

Resurrection Lutheran Church

New Life in the Living Word + For Now + Forever

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | Sunday, February 20, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING HYMN: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts.....RECLAIM No. 197

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. 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: 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

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. To you a-lone God's on-ly Son, the lamb of
2. Who takes a-way the sins of all, have mer-cy
3. For you a-lone the ho-ly one, and you a-



G - od the cho - sen one; to you a - lone our
Lo - rd and hear our call; who sits at God's right
lone the wor - thy one; with God the spi - rit



heav'n - ly King, the mor - tals and the an - gels sing.
hand on high, have mer - cy Lord and hear our cry.
e - ver near, oh keep us, Lord from guilt and fear.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-15 (ESV)

As Joseph's brothers came face to face with him in Egypt, they were startled to find out he was still alive. Joseph assured them that God sent him to Pharaoh's household in order to preserve Jacob's line on earth. Through their younger brother, God provided for them.

³And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph,

God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 103:1-13 (ESV)

The psalmist proclaims the goodness of God, who provides us with good things. He does not regard us according to our sin, but instead out of his great love for us.

R: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

R: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

R: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

R: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

R: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

R: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

R: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 (ESV)

Paul explained that through Adam came death, but through Jesus comes life. For those who belong to Christ through faith, when the end comes, we will be delivered into the heavenly kingdom. Christ will first destroy every evil, then the last enemy to be destroyed will be death.

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ³⁰Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. ³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27-36 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 6th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁷"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to

you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Blest Be the Tie That Blinds.....RECLAIM No. 48

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

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

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 NICENE 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.

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Gift of Love (Arr: Hal Hopson)

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 Karen Spiegler. 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.

Looking Ahead: The solemn and holy season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 with our **Ash Wednesday** worship service in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Tony Miller

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Ron Brooks

Greeters: Pat and Karen McGregor **Tech Team:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

Communion Set-Up: Victor and Helen Kurth

Communion Assistants: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	Feb. 20	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Feb. 21	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	Feb. 23	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:15pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	Feb. 24	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	Feb. 27	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship