

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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The Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 2, 2022

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ A NEW YEAR'S CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Gathered together in a new year, we begin our worship, around Word and Sacrament, our joy and our peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: We will be glad and rejoice in it.

P: This is the year that the Lord has begun.

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

P: The old year now has passed away:

C: But God, our God, endures forever.

P: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

C: Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: As with Gladness Men of Old (vss. 1-4).....RECLAIM No. 128

↓ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

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 Christ, 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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: O God, on this day, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Shelter Me" by Fr. Michael Joncas

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6 (ESV)

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. A 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 (ESV)

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!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12 (ESV)

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, ⁵which 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 READING: Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

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

↓ **HYMN OF THE DAY: We Three Kings of Orient Are (vss. 1-4).....RECLAIM No. 130**

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As ushers bring forward the offering, please stand to sing the Doxology:

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

↑ **THE NICENE CREED**

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*. Please 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, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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, please sign a blue card and place in the offering plate or give to an usher so our records are complete.

BENEDICTION

↓ **SENDING HYMN: Arise, Your Light Has Come** (*printed on the next page*)

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun-tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

THOSE SERVING TODAY**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch**Reader:** Jim Lambert**Greeters:** Ron and Susan Brooks**Communion Set-Up:** Victor and Helen Kurth**Communion Assistants:** Pat and Karen McGregor**Ministers:** Every member of Resurrection Lutheran**Keyboardist:** Dawn Peanasky**Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Don Peterson**Tech Team:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg**CONTACT OUR PASTOR****Cell Phone:** 605-742-4469**Email Address:** aaron.lee.deutsch@gmail.com**THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN**

Sunday	Jan. 2	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Jan. 3	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	Jan. 4	11:00am	E/E/O Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Jan. 5	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		2:45pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	Jan. 6	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	Jan. 9	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! We are happy to see you! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Please remember the following in your prayers: Delores Fast, Paul & Donna Bjur, Warren Beaty, Ted Glaser, and Carol Volness. Please also remember our **homebound members** and those living in **assisted living facilities:** Ione Benshoof, Deb Bjur, Dorothy Enfield, Arlene Harlow, Polly Marshall, and Betty Purrington.

We welcome **Dawn Peanasky** to the piano bench this morning as our guest musician. Dawn is Pastor Aaron's mother-in-law.

Are you looking to dive deeper into your **Scripture or prayer life** in the new year? Check out the January newsletter for a full listing of our Bible Studies and small groups. New faces are always welcome as we search the Word and will of God together!

Pastor Aaron's wife, Sarah, is scheduled to have a **c-section** this coming Friday, January 7th. Please remember Sarah, Pastor Aaron, and Jonah in prayer as they add a new little one to the family.

Do you or someone you know need a **ride on Sunday mornings**? Contact Pastor Aaron or Vicki in the Church office and they will help connect you with someone who can pick you up for worship each week.

We all know someone who is experiencing the depths of grief. Maybe it's even you. **"Journey Through Grief"** is a collection of four short reflections that can help individuals through the first year after a loss. Do you know of someone – a family member, neighbor, coworker, or friend - who could use some encouraging words as they wrestle with their heartache? Contact Pastor Aaron or Vicki in the Church office for more information on this phenomenal resource.

The Resurrection Lutheran Church Choir is returning! Rehearsals are slated to begin in February. Are you interested in joining? An informational meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, January 16th. Our rehearsal and performance schedule will be discussed.