

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | Sunday, January 29, 2023

PRELUDE

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: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

C: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are my God, my Savior, and my hope is in you all the day long.

P: I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

C: He is my shield and my horn of salvation, my stronghold.

P: I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise. And I am safe from my enemies.

C: The Lord draws close to those who fear him; He makes his covenant known to them. My eyes are ever on the Lord. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Sun of My Soul (vss. 1,3,5,6).....RECLAIM No. 213

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

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...

All: Almighty God, surrounded by the snares of this world, we cannot stand apart from the power of your grace. Strengthen us in body, mind, and spirit so that we may continue in the face of all that threatens to overcome us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Malachi 6:1-8 (ESV)

Micah reminded Israel what God had done for them. They continued to be His holy people, chosen and beloved. Yet with this relationship came a call to do that which God commanded — such as showing love, working for justice, and showing deep humility and humbleness.

¹Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 15 (ESV)

By following the ways of God, Israel would abide in His holy tent on Mount Zion. It isn't easy to do the right thing, but it is in righteousness that God makes us immovable as his holy hill.

R: O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

C: He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;

R: who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

C: in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

R: who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (ESV)

Paul told the saints in Corinth that those who would call them fools for believing in Christ are the ones perishing. Wisdom is a misunderstood concept hidden under the scandal of the cross. Through Jesus, God shows the world what true wisdom is: lowliness, weakness, and obscurity.

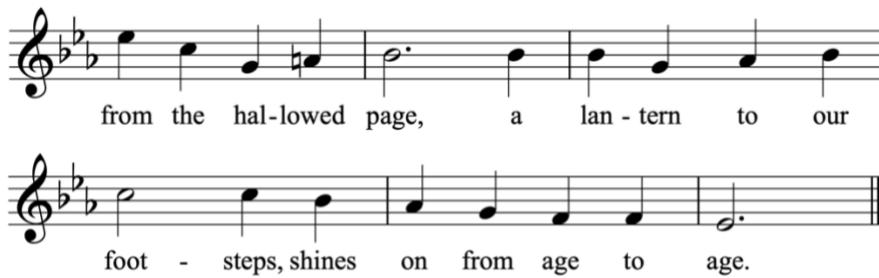
¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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 5:1-12 (ESV)

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Come to Jesus

HYMN: Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (*see back of the bulletin*)

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE



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

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Come to Jesus” *(words and music by: Chris Rice)*

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: Jesus, Still Lead On.....RECLAIM No. 237

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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Portions of today’s service were written by Rev. Cathy Ammlung

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	January 29	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	January 30	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	February 1	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		2:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum: The Life of Luther
Thursday	February 2	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	February 5	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Karen Jaeck

Greeters: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Dave and Rebecca Blum

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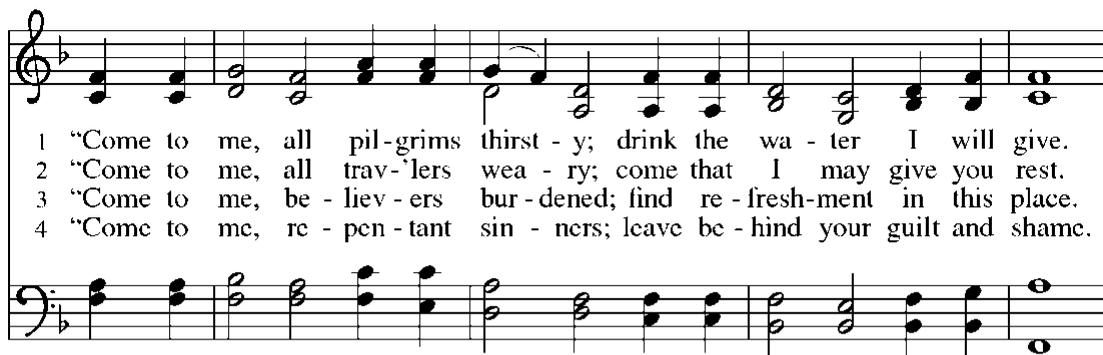
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Pastor Aaron's office hours are Wednesdays from 1-3pm



Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
2 "Come to me, all trav - lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

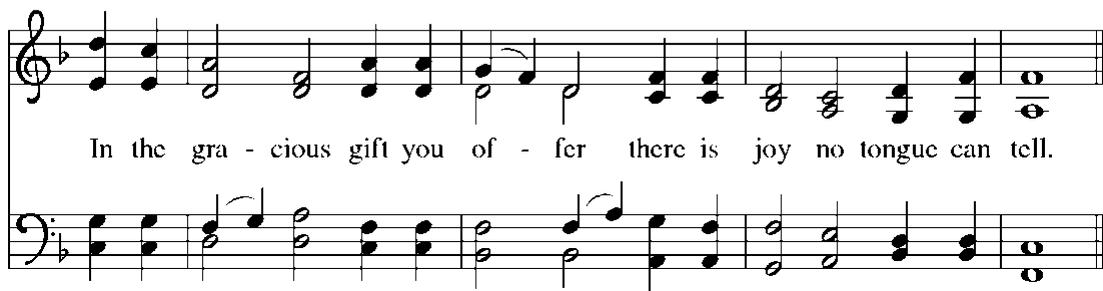


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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.

Choir rehearsals will resume this Wednesday, February 1st at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. New faces are always welcome to join in our music making!

The Life of Luther: Beginning this Wednesday, February 1st at 6:30pm Pastor Aaron will begin a 3-week Adult Forum series on the life of Martin Luther. Join us and trace the life of this profound theologian and Pastor, who led a movement that gave birth to the Lutheran Church.

Active and voting members of Resurrection Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend a **congregational meeting** following worship on 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.

On **Super Bowl Sunday** (February 12th) 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!