



# *Resurrection Lutheran Church*

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2024. *Second Sunday after Epiphany***  
*(Congregational responses are printed in **Bold** type.)*

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## *To Live & Share the Love of Christ*

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran Church where different people come together for the shared purpose of worshiping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.

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# Introduction

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

## GATHERING

### Announcements

*Gathering Hymn*

*Now We Join in Celebration*

*ELW 462*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

## **Psalm 36:5-10**

Your love, O LORD, reaches the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***Gospel Acclamation***

***Alleluia***

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**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John 2:1-11. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Pastor Melissa Pagel**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***Hymn of the Day Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW 310***

**Affirmation of Faith**

John the Baptist's followers once asked him, "What shall we do?" Church, knowing the state of the world, what is your answer?

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we say:

**Do not be discouraged by the weight of the world.**

**Instead, hold fast to hope. Roll up your sleeves. Feed the hungry.**

**Tend the garden. If you have two coats, give one away.**

**Do the good that is yours to do. In doing so, you will see God.**

**For this we believe: small acts of love *can* make a difference. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation to continue to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

### **Peace**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**And peace to God's people on earth.**

*Please share a sign of the Lord's peace with those around you.  
Please be seated.*

### **Offering**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### **Offering Prayer**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always. **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 our right, our duty and our joy....  
We praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy*

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## **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**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## **Communion Hymn**

### ***Will You Come and Follow Me***

***ELW 798 vs1,2,5***

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the World.*

## **SENDING**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## **Benediction**

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love. **Amen.**

**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 -Wednesday Office Hours 9:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday- Quilters 9:00am

Wednesday-5:00pm Choir

Thursday- 9:00am-11:00am Food Pantry

Sunday- Bible Study 8:00am Worship 9:30 am

**Upcoming Events**

**Annual Meeting is today after worship.**

*Souper Bowl Sunday* Please bring canned soups and place them on the altar by Feb.9<sup>th</sup> to support the Food Pantry.

*February 9<sup>th</sup> Resurrection Volunteer Event.* Please show up to support all our volunteers who support our ministry so tirelessly.

Menu: Taco bar and desserts!

**Warming of the heart** -Resurrection and 8 other churches have come together to provide a safe space for the homeless on Sundays. Resurrection has agreed to support the primary Churches today & 2/16 from 12:30pm-5:00pm. We Need 4 volunteers for each day. Signup sheets are in the narthex.

**Assisting us this week January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Usher: Larry Nelson

Communion Deacon: Debbie LaPlante

Counters: Debbie LaPlante & Larry Nelson

Lector: John Koch

Altar Guild: Debbie LaPlante

Fellowship: Rudies, Hartungs, Borremans



## **Assisting next week January 26th**

Usher: Larry Nelson

Communion Deacon: TBD after Council mtg.

Counters: Debbie LaPlante & Larry Nelson

Lector: Sandy Krakow

Altar Guild: Debbie LaPlante

Fellowship: Sandy Krakow

## **Church Council Members**

Council President: Carol Borremans

Vice President: Bill Hartung

Secretary: Jodi Koch

Treasurer: Debbie LaPlante

Pastor: Melissa Pagel

Secretary: Jean Kaster

Musician: Greg Pagel

Choir Director: Beth Krepline

Financial Secretary: Chris Peterson

## **Committees**

Resource & Finance: Jim Gatske

Education: Debbie LaPlante

Worship & Church Choir: Carol Borremans

Food Pantry: Jodi Koch

Celebration: Craig/Christina Marcin

Church Support & Property: Bill Hartung

Outreach & Wiener Wednesday: Sandy Krakow

Personnel: Carol Borremans

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