

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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The First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch, Pastor

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✂ A CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

P: To you is born in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

C: Oh, come, let us adore him!

P: O Lord, ruler of the ages eternal, you are without beginning or end:

C: Yet you chose to be born an infant in time.

P: O Lord, the invisible, you are the One who is unseen, reigning from heaven:

C: Yet you assumed the face of humanity, born of Mary.

P: O Lord, all-powerful, you hold the mountains in the palm of your hand:

C: Yet you let yourself be wrapped in blankets and held in the embrace of Joseph.

P: O Lord, the universal provider, you feed and provide for every creature:

C: Yet you chose to take on hunger and be fed through the hands of mortals.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. No darkness can overcome your light. Oh, come, let us adore him!

GATHERING HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High.....RECLAIM No. 108

✂ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: We give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father for sending his one and only Son to share our humanity, to carry our guilt, and become for us the perfect Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Though he was rich, he became poor, that in his poverty we might become rich. Gathered in the name of Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for self-examination and reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: In Jesus Christ you came among us as the light shining in the darkness. We confess our sin against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and renew our hope, that we may trust the light of your face, and welcome the truth of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: People of God, I bring to you good news of great joy: to you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (ESV)

¹The Lord said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. ¹¹“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 111 (ESV)

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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: **Colossians 3:12-17 (ESV)**

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

✂ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal - le - lu! Hal - le - lu - ia! Give praise to the Lord for the
bless - ings of heav - en in God's ho - ly Word. For the
words of for - give - ness, the words that en - dure, (hal - le -
lu! hal - le - lu - jah!) give praise to the Lord.

GOSPEL READING: **Luke 2:22-40 (ESV)**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two

young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

☩ HYMN OF THE DAY: Your Little Ones, Dear Lord (vss. 1,2,6,8,9).....RECLAIM No. 112

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

☩ A CHRISTMAS CREED

I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent his Son as my Savior.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by Shepherds and Wisemen, who lived, suffered, died, and rose again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of Satan.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship and my life; to live under him as my king, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words *Lord, in your mercy*. Please 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

P: In the Nativity of his son, God has reconciled the world to himself. As Christ was sent as the foretold Messiah, so too we are sent with the good news for all people. May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this day and always. Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

✠ SENDING HYMN: Good Christian Men, Rejoice (*see back of the bulletin*)

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Marlene Kunard

Greeters: Cliff and Deb Thompson

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

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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, Carol Volness, and Ashley Thooft. Please also remember our **homebound members** and those living in **assisted living facilities:** Lone Benshoof, Deb Bjur, Dorothy Enfield, Arlene Harlow, Polly Marshall, and Betty Purrington.

As we enter **cold and flu season**, please kindly remember to monitor yourself for symptoms and consider staying home from worship if you are feeling ill. Our worship services are livestreamed every Sunday on Facebook and later uploaded to YouTube. Pastor Aaron will not be shaking hands in a receiving line after worship during these winter months as well.

Volunteers Needed: A variety of people are needed to work behind the scenes to make Sunday mornings happen. Are you interested in greeting, reading, or assisting with the Lord's Supper? A sign-up sheet for next month's worship assistants is out in the narthex.

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.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	Dec. 26	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Dec. 27	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	Dec. 29	Noon	Lectionary Lunch

Thursday	Dec. 30	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	Jan. 2	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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IN DULCI JUBILO



1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice!
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice!
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice!



Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je-sus Christ is born to - day!
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je-sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Je-sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, and He is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and man is blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

