



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | Sunday, January 21, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Merciful God, through the gift of your grace you call us to repentance, obedience, and eternal life. Transform us so that we are able to set aside all that might prohibit us from following your call to new life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: O Jesus, I Have Promised.....RECLAIM No. 79

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious, full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in the newness of life.

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is marked 'S, A' and the second staff is marked 'div.'. The third staff is marked 'div.' and 'unis.'. The fourth staff is marked 'div.'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah was commanded again by God to go and call the Ninevites to repentance. His message to them was that in forty days' time, the Lord would overthrow their city unless they turned from their evil ways. To Jonah's surprise, the Ninevites responded by fasting and putting on sackcloth and ashes.

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey.

And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them and did not do it.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 62

The psalmist proclaimed that the Lord God was his rock; for him alone did his soul wait. Even though he was being, attacked by his enemies, he waited for the Lord to act on his behalf.

R: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

C: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

R: How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

C: They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

R: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

C: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

R: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

C: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

R: Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

C: Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

R: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

C: and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

St. Paul instructed the Corinthian Christians that the world as they knew it was passing away and the time of the Lord's return was very short. Paul was not anti-marriage or anti-family. He was simply being realistic about the cost of discipleship.

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those

who buy as though they had no goods,³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Storming the Beach

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult.....RECLAIM No. 184

OFFERING PRESENTATION



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE NICENE 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:

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." 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, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Save us, save us, Sav - ior of the
world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion
div.
you have set us free.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us, therefore, in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story.....RECLAIM No. 265

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Kristin Litynski

Reader: Doug Mayer

Ushers: Dave and Rebecca Blum

Greeters: Victor and Helen Kurth

Communion Set Up: Bob and Meridel Kellogg

Communion Assistants: Carol Severson and Sharon Litynski

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

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| Sunday | January 21 | 9:30am | Worship |
| | | 10:30am | Fellowship |
| Monday | January 22 | 10:00am | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday | January 24 | Noon | Lectionary Lunch |
| | | 5:30pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| | | 6:30pm | Adult Bible Study |
| Thursday | January 25 | 8:00am | Men's Bible Study |
| Saturday | January 27 | 11:00am | Marlene Kunard Memorial Service |
| Sunday | January 28 | 9:30am | Worship |
| | | 10:30am | Fellowship |

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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. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Thank-you for your **tithes and offerings** to help further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate has been placed by the entrance doors into the Sanctuary for your convenience. Venmo users can scan the QR code found in the pew racks.

New Adult Bible Study Beginning: How easy it would be for us to think that the book of Jonah is only about a reluctant prophet who gets eaten by a big fish, when actually the book of Jonah has far more to do with the unrelenting love of God for those he wishes to lavish with mercy. Join Pastor Aaron for a 3-week series on Jonah, beginning this Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30pm in the downstairs classroom.

After a well-deserved post-Christmas break, the **RLC choir** will resume rehearsals beginning this Wednesday, January 24th at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. New faces are always welcome! Come, lift your voices in praise with us!

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Resurrection Lutheran will soon be restarting our Sunday School program! But to do this, we need faithful teachers. The curriculum will be simple, engaging, and concise, coming from SOLA, our LCMC/NALC publishing house. Several volunteers could share the role, with each taking turns teaching on a rotating basis. Do you have questions, or would you like to learn more? Contact Pastor Aaron.

Birthdays this week: Darrell Eastvold (22nd)

