

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, April 3, 2022

WELCOME and **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

GATHERING HYMN: Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (vss. 1,3,4 and 5)...RECLAIM No. 72

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. As an assembly of sinners, we come before God each Sunday morning to admit our faults, failures, and guilt. The word of absolution speaks the Gospel into our ears and assures that because of Christ's death at Calvary, every one of our sins is covered.

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus to forgive us. For Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live in righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and are held by the power of sin. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that the promise of Christ's forgiveness may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF GLORY

These words are a response to the gracious and steadfast mercy of God, who pours out his love on undeserving sinners. Together we lift our voices in a song of praise to the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for the gift of salvation and new life.



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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning Ruth Eileen Deutsch is welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Ruth is the daughter of Revs. Aaron and Sarah Deutsch. Her sponsors are Rev. Jeff and Marnie Backer. Presiding over Ruth's Baptism is Rev. Laura Phillips.

BAPTISM HYMN: Jesus Loves Me (vss. 1 and 3)RECLAIM No. 258

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21 (ESV)

Isaiah spoke God's declaration to the Israelites saying that they are not to remember or be concerned about what has gone before. The God who brought them out of Egypt is in control. Instead of worrying, they are to take heart and rejoice in the new thing that God is doing.

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive

it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 126 (ESV)

Israel prayed for God to restore their fortunes, recalling the delight that they experienced when God acted in the past. Recalling God's former acts brings them hope in current distress.

R: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

C: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

C: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!

R: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

C: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14 (ESV)

Paul told the Philippians that nothing can compare to the immeasurable worth of knowing Jesus and sharing in his resurrection. This treasure spurred Paul to press on and remain faithful, trusting in Christ, even in the midst of imprisonment and loss.

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 20:9-20 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 20th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Borning Cry.....RECLAIM No. 73

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: Shelter Me (by Rev. Fr. Michael Joncas)

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

With the company of all heaven and earth we join the angel choir in the ongoing and eternal worship of the Lamb Jesus who was slain and now comes to join our meal of bread and wine with his body and blood, forgiveness and grace, peace and love.



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 truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. If partaking in the Lord's Supper, please indicate this on the friendship pad at the end of your pew so our records are complete.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Children of the Heavenly Father.....RECLAIM No. 201

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

LITURGY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND QUESTIONS

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Aaron and Sarah, as parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Ruth baptized into Christ? If so, please answer *"we do."*

Aaron and Sarah: We do.

P: As you bring Ruth to the font, you are entrusted with these responsibilities: to live with her among God's people; bring her to worship so that she might hear God's word for her and receive the Lord's Supper; teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in her hands the holy scriptures; and nurture her in faith and prayer so she may learn to trust God; proclaim Christ, crucified and risen; through word and deed. That is, read to Ruth from the Bible and the Catechism, teaching her God's law and promise so that she will grow up in the Christian faith. To you, Jeff and Marnie, as sponsors: do you promise to nurture Ruth in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please answer *"we do."*

Jeff and Marnie: We do.

P: People of God, friends and family, and particularly the community of believers here at Resurrection Lutheran, do you promise to support Ruth and pray for her in her new life in Christ? If so, please answer *"we do."*

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: With the whole church, let us profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and Eternal God: we pray that you would enfold Ruth according to your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit that through your Word given in this water all sin in her would be drowned and die. Grant that Ruth be kept safe in the holy ark of your Church and secure in your promise, serving your name with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers, she would be brought to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

P: Ruth Eileen Deutsch, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Let us welcome Ruth into the body of Christ and her extended family of faith in this congregation.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation is invited to sing verses 1 and 3 of "Jesus Loves Me"