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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | Sunday, January 28, 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: Merciful One, grant to your church the heart to hear your compassionate healing grace as we gather around your word. Then, as you will, grant us courage and compassion to bear that life-giving word of grace to a world in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: Let the Whole Creation Cry (*see back of the bulletin*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, drawing near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find help in times of need. Christ, the light of the world, has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You, who were lost, are found. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

God would raise up for the people Israel a new prophet who is like Moses. The people were instructed to listen to him, for out of his mouth would come the Lord's words. If a prophet was found by God to speak words other than the Lord's, that prophet would suffer death.

¹⁵"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among

their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 111

God's work is full of splendor and majesty, remembered throughout all generations. He is the God of justice and mercy: feeding the people, giving them land, and keeping his covenant with them.

R: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C: **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

R: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

R: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

C: **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

R: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

C: **they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

R: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

C: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul reminded the people that they have a duty to those who are weak in the faith. It is not good to be puffed up with knowledge for the sake of knowing things. Rather, Paul said, Christians are to care for the young and weak in faith so their faith is built up.

¹Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real

existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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 1:21-28

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²¹And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us,

Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Showdown at Capernaum

HYMN: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.....RECLAIM No. 212

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: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....RECLAIM No. 30

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

Reader: Karen McGregor

Greeters: Pat and Karen McGregor

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

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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.

Thank-you for your **tithes and offerings** to help further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate has been placed by the entrance doors into the Sanctuary for your convenience. Venmo users can scan the QR code found in the pew racks.

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.

February Service Project: On the morning of Super Bowl LVIII, Sunday, February 11, 2024, Resurrection Lutheran will host a SOAPer Bowl drive for Beyond Brink. The mission of Beyond Brink is to provide safe and supportive sober housing for those who are self-motivated and wanting to recover from substance abuse. Donations of bar soap, shampoo, and conditioner will be accepted, whether in full size or travel size. Other toiletry and personal care items (such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body lotion, shavers, shaving cream, combs, etc.) will also be accepted, as these items are in low quantity but high demand at Beyond Brink. Bring your donations with you to worship on February 11th!

Birthdays this week: Joe Olstrom (29th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	January 28	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	January 29	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	January 31	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	February 1	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	February 4	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

Let the Whole Creation Cry



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 War - riors fight - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with his word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Kings of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

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