



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | Sunday, February 4, 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: Immortal and everlasting God, through your power are the weak made strong and the ill made whole in body, mind, and spirit. Strengthen us through your Son's presence in Word and Sacrament that we may be bearers of your grace to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....RECLAIM No. 11

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and the truth is not in us. But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus washes away our sin. Let us confess our faults, knowing God will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: God who knows us,

C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. Forgive us our sins, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Hear the promise first given in Baptism: you are God's child; your sins are forgiven. Rejoice, for yours is the kingdom of heaven!

C: Amen.

## THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

S, A  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
div. unis.  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
div.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

*Nothing escapes God's notice. He who sits on high watches over the whole creation, the prophet wrote. Though the young grow tired and weary, the Lord never wearies. He is always present, giving strength to those who need it and restoring power to the powerless.*

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has

their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 147:1-11**

*The Lord is worthy to be praised, sang the psalmist, for he builds up the weak, restores the exiles, and binds the brokenhearted. Our God is peaceful and he provides for all our needs.*

R: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**C: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

R: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**C: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

R: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**C: The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

R: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

**C: He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.**

R: He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

**C: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

R: but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

*Paul discussed his duty to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was his compulsion to proclaim Christ so that all people might know this saving grace, and yet it was not his will, but Christ's. Paul urged believers to run the race in such a way as to win, with purpose, striving for the heavenly prize.*

<sup>16</sup>For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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 1:29-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>29</sup>And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, preaching in synagogues and casting out demons.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## SERMON: Great Expectations

## HYMN OF THE DAY: Have Thine Own Way, Lord.....RECLAIM No. 244

### 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: On Eagle's Wings** (see bulletin insert)

## 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

**Reader:** Karen Jaeck

**Greeters:** Harvard and Karen Jaeck

**Communion Assistants:** Harvard and Karen Jaeck

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Ron Brooks

**Communion Set Up:** Victor and Helen Kurth

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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.

There will be a **meeting after worship** next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in the conference room for all those interested in teaching Sunday School! We will review the curriculum, brainstorm ideas, and pray over Resurrection Lutheran's Christian education program.

**February Service Project:** Next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, Resurrection Lutheran will host a SOAPer Bowl drive for Beyond Brink. The mission of Beyond Brink is to provide safe and supportive sober housing for those who are self-motivated and wanting to recover from substance abuse. Donations of bar soap, shampoo, and conditioner will be accepted, whether in full size or travel size. Other toiletry and personal care items (such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body lotion, shavers, shaving cream, combs, etc.) will also be accepted, as these items are in low quantity but high demand. Bring your donations with you to worship next Sunday!

**Singing Valentines:** The Mankato Riverblenders invite you to say *"I Love You!"* to someone with a song. You can send a properly attired barbershop quartet to deliver a never-to-be-forgotten valentine with a rose, 2 songs, a card and a photo for only \$50. Have questions? Email [mankatovalentines@gmail.com](mailto:mankatovalentines@gmail.com) or call Gary at (507) 340-0713 to book your delivery today!

**Pastor Aaron will be gone** tomorrow and Tuesday to attend the annual Augustana District Theological Conference in Bloomington, MN. There will be no prayer group tomorrow.

**Harry Fast** has moved to Generations Memory Care - 3631 Hoffman Road. He is in room 10. Visitors and friendly faces are welcomed and appreciated.

**Birthdays this week:** Marilyn Larson (5<sup>th</sup>)

## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	February 4	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Wednesday	February 7	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	February 8	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	February 11	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship   Sunday School Meeting



# You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

## *On Eagle's Wings*

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1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -  
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
 3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear, un - der God's wings your . . .  
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . . in whom I . . . trust!"  
 ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . . . your . . . shield.  
 bear you up, lest you dash . . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.

G DM<sup>7</sup> Bm

G DM<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

Dm C Dm Gm Asus<sup>4</sup> A

*Refrain*

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

D

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

Em A<sup>7</sup> D A G D<sup>7</sup>

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

G Em A B<sub>m</sub> F<sup>#m</sup> Em A<sup>7</sup> D

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