

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | Sunday, January 22, 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: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our sin.

**C: It is by grace we have been saved, through faith. We praise God for his amazing love.**

P: This is how God showed his love among us:

**C: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. We praise God for his amazing love.**

P: What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, peril or sword?

**C: No. Neither height or depth. Nothing in all of creation will keep God's love from us. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: Arise, Your Light Has Come** *(see back of the bulletin)*

## **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 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: Merciful God, your Son proclaimed the nearness of your kingdom, calling others to follow as his disciples. Help us to receive the gift of your grace given through the cross and to follow as his disciples; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4 (ESV)**

*The prophet spoke of the northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali, which have been in gloom and anguish. Isaiah proclaimed to them God's promise to bring the light of his salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 27:1-9 (ESV)**

*The psalmist boldly declared the blessings of fearless living because the Lord is his light and salvation. There is nothing to fear when God is on our side.*

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

R: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**C: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

R: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**C: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

R: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**C: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."**

R: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (ESV)**

*Paul urges the Corinthians Church to put aside all division and makes a bold confession of faith: "For the word of the cross...is the power of God."*

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

1. O\_ Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis- dom from on  
high, O\_ Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O  
Light of\_ our dark sky: we praise you for the ra - diancance that  
from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern to our  
foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-25 (ESV)**

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

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

<sup>12</sup>Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

**SERMON: Jesus Moves In**

**HYMN: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.....RECLAIM No. 181**

**OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE**

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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the offering response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

## **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: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me.....RECLAIM No. 249**

### **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*

# 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](http://www.lcmc.net). Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements.

**Choir rehearsals** will resume on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. New faces are always welcome to join in our music making!

**The Life of Luther:** Beginning Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm Pastor Aaron will begin a 3-week Adult Forum series on the life of Martin Luther. Join us and trace the life of this profound theologian and Pastor, who led a movement that gave birth to the Lutheran Church.

The Resurrection Lutheran Church Council has unanimously and happily voted to receive **Rev. Julie Smith** into membership at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Julie serves on the national staff of our association of Churches (LCMC) and has currently relocated to St. Peter.

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## CONTACT OUR PASTOR

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

## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	January 22	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	January 23	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	January 25	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	January 26	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	January 29	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

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

**Keyboardist:** Kristen Litynski

**Reader:** Karen McGregor

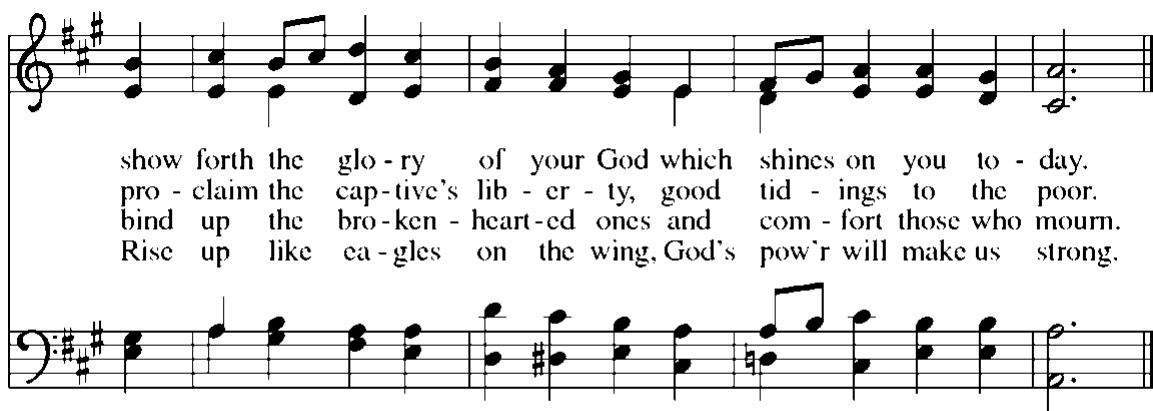
**Ushers:** Gene Meschke and Brad Matthes

**Greeters:** Pat and Karen McGregor

# Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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