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*The Herald!*

**RLC WELCOMES ALL!**

Sunday Morning Worship In-Person & Livestream @ 10:00am

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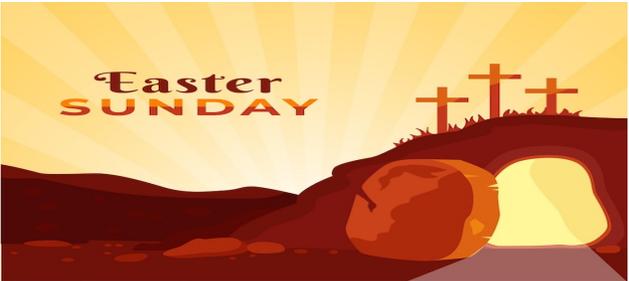
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**Palm Sunday, March 29th**  
Worship @ 10:00am

**Maundy Thursday, April 2nd**  
Worship @ 7:00pm



**Good Friday, April 3rd**  
Jazz Worship @ 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday, April 5th**  
Celebration Worship @ 10:00am

Dear friends,

I don't know about you, but this whole Lenten theme of "surrendering to change" is really working on me. (Note to self: Don't choose a theme for a liturgical season if you're not willing to wrestle with it yourself!) Ever since Transfiguration Sunday when I showed those pictures of the sand labyrinths on the Oregon Coast, and Ash Wednesday when we faced our mortality in the most visceral way by putting ashes on our foreheads, so many questions have been living in me about living within a constantly changing reality.



- + If life is change, and constant change is unavoidable, how do I actually live with purpose within that reality?
- + What resources do I have to help me accept the inevitability of change?
  - + What changes do I welcome?
  - + What changes am I resistant to?
- + How do I know I'm resisting? What clues is my body giving me?
  - + Do I really have a problem with change, or am I just trying to avoid feeling uncomfortable?
  - + Or trying to avoid the pain of grief?
  - + How is everyone else dealing with this too????

And I think it's that last question that has me wondering the most. How is everyone else dealing with this too? Change is the reality we ALL live in all the time. There's no escaping the nature of reality! And it's also true that we are, in fact, living through a time of extraordinarily tumultuous changes. And, spoiler alert, those tumultuous changes are not going to end within any of our lifetimes. The unfolding of these extraordinary changes is, whether we like it or not, the context in which we all will live out our days.

So, that's all the more reason to talk honestly about how we're navigating these times, to strengthen our webs of relationships so that we don't have to just weather these storms of change, but can actually influence our changing reality for the better with the power of revolutionary love that we have seen and known in Jesus. Or, in other words, even in this time of tremendous grief and tumultuous change, we, like Denny and the sand labyrinth makers, can create something beautiful out of love and offer it as our gift to the world.

Every week, a friend of mine, who is also a grief coach, and I offer peer coaching to one another. And a couple of weeks ago, we noticed that we ourselves and so many people we're talking to are just feeling overwhelmed. And that overwhelm was resulting in pretty consistently ineffective behaviors: fight the reality that we are living in changing and challenging times, flee into isolation or distraction, or try to control anything and everything that we think we can control.

And so we were reflecting on what actually helps us engage our hearts, minds and power when we're feeling overwhelmed with all the changes. And we realized that **the antidote to overwhelming change is not denial or distraction, isolation or control, but connection.** And not just connection in general. Not just connection in theory, but actually experiencing connection with others in an authentic way; connection with our deepest selves; connection with the living earth; connection with the ancestors; connection with Jesus, the angels, the saints, the Holy Spirit—all the ways in which we experience God.

Those connections are like the roots and branches of trees in a forest that make it possible for those trees to stand tall and bend with the winds of change, but remain rooted and connected, nurturing life and beauty with their very existence.

So during this Lenten season, we're getting lots of opportunities to connect with one another — for a few minutes in worship as we engage the new insights of the First Nations Indigenous Translation of the New Testament, and after worship during our coffee and conversation time. There will be more opportunities to come, but for now let's start slowly reaching out those roots and branches toward one another so we can surrender to change together, and together create something beautiful out of love as our offering to the world.

Blessings,  
Pastor Solveig

**You can listen to Pastor Solveig's Herald article here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6n7XqMOig0>**



### **RLC PREACHING SCHEDULE:**

- March 1 - Pastor Solveig
- March 8 - Pastor Solveig
- March 15 - Pastor Solveig
- March 22 - Pastor Solveig
- March 29 - Pastor Solveig

**Greetings from your new 2026 Council!**

**We held our first meeting on February 15, 2026, with all Council members present, along with Pastor Solveig, Troy Lutz, and Kym Tangen. We are pleased to welcome our newest members, Leslie Sawyer and Matt Sanders.**

**Pastor Solveig led the initial portion of our meeting and the appointment of new officers. We are pleased to announce the following leadership for the coming year:**

- President: Von Cary**
- Vice President: Leslie Sawyer**
- Secretary: Sally Ritchie**
- Treasurer: Joyce Gibson**

**During the meeting, we identified several key goals for 2026 and approved a new contract for Pastor Solveig. This contract, effective March 1st through August 31st, increases her time with us to three-quarter time. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication to RLC and her continued service to our congregation.**

**We look forward to an exciting year ahead!**

**Grace and Peace,**

**Von Cary**

**Council President**



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## During this season of Lent, together we..."surrender to change"

### On Sundays @ RLC In Worship...

During the season of Lent, we will actively engage the gospel stories during worship, cultivating the curiosity, courage and spiritual strength needed to surrender to change together.

Following worship, we will also have time to engage in conversation!

**March 1:** Coffee and Conversation: Welcome and Belonging

**March 8:** Coffee and Conversation: Vibrant Worship

**March 15:** Coffee and Conversation: Cultivating Community Relationships

**March 22:** Coffee and Conversation: RLC's Evolution!

### On Wednesdays during Lent...

Trinity Lutheran Church and Iglesia Santa Cruz Episcopal Church invite us to join them for weekly bilingual worship Taize style, with a simple supper at 6:00pm (provided by Trinity Lutheran) and bilingual Spanish-English worship from 7:00-7:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 W Powell Blvd., Gresham.

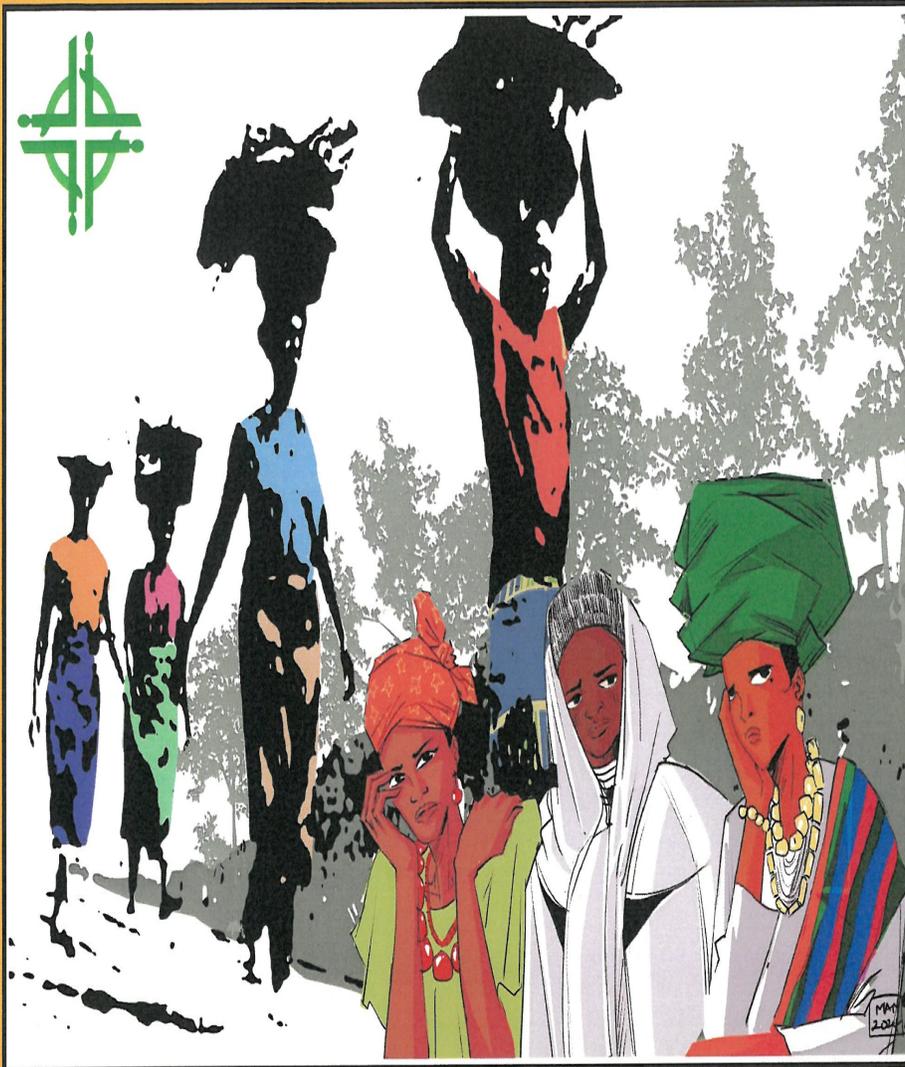


### GRIEF SHARE

Do you need help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend?

Please join us for Grief Share Monday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Luther Lodge. We will begin on Monday, February 2nd and run through April 27th.

If interested, please call Leslie Sawyer at 503-679-6882.



*Title: Rest for the Weary | Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah*

# World Day of Prayer 2026

“I Will Give You Rest: Come”  
Matthew 11:28–30



Program written by the World Day of Prayer  
Committee of Nigeria. World Day of Prayer is  
a global ecumenical movement led by  
Christian women who welcome you to join in  
prayer and action for peace and justice.



**All Are Welcome! Date: March 6, 2026 Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Venue: Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 W Powell Blvd, Gresham OR**

**Contact: Stephanie Kistler Phone Number: 503-665- 3197**

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## **Men's Breakfast!**

**Saturday, March 21st @ 9:20am**

Polar King – 1030 Powell Boulevard in Gresham

(No Host – that means you pay your own:)

We hope you can join us!

Any questions? Please call or text Rick Johnson  
@ 701-721-5056.

**Gethsemane Lutheran, 11560 SE Market St.,  
is hosting a National Quilter's Day event on Saturday, March 21st,  
9:00am to 3:00pm, in the Parish Hall.**

Please join us as we sew quilts for local and global organizations  
(e.g. SnowCap and Lutheran World Relief).

We have a lot of extra fabric that we will be selling at a "pop up" sale on this  
day. You are welcome to stop by to visit or join us for the day.

Questions? Please e-mail Karla Hills at [khills55@comcast.net](mailto:khills55@comcast.net)

## **Memorial Service for Mary Ellen Summer**

There will be a memorial service for Mary Ellen on  
Saturday, March 21st @ 1:00pm

Trinity Lutheran Church  
507 W. Powell Blvd.  
Gresham, Or 97030

Mary Ellen was a member of RLC until she moved  
to Gresham several years ago.

**All are invited and welcome!**

**Have you ever heard the story of the Willamette River...  
from the river's perspective?**

For fifteen years Pastor Solveig has been leading an event once or twice a year with a group called EcoFaith Recovery in partnership with the University of Portland. It's called "The River's Lament," and it is a ritual walk along the perimeter of the U of P campus overlooking the Willamette River, telling the story of the river as they imagine it being told from the river's perspective. It's a powerful experience, especially when done during the season of Lent, and it is being offered again this spring.

**The River's Lament with EcoFaith Recovery  
Saturday, March 21, 10:00am - 12:30pm**

Meet at the Pilot House in the center of the University of Portland Campus. (The walk is over a mile and involves stairs and walking on grass. Please dress accordingly and for the weather. If you would like to participate, and accessibility is an issue, please let Pastor Solveig know and there may be possibilities for avoiding the stairs and grass.)

The River's Lament is being sponsored in conjunction with the University of Portland's Spring 2026 Schoenfeldt Speaker series, featuring the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer, who will be speaking on Wednesday, March 25th, 2026, 7:30-8:30pm in Buckley Center Auditorium, with a book signing to follow. This event is free and open to the public, with no ticket needed.

## **Synod Assembly!**

**Are you interested in attending Synod Assembly online this year?**

**Guess what...EVERYONE can!** (Though we also need voting members... read on!)

Friends, the Bishop's Office is trying a NEW THING this year for Synod Assembly. As some of you know, we now only meet every third year in person, so the other two years we meet online. Historically that has meant some optional pre-gatherings to learn about resolutions, the budget, etc. plus one big long day on zoom in which the deliberations and voting would take place.

This year they are trying something new. Those pre-sessions will now be official business portions of the assembly, and then on the day of the assembly, there will be simply worship and voting via email for registered delegates.

Bishop Laurie explains it here in this video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cO\\_ym2EiCc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cO_ym2EiCc)

**So here's the invitation:**

ANYONE AND EVERYONE (including elected voting members from RLC): Come learn more about the life of the Oregon Synod by participating in these sessions:

**Thursdays, April 9, 16, 23 at 6:00pm via Zoom.**

One will be on resolutions and memorials, one on changes to the constitution, and one on the budget where all business will be conducted (except voting). Anyone who is a member of a congregation in the synod is invited to these sessions to come learn and participate. (We'll let you know which topic is which Thursday when we get that information.)

**AND...on Saturday, May 30th, at 10:30am via Zoom,** again, all are welcome to participate in an online synod-wide worship service. Voting for registered voting members will take place by email electronic ballot immediately after the worship. Within a week, the outcome of the voting will be posted on the synod website.

We will send out the zoom link for all these gatherings when we receive it.

## Would you like to be a Synod Assembly Voting Member?

Given the new format, you must be available to participate in each of the three pre-sessions (April 9, 16, 23) as well as the virtual assembly on May 30.

RLC may elect TWO voting members PLUS may also send up to TWO additional voting members from EACH of the following groups (meaning, if we were really on it, we could have a total of eight voting members):

- youth (aged 12-17) or young adults (aged 18-30)
- LGBTQIA+
- People of color or whose primary language is not English

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in being considered for election as an official Synod Assembly Delegate from RLC, **please let Kym in the office know no later than Sunday, March 15**. The council will determine a process in which the congregation can elect our voting delegates. Registration for all delegates is paid for by the congregation.

If you are not comfortable with technology and meeting online but would like to serve as a voting member, please indicate that when you tell Kym of your interest. That way we can get you the support you need.

In sum...here are the dates to note as you are discerning your participation (whether as a voting member or just as a member of the Oregon synod)

**March 15** - let Kym know if you are interested in serving as a voting delegate

**April 9, 16, 23 (6:00pm)** - business/learning sessions on resolutions, changes to the constitution, and the synod budget

**May 30 (10:30am)** - Oregon Synod Assembly worship and voting via email

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



6th	Ida Tweten
9th	Tim Denton
10th	Janice Bakken
	Eliana Petke
11th	Dee McDonald
12th	Annette Kienberger
13th	Laura Gifford
	James Roy

14th	Linda Highman
19th	Nicole Bontty
21st	Stephen Canova
23rd	Susan Larson
24th	Shirley Angell
25th	Ron Porter
27th	Meredith Gifford
29th	Steve Dougherty



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

21st	Denise & Todd Hanson	28 Years
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