

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY | Sunday, January 8, 2023**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Holy Spirit, at creation you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe life into every living being.

**C: Come, Creator Spirit, and renew your creation.**

P: Holy Spirit, you enflamed prophets with a passion for your truth, and through them you call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.

**C: Come, Righteous Spirit, and burn in our hearts.**

P: Holy Spirit, you filled the disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your word and share your good news.

**C: Come, Spirit of Power, and make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.**

P: Holy Spirit, you appeared at Jesus' baptism and sent him out to bring Good News to the poor and to release those who were held captive by Satan.

**C: Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from sin and death.**

P: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, at the close of the age all creation will be renewed to sing your praises in heaven forever.

**C: Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ.**

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

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN**

P: The prophet Daniel declares: "To the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his ways, which he set before us by the prophets." And yet, in Christ, all obstacles between us and God have been removed. If death no longer stands in our way, our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins, that they may be washed away by God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: God of the promise,

**C: We confess that we have turned from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your will and your ways. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus, the entirety of your sins are forgiven!

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

### **THE HYMN OF GLORY**



1. God, Fa - ther we will raise your name; we wor-ship and a - dore, We
2. Sing, "Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ be praise. The
3. O glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi-rit ev - er be! God,



    bless and praise and give our thanks; your mer - cy we im - plore.  
    lamb of love from hea'vn a - bove, re - dee - mer of our race.  
    bring your life a-midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9 (ESV)**

*Isaiah promised that God's Spirit shall bring justice to the nations through Israel. This shall be accomplished not through the means of violence, but through steadfast attention to God's ways and faithful guidance. Through Israel, God's light shall be revealed to all nations.*

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29 (ESV)**

*The psalmist extolled the majestic aspects of the Lord and his voice. The voice of the Lord upon the waters is full of glory; it is powerful and full of splendor, making all creation shake.*

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!

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)**

*Paul instructed the Romans in a very important aspect of the faith: Sin kills, but Christ brings to life. Therefore, we are not to remain in sin simply because we have a forgiving God. On the contrary, we are given new life in Christ and are called to walk in the newness of life.*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We 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. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We 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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So 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!**

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



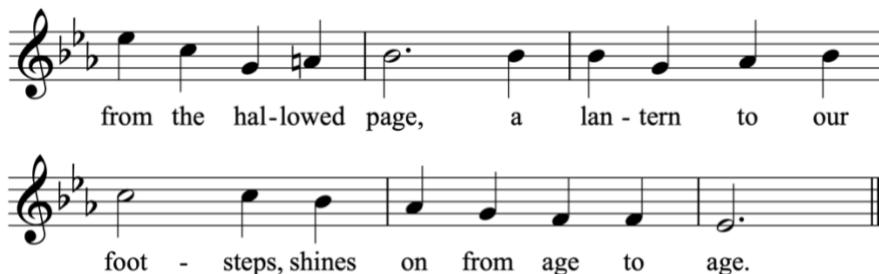
1. O\_ Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis- dom from on



high, O\_ Truth un- changed, un - chang - ing, O



Light of\_ our dark sky: we praise you for the ra - diance that



from the hal-lowed page, a lan - tern to our  
foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON: An Unstoppable Savior**

**HYMN: Borning Cry.....RECLAIM No. 73**

**OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE**

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



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

**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**

**SENDING HYMN: Baptized in Water** *(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!**

### **POSTLUDE**

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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](http://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.

Anyone who would like to take a **poinsettia plant** with them this morning, can do so after worship.

**Women's Bible Study** resumes this Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room.

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### **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN**

Sunday	January 8	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	January 9	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	January 10	11:00am	E/E/O Meeting
		6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	January 11	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	January 12	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	January 15	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Reader:** Marilyn Anderson

**Ushers:** Ron and Sue Brooks

**Greeters:** Bob and Meridel Kellogg **Tech Team:** Mike and Vicki Youngerbeg

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# 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

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The accompaniment starts with a bass line of G2, F2, E2, and D2.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with lyrics, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The music includes various note values such as quarter, eighth, and half notes, along with rests and ties. The accompaniment uses chords and single notes in the bass line.

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.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff shows the final melodic phrases with lyrics, and the bass staff provides the final accompaniment. The music ends with a double bar line. The treble staff has a final cadence with a whole note chord, and the bass staff has a final cadence with a whole note chord.