

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | Sunday, January 30, 2022

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. These opening sentences shift our attention away from ourselves and the distractions of the world onto the one whom we gather to hear from through His precious Word and Sacraments.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our sin.

C: **For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith and we praise God for his amazing love.**

P: This is how God showed his love among us:

C: **He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. We praise God for his amazing love.**

P: What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, peril or sword?

C: **No. Neither height nor depth. Nothing in all of creation will keep God's love from us.**
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: How Great Thou Art (vss. 1,3 and 4).....RECLAIM No. 26

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

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: 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 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. God, Fa - ther we will raise your name; we wor-ship and a - dore, We
2. Sing, "Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ be praise. The
3. O glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi-rit ev - er be! God,



bless and praise and give our thanks; your mer - cry we im - plore.
lamb of love from hea'vn a - bove, re - dee - mer of our race.
bring your life a-midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: Almighty God, increase in us the holy gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we never fail to exercise these gifts through which your glory is revealed to all nations. Teach us to love all people as you have commanded us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (ESV)

The Lord came to Jeremiah who thought he was too young to speak for God. The Lord assured him that he would never been alone. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you," declared the Creator. Jeremiah is given a vision of the Israel's disobedience and charged to go speak.

⁴The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." ⁶"Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." ⁷But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. ⁹Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 71:1-6 (ESV)

The psalmist cried out to the Lord to be his rock and fortress. In the Lord is his only hope. God is the one who took him from his mother's womb; all glory and honor belong to Him alone.

R: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

C: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!

R: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

C: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked; from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

R: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

C: Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (ESV)

Paul addressed the Corinthians over their quarreling about which gift was the greatest. Some had cited that speaking in tongues was the superior gift, which only caused conflict and division in the Body of Christ. Without love, Paul asserted, we have nothing. Love never ends.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in 4/4 time, C major, with a treble clef. The lyrics are: "1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis- dom from on high, O Truth un- changed, un - chang - ing, O". The bottom staff continues the melody, also in 4/4 time, C major, with a treble clef. The lyrics continue from the top staff: "high, O Truth un- changed, un - chang - ing, O". The music features eighth-note patterns and some rests.

Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that
from the hallowed page, a lantern to our
foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:31-44 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³¹And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! 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.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Just a Closer Walk with Thee.....RECLAIM No. 248

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:

1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Having heard the Word of God, we respond with these words. By confessing one of the Church's most ancient and historic creeds, we express our unity in the faith; the same faith the universal body of Christ has confessed throughout countless generations of believers.

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

SENDING HYMN: Sun of My Soul (vss. 1,3,5 and 6).....RECLAIM No. 213

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Portions of today's service were written by Rev. Cathy Ammlung

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Helen Meschke

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: David and Helen Schauer **Tech Team:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	Jan. 30	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Jan. 31	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	Feb. 1	11:00am	E/E/O Meeting
Wednesday	Feb. 2	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:15pm	Women's Bible Study
		2:45pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	Feb. 3	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	Feb. 6	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Friendship Pad: Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the friendship pad at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements. This allows us to fully appreciate those with us in worship and better connect with our guests.

Please remember the following in your prayers: Paul & Donna Bjur, Ted Glaser and Joie Berglin. Please also remember our **homebound members** and those living in **assisted living facilities**: Ione Benshoof, Deb Bjur, Dorothy Enfield, Arlene Harlow, Polly Marshall, Ruth Davidson, Marlene Kunard and Betty Purrington.

The **Resurrection Lutheran Church Choir** will begin rehearsals this Wednesday, February 2nd at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary! Old and new faces are welcome to join.

Pastor Aaron will begin leading a **Wednesday night Adult Bible Study** this week. We will start with the book of Ruth on Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room! Join us!

"SOAP"erbowl Sunday: On Superbowl Sunday, February 13th we will be holding a collection drive for Echo Food Shelf. Bring hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant or other personal hygiene products, either travel or family sized, along with you to Church.

Valentine's Banquet

CATERED MEAL | FELLOWSHIP | FUN



Sunday, February 13, 2022
Resurrection Lutheran Church

5:30pm



Please sign up at the Welcome Center desk by Monday, February 7th to reserve your place. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. All are welcome – singles and couples alike! A free will donation will be taken on the night of the banquet.