

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | Sunday, February 12, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: Amen.

P: Blessed are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Most High – Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

C: Come! Sing praises! We will praise God as long as we live!

P: God keeps every promise forever. God gives justice to the oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

C: Come! Sing praises! We will praise God as long as we live!

P: God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind. He watches over the lost or lonely, and upholds the orphan and widow.

C: Come! Sing praises! We will praise God as long as we live!

P: People of God, raise your voices to the one who is your help and salvation. He is your hiding place and refuge.

C: Sing praises! We will praise God as long as we live! Amen!

GATHERING HYMN: My Jesus, I Love Thee.....RECLAIM No. 196

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 GLORY



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 - cy 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: O Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be relieved, for the sake of your mercy, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)

God desires that his people follow his commandments and walk in ways of righteousness. Following God and keeping his commandments will result in life as God intends and thus be filled with true blessing — that of God's holy presence.

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:1-8 (ESV)

This hymn echoes the reality that those who walk in the Lord's ways will experience a fullness in life that cannot be snatched away by fickle circumstances or life's trials.

R: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

C: Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,

R: who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

C: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

R: Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

C: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

R: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.

C: I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (ESV)

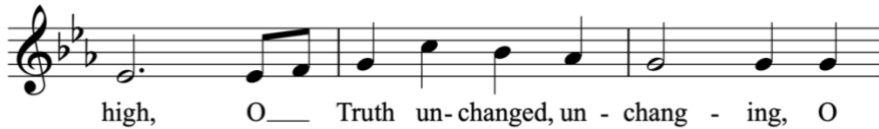
Paul told the Corinthian church that they must not regard themselves as better than one another. They are all God's workers, and God's work is only accomplished through the work of the Holy Spirit. Unity is the sign of the Spirit's maturing power.

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:21-37 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: The State of the Sinner

HYMN: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.....RECLAIM No. 192

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

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

SENDING HYMN: O Christ, Our Hope - vss. 1,2,4,5 (*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

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

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	February 12	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	February 13	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	February 14	11:00am	E/E/O Meeting
		6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	February 15	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Forum
Thursday	February 16	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	February 18	10:00am	WOW Gathering
Sunday	February 19	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Jim Lambert

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Jim Lambert and Carolyn Rewitzer

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Pastor Aaron's office hours are Wednesdays from 1-3pm

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.

Active and voting members of Resurrection Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend a **congregational meeting** following worship today. There are two items on the agenda:

1. The ratification of updates to the RLC Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Issuing a Pastoral Call to Rev. Julie Smith as a deployed Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church to LCMC.

This morning you're invited to participate in a **service project** after the congregational meeting. Sponsored by the EEO Committee, come downstairs to help us pack appreciation kits for the 53 police officers for the city of Mankato. All of the supplies will be provided. Simply come and fill a bag. Note cards will also be available to write thank-you notes for the officers. Help us be a blessing to those who keep us safe!

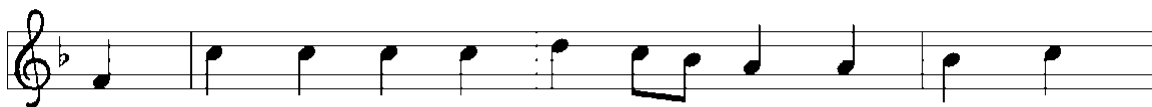
Are you looking for a time out from the winter blues? Come and join in the ambiance of **WOW (Women of the Word)** this Saturday, February 18th at 10:00am. The smell of coffee, yummy treats and the fellowship of friends while listening to our speaker, Beth Crosby of KJLY, will lift you up and draw you close to a God who makes all things to bring you joy and hope. Want to help plan? Contact Karen Jaeck at 507-995-9153.

The holy season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd with our **Ash Wednesday** worship service in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. Come, hear the call of the prophet Joel who admonishes us to return to the Lord our God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The imposition of ashes will be offered.

Marlene Kunard is continuing to make progress while rehabilitating after breaking her hip last month. However, she will be in rehab through the end of February. You are encouraged to continue sending Marlene cards to lift her spirits:

Marlene Kunard
C/O Mala Strana Assisted Living and Rehabilitation Center
999 Columbus Avenue North
New Prague, MN 56071

O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561