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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD | Sunday, January 14, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Heavenly Father, the Spirit revealed Jesus as your beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan. Through our own baptism you call us your children and draw us into abundant and eternal life through Jesus. May the Spirit grant us rebirth and daily transform us into those who reveal your love to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: God, Whose Almighty Word *(page 8)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Friends in Christ, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people, leading us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there are times when we have wronged our fellow sheep and wandered from our Shepherd. But we are not abandoned. Trusting in the goodness of our God and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit within us, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves, confess our sins, and seek God's ceaseless mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by the power of sin and have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger and outsider. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, hear this glad news: Jesus Christ has come so that you might have new and abundant life. In his name and by his authority alone, I forgive you all your sins. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts. 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." The score includes performance directions: "S, A" at the beginning, "div." (divisi) above the third staff, and "unis." (unison) above the fourth staff.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Before God began his creative action of fashioning all that exists out of nothing, the Spirit of the Lord hovered over the waters. The first thing that the Lord God made was light to scatter the darkness. The light was good, according to the Creator, and thus the first day was completed.

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over

the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29

The psalmist described the voice of the Lord as it hovered over the waters. The Lord's voice is one that thunders; it is powerful and majestic at the same time.

R: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

R: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

C: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

R: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

R: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

R: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

C: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

R: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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SECOND READING: Romans 6:1-11

Paul asked the rhetorical question, "Are we to continue in sin so that God can shower us with his abundant grace?" The answer was an emphatic, "Heavens, no!" We who have died to sin can no longer live in sin. Our old selves have been put to death through Christ's death, and we have been raised to new life by his resurrection.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory

of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:4-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water,

immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Paddling Out to You

HYMN: Baptized in Water (page 9)

OFFERING PRESENTATION

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



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE APOSTLES' 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:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN: When Peace Like a River.....RECLAIM No. 224

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Pat McGregor

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Doug Mayer

Greeters: Bob and Meridel Kellogg

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	January 14	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
		7:30pm	The Table Young Adults Group
Monday	January 15	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	January 17	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
Thursday	January 18	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	January 20	10:00am	WOW Gathering
Sunday	January 21	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Resurrection Lutheran will soon be restarting our Sunday School program! But to do this, we need faithful teachers. The curriculum will be simple, engaging, and concise, coming from SOLA, our LCMC/NALC publishing house. Several volunteers could share the role, with each taking turns teaching on a rotating basis. Do you have questions, or would you like to learn more? Contact Pastor Aaron.

Just a reminder that **Women of the Word** (WOW) will meet this month on Saturday, January 20th at 10:00am in RLC's downstairs dining room. Our theme, "*Share the Joy*", is sure to be an interesting and meaningful time you won't want to miss, as you are invited to bring a picture, object or just share what has given you joy this past year, present, or coming up. Come hungry for food and fellowship. Mark your calendar for the 20th.

Weather Cancellations: As it is now starting to look and feel like winter, please be sure to exercise caution when coming to Church for worship services, Bible studies, and other happenings. If an event is to be postponed or cancelled due to weather, Pastor Aaron will make an announcement in the following ways: via email, our Church Facebook page, text messages, and/or on the KEYC website. Should Sunday morning or midweek worship services be cancelled, a phone tree message will also go out.

The memorial service for **Marlene Kunard** has been scheduled for Saturday, January 27th at 11:00am here at RLC. There will be a visitation one hour before the service.

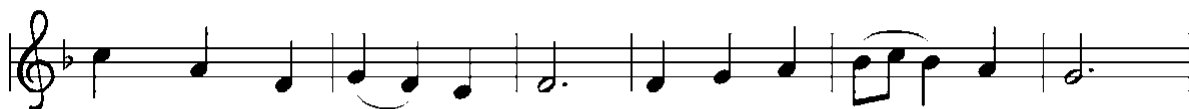
Resurrection Lutheran's Young Adults Ministry "**The Table**" will meet tonight at 7:30pm at Jake's Stadium Pizza – 330 Stadium Road, Mankato.

A word of thanks: *"How blessed I am to have such a caring and loving church. What a blessing. Thank you all for your prayers, phone calls and cards. It was very much appreciated. Thank you, Pastor Aaron, for all your prayers, support and visits at the hospital. How special they were. God has blessed me. My cup is overflowing. God bless you all."* - Victor Kurth

Birthdays this week: Pat McGregor (Today), Sandy Leffel (18th)

Anniversaries this week: Harvard and Karen Jaeck (16th)

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty.



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825. alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini. 1716–1796

Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing,
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing,
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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