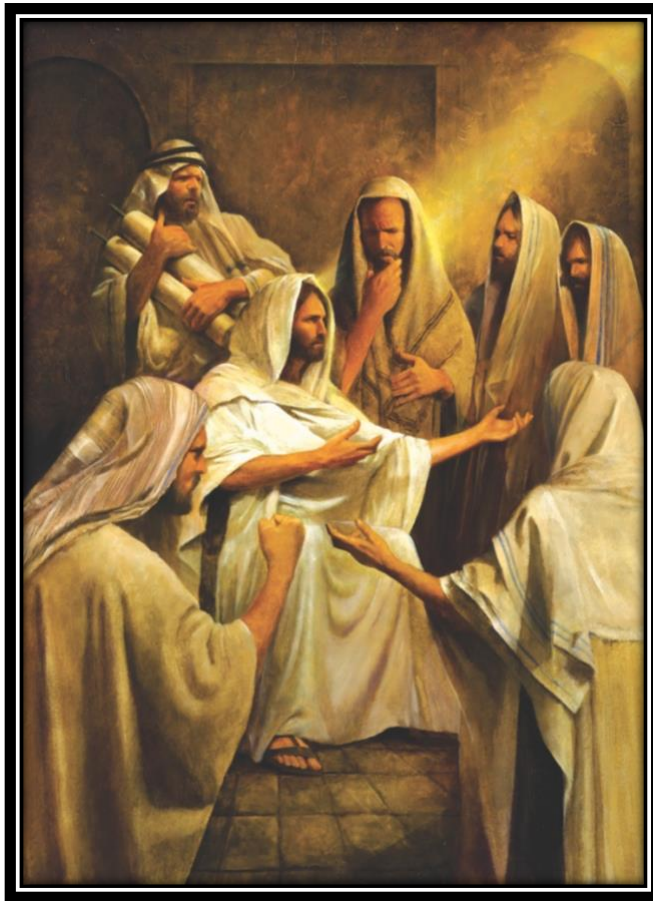


# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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## The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 23, 2022

*Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch, Pastor*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

↑ **GATHERING HYMN: Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak.....RECLAIM No. 267**

### ↓ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The psalmist declares that the God who created us – who loves and redeems us – searches us and knows us completely. So we come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Even sin and death are not obstacles between us and God. So let us confess our faults that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Gracious God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you and one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses and taking our sins to the cross. 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! Thanks be to God!**

### THE KYRIE AND HYMN OF GLORY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn. The first staff contains the melody and lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The second staff contains the same melody and lyrics. The music is in 3/4 time and features a simple, repetitive melody. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Am, Dm, E, and Am.

P: Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, good will to all.

D G/D D D A/D

1 Lord, we praise your name on high, wor - ship you and glo - ri - fy.  
2 You have borne the sins of all. Mer - cy, Lord, and hear our call.  
3 You, a - lone, the Ho - ly One, You, a - lone, God's on - ly Son,

D G D/F# Em A7 D

To the Lamb of God we cry and join the an - gel's song.  
Ev - 'ry - one, both great and small, come join the an - gel's song.  
In your name we've just be - gun to join the an - gel's song.

D G D D A D A

Glo - ri - a! Let the mu - sic flow. Glo - ri - a! To the earth be - low.

D G D/F# Em A A7 D

Glo - ri - a! Feel our hearts a - glow with the joy - ful an - gel's song.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

**All: Merciful Father, you have provided for your people the gift of Holy Scripture through which your salvation in Jesus Christ is made known. Grant that we may study, learn, meditate upon your word that we may live according to your will following the way of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is in his most holy name we pray. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people

stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 19:7-14 (ESV)**

R: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

**C: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

R: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

**C: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

R: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

R: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,”

that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:16-30 (ESV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

↓ **HYMN OF THE DAY: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.....RECLAIM No. 192**

**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 APOSTLES' CREED

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*. 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

↓ **SENDING HYMN: Have Thine Own Way, Lord.....RECLAIM No. 244**

## 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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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Reader:** Tony Miller

**Ushers:** Doug Mayer and Gene Meschke

**Greeters:** Victor and Helen Kurth

**Tech Team:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

**Ministers:** Every member of Resurrection Lutheran

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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.

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

**Please remember the following in your prayers:** Delores Fast, 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.

**Volunteers Needed:** A variety of people are needed to work behind the scenes before and during worship 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 Sunday morning assistants can be found in the narthex.

By now you hopefully have been able to look through your **RLC Directory**. We hope you are enjoying this tool in helping us as a vibrant, working Church to recognize our RLC family members, to greet them warmly and to keep close those in need of prayer. If you have noticed a mistake or error in your listing, please write down the correction on the clipboard in our Narthex. We will then notify others the change in the monthly Newsletter.

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

Pastor Aaron will begin teaching a **weekly Wednesday night Adult Bible Study** beginning next month. We will start with the book of Ruth on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room!

## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	Jan. 23	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Jan. 24	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	Jan. 26	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:15pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	Jan. 27	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	Jan. 30	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship