



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Melissa Pagel, Vicar

Sunday, February 4th, 2024, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*(Congregational responses are printed in **Bold** type.)*

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- **Note Disposable communion with both elements is available in the narthex for those choosing not to come forward.**

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **ELW 843**

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.
Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit

dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

Kyrie

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Canticle

Gloria

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Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It 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 live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have 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.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises ¹to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor ¹God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the ¹brokenhearted
and binds ¹up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number ¹of the stars
and calls them all ¹by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit ¹to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts ¹up the lowly,
but casts the wicked ¹to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD ¹with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp ¹to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the
mountains.**

⁹God provides food ¹for the cattle
and for the young ravens ¹when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might ¹of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed ¹of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who ^l fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20cl} Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To 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 I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law.

²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to **Mark 1:29-39**

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured 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.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.”

³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day

Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW 773

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Each Petition ends: God of grace.

Congregation responds: **receive our prayer.**

The Peace

Please offer a word of peace to your neighbor from your seat to maintain safety.

The Offering

(Please be seated for the offering)

Offering Prayer

(Please stand)

Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

ELW 144

Words of Institution

In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus....
Do this in remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Invitation to Communion

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace forever.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

SENDING

Blessing

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted me* *ELW 860*

Dismissal

Go in peace to live and share the love of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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This Week at a Glance

Monday- Thursday Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday- 9:00am Quilters
Wednesday-5:00 pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir
Thursday- Food Pantry 9:00 am-11:00 am
Friday – Office Closed
Sunday – Bible Study 8:00 am

Upcoming Events

In an abundance of caution, please consider wearing a mask.

Pantry Updates

Every Thursday at 7:00am we can use help at the Food Pantry to unload the truck.

Also, please let Jean know in the office if you are able to be an intermittent volunteer at the Pantry. This means we will call you when we need you.

We are looking for individuals who are willing to fill 2 specific pantry spots.

Communications

Volunteer Coordinator

There are job descriptions if you are interested. Neither is difficult.

Help Needed Sunday Feb 4th @ 12:00 noon. Ascension will be dropping off a truckload of food. It will need to be unloaded.

Feb 16th (Friday) we are getting a shipment of food from TEFAP and we need help sorting and putting it away. Please let us know if you are able to help.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Worship at 6:30 pm, soup supper begins at 5:00 pm. Signup sheet is in the narthex.

Crossways Camping Ministries

Register today for Now and Later

Bethel Lutheran Church Aebleskiver Fest

February 24th 9:00-2:00pm Aebleskiver Fest – Apple Pancakes!

Basket Raffle/Bake Sale/Craft Booth

Assisting this week February 4th

Usher: Bob Bishoff

Communion Deacon: Christina Marcin

Counters: Jim & Judy Gatske

Lector: Sandy Krakow

Altar Guild: Carol Borremans

Assisting us next week February 11th

Usher: Bob Bishoff

Communion Deacon: Carol Borremans

Counters: Jim & Judy Gatske

Lector: Bill Hartung

Altar Guild: Carol Borremans

Church Council Members

President: Carol Borremans

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Secretary: Jodi Koch

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Vicar: Melissa Pagel

Secretary: Jean Kaster

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Financial Secretary: Chris Peterson

Committees

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Worship & Church Choir: Carol Borremans

Food Pantry: Jodi Koch

Celebration: Craig/Christina Marcin

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