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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD | Sunday, January 7, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: 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: O God, by the leading of a star, you revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations. Mercifully grant that we, who know you by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of your majesty; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: **As with Gladness Men of Old (vss. 1,2,3,5).....RECLAIM No. 128**

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 THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music in a 6/4 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 various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like "div." and "unis."

S, A

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet foretold the future of the glory of God's people. "A time is coming soon when Israel will bask in the light," he proclaimed. "All who have been scattered will be brought back together." The people's sight will be perfected, and they shall see clearly the glory of the Lord that will be upon them.

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will

arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 72:1-11

In this psalm attributed to Solomon, the justice of the Lord is called upon for all people. This includes a plea for defense against Israel's enemies and increased prosperity for the oppressed of the land.

R: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

C: **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**

R: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

C: **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

R: May they fear you as the sun endures, as long as the moon, through all generations!

C: **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**

R: In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

C: **May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

R: May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!

C: **May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

R: May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

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SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

St. Paul, "a prisoner of Christ," made known to the church in Ephesus his insight into the mystery of Christ. This mystery is nothing less than the full inclusion of Gentiles into the family of God. The beloved of Christ, no matter their background, are now heirs and members of the body.

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive

my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 2nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod summoned the

wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Hide and Seek

HYMN OF THE DAY: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (page 10)

OFFERING PRESENTATION



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 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

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Save us, save us, Sav - ior of the
world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion
div.
you have set us free.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us, therefore, in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: The People that in Darkness Sat (page 9)

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: Tony Miller

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: Tony and Becky Miller

Communion Set Up: Tony and Becky Miller

Communion Assistants: Vicki Youngerberg and Helen Meschke

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	January 7	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	January 8	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	January 9	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	January 10	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
Thursday	January 11	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	January 14	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
		7:30pm	"The Table" Young Adults Group

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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. 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.

All Women of the Word (RLC) are invited to come together on Saturday, January 20th at 10:00am and share a special joy you experienced this past year, or perhaps is coming up in 2024. You may bring your joy in a picture or object that represents it. We will enjoy this relaxing and joyful time together with coffee, teats, and rejoice in joys that warm our hearts. Please contact Karen Jaeck with questions.

If you made a donation toward the **poinsettia plant** fund and would like to take one home with you this morning, you are welcome to do so after worship. Thank-you for helping us bring beauty and joy to our Sanctuary this holiday season.

Birthdays this week: Ruth Deutsch (Today), Bob Spiegler (9th), Donna Kraemer (13th)

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The People that in Darkness Sat

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1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To us a child of hope is born, To us a
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver



light have seen; The light has shone on them who long In
son is giv'n, And on his shoul - ders ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The
all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored,
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.



5 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us yours alone,
For you are with the Father and
The Spirit ever one,
The Spirit ever one.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885

Music: SAIZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

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