. While institutions in the Age of Association were often problematically exclusive, they unleashed a lot of dynamism and vitality in American religion and life.

Since the late 1960s, Western societies have increasingly come to inhabit what the philosopher Charles Taylor calls the Age of Authenticity, when people focus on discovering and expressing their true selves, not affiliating with or serving institutions. In fact, institutions are regarded with deep suspicion.

In the Age of Authenticity, people can leave voluntary associations and institutions without embedding themselves elsewhere. Things are far more fluid, and identity springs less from a web of institutions (family, neighborhood, career, etc.) than from a series of individual choices. Social and economic burdens once borne by institutions (like defined benefit pension plans) are shifted to individuals.

The systems of the ELCA (congregations, synods, the churchwide organization) and its partners were designed for the Age of Association, not the Age of Authenticity. No one should be surprised that they are unraveling as church membership declines. If you talk to leaders of other voluntary association systems—scouting, labor unions, service organizations—you’ll hear the same story. This isn’t just the church’s problem—it’s a larger cultural transformation.

Think outside the box

This causes enormous loss and grief, particularly in older generations for whom the Age of Association model worked well. Many congregations are

being sustained by faithful elders who know how to build, serve and sustain voluntary associations. They puzzle at why their children and grandchildren aren’t interested in affiliating and participating.

Pastors and other leaders are expected to manage and revitalize the Age of Association institutions, typically with fewer resources. No wonder that 51% of mainline Protestant clergy have considered leaving full-time ministry in the past year, according to a recent study by the Barna Group. Getting younger people to affiliate with and participate in (let alone sacrificially support) voluntary associations in the Age of Authenticity is a difficult proposition.

Instead, the church should embrace the huge opportunity the Age of Authenticity provides to share the gospel in a culture where people are told to go their own way and find their own meaning, purpose and community. This age is full of yearning for deeper connections than those facilitated by social media, for more adequate stories than those provided by consumerism, and for more just and sustainable ways of patterning human life than people see around and within themselves. There is isolation, despair and division. What an opportune moment for the promises of God in Jesus to be made known!

If the church is going to make those promises known in the Age of Authenticity, it may need to think outside the old boxes of the Age of Association. The core practices of Christian faith and community must endure, but their organizational expression will need to change. We don’t yet know what this will look like. It will require a lot of experimentation—what I and my colleagues at Luther Seminary call faithful innovation.

This involves investing presence and relationship in community spaces where people already spend time (both virtually and physically) so that we might listen to their stories and learn how to connect the gospel with their longings and losses. It involves learning how to embody the richness of Christian spirituality in simple, accessible practices that people can see in ordinary lives and try on for themselves.

In the Age of Authenticity, people are looking for authentic expressions of spirituality, community, justice and hope. That is a good thing. May the church meet them there with the good news of Jesus. †

Download a study guide for this article at **livinglutheran.org** by clicking on the “Spiritual practices & resources” tab.

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