

Resurrection Lutheran Church

New Life in the Living Word + For Now + Forever

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | Sunday, February 5, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you haven't already, please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew.

GATHERING HYMN: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty.....RECLAIM No. 46

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in the newness of life.

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF GLORY



1. To you a-lone God's on - ly Son, the lamb of
2. Who takes a-way the sins of all, have mer - cy
3. For you a-lone the ho - ly one, and you a -



G - od the cho - sen one; to you a - lone our
Lo - rd and hear our call; who sits at God's right
lone the wor - thy one; with God the spi - rit



heav'n - ly King, the mor - tals and the an - gels sing.
hand on high, have mer - cy Lord and hear our cry.
e - ver near, oh keep us, Lord from guilt and fear.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:3-9a (ESV)

Israel cried out to God in frustration, wondering why their external act of piety in fasting is neither acknowledged nor rewarded by God. God reminded them that empty outward acts of piety are of no value unless they are accompanied by sincere humility and care for others.

³'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶'Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear

guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 112:1-9 (ESV)

Light shines on those who walk the paths of righteousness. The psalmist provides a description of the acts of righteousness and the freedom that arise from walking in the light.

R: Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!

C: His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

R: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

R: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

C: For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

R: He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

C: His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

R: He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (ESV)

God's wisdom is hidden. In spite of our human fascination with wisdom, only when we can rightly judge ourselves and others through the wisdom of God's revelation in Christ will we be living a mature faith. The crucifixion is a prime example of God's hidden wisdom.

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But

we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: All Things New

HYMN: Just as I Am (vss. 1,2,5,6).....RECLAIM No. 193

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE NICENE CREED

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

C: And also with you.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition ends with the words **Lord, in your mercy.** Respond by saying **Hear our prayer.***

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE HYMN OF TRIUMPH



1. This is the feast of vic - to - ry We share with him
 2. Wor - thy is Christ who has been slain; whose blood has set



who set us free Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!
 us free a - gain. Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!



The lamb of God who once was slain. A - rose and now
 Then sings with all the hosts of Light with blessings, ho -



gives life a - gain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 nor, pow'r and might. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized, have been instructed properly, and trust God's Word are welcome to communion, where our Lord is present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and life. If partaking in the Lord's Supper, please indicate this on the friendship pad at the end of your pew.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: O Christ the Same *(see back of the bulletin)*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	February 5	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Wednesday	February 8	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	February 9	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	February 12	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Helen Meschke

Ushers: Ron and Susan Brooks

Greeters: Michal Clobes and Karen Junker

Communion Set Up: Tony and Becky Miller

Communion Assistants: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net.

Tithes and Offerings: Thank-you for your generous financial gifts to further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate is located in the narthex.

Friendship Pad: Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the friendship pad at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements. This allows us to fully appreciate those with us in worship and better connect with our guests.

Pastor Aaron will be **out of the office** on Monday and Tuesday this week to attend the Augustana District Theological Conference in Bloomington. There will be no prayer group tomorrow morning.

Active and voting members of Resurrection Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend a **congregational meeting** following worship next Sunday, February 12, 2023. There will be two items on the agenda:

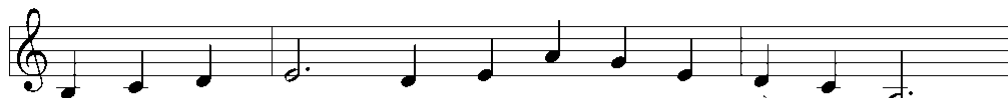
1. The ratification of updates to the RLC Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Issuing a Pastoral Call to Rev. Julie Smith as a deployed Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church to LCMC.

Super Service Sunday: Next week, on **Super Bowl Sunday** you're invited to participate in a service project after the congregational meeting. Sponsored by the EEO Committee, come downstairs to help us pack appreciation kits for the 53 police officers for the city of Mankato. All of the supplies will be provided. Simply come and fill a bag. Note cards will also be available to write thank-you notes for the officers. Help us be a blessing to those who keep us safe!

Resurrection Lutheran **Women of the Word** will gather on Saturday, February 18th at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. The featured speaker will be Beth Crosby, Program Director and on-air host at KJLY Christian Radio Station. Beth is musical, has a vivacious demeanor and a heart for the Lord. What can be better than a cup of coffee, yummy treat and a morning of laughter and fellowship? Join us!

Women's Bible Study will not meet again until after Easter.

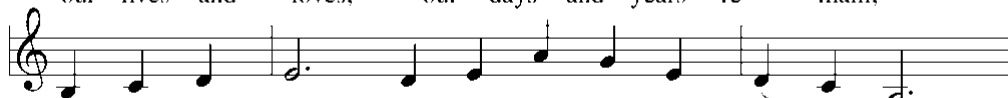
O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;



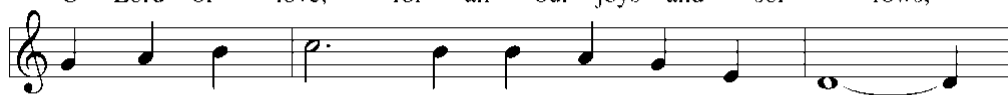
e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en;
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.