

Welcome to **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Texts for Sunday, February 27, 2022 Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Epiphany

> Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.

We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.

We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.

We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.

Amen.

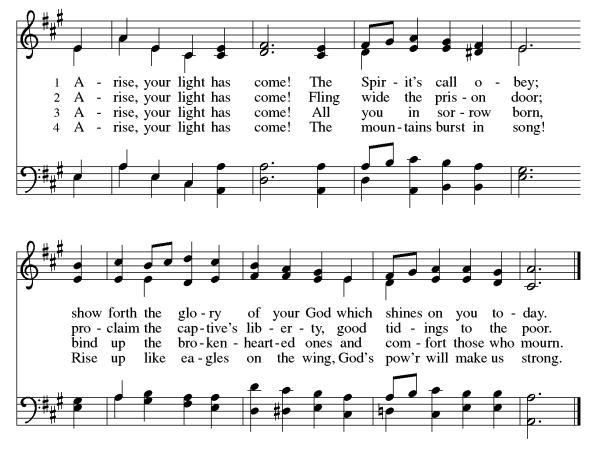
Rejoice in this good news:

You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Arise, Your Light Has Come!



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

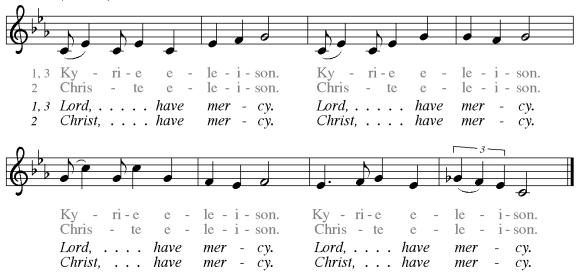
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

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KYRIE (Ghana)

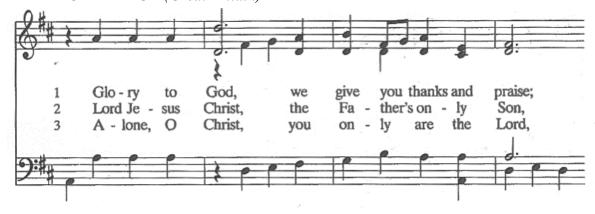


Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927

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HYMN OF PRAISE (Great Britain)





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

A reading from Genesis.

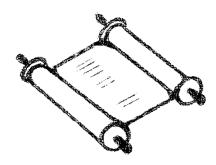
³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. 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 five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God 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 delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks,

your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:12)

- ¹Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- ³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- ⁴Take delight in the LORD, and he shall give you your heart's desire. R
- ⁵Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.
- ⁶He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.
- ⁸Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁹Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- ¹⁰For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land. R

- ¹¹In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- ¹²But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.
- ⁴¹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- ⁴²The LORD will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

A reading from First Corinthians.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, 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.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. ¹⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S' TIME

Amanda Beebe-Bay

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (South African)



Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana Arr. © Gobingca Mxadana

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Karen Perkins

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

(to the tune: Beach Spring)

- 1. Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise, for the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways. How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies? What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?
- Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts.
 In each daily situation, love's the greatest of all gifts.
 It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate.
 Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.
- 3. Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free: you don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity.

 Lord, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving? Where's the grace?
 Even sinners try to do this; they have friends that they embrace.
 May we do, Lord, unto others as we'd have them also do.
 You have shown us: Love is action. May we love, and make things new.

Tune: Beach Spring, *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; attributed to Benjamin Franklin White Text: Copyright © 2019 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.



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 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

^{*}*Or*, He descended to the dead.

PRAYER REFRAIN: Jesus, the Light of the World



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

THE PRAYERS

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. Be present at the border of Russia and Ukraine, surrounding the people with your love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled, especially those who live in fear. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You come to us through those you call to positions of leadership. We pray for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Alaska Synod Bishop Shelly Wickstrom, Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth of our sister synod; the Alaska Southeast Cluster, Pastor Karen Perkins, and St. Mark Lutheran Church, Anchorage. Grant wisdom to inform all ministries. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

REPEAT PRAYER REFRAIN



PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

We greet each other with a gesture of peace. We are conscious there are different comfort levels around social-distancing at this time. A nod, wave, phone call or email may be most appropriate for you. This greeting is a sign of the risen Christ who unites us and calls us to recognize the peace of God in one another.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Nicaraguan)



Fa - ther, with the bread and with the Now we of - fer you, our wine





- the fields of wheat now grow-ing will be-come a ho - lv
- there to change in to Like the grape put in the cel - lar, the wine.
- these gifts we see our one - ness through-out cit - y and the
- All your peo ple who are yearn-ing for the free-dom still a - head
- and to Christ who lives a bove, We sing glo - ry to the Fa - ther



and we find a life so - lace of of - fer fruits of your cre - a - tion and we praise the Ho - ly Spir - it

where the scars of strife are healed. in these gifts of wine and bread. the gift love. for to us of

Text: Misa popular nicaragüense, tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001

Music: TE OFRECEMOS, Nicaraguan folk tune



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.

Amen

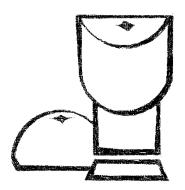
DIALOGUE The Lord be with

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 our thanks and praise.



PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.

Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS (German)



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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

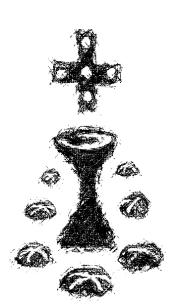
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen



LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

All are welcome to the communion table! God is the host and God's love extends to all people. During this period of social distancing due to COVID-19, not all in our community are ready to be present at Resurrection. Nevertheless, there **are** ways for you to participate! We celebrate this holy meal as the community of peace, love and mercy.

- We have resources on our website to help you celebrate Holy Communion at home, either along with a live broadcast or at another time.
- Pastor Karen can bring the Eucharist to you at home. Please contact the office or Pastor Karen to make arrangements.

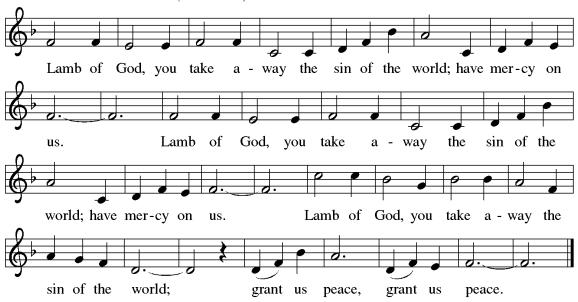
We would be happy to light a candle in thankfulness, of concern, or in memory of a person at your request.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION SONG (American)



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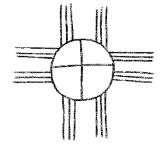
COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

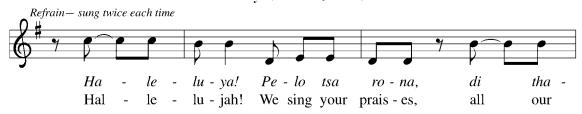


COMMUNION BLESSING

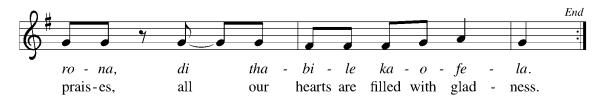
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (South African)









Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

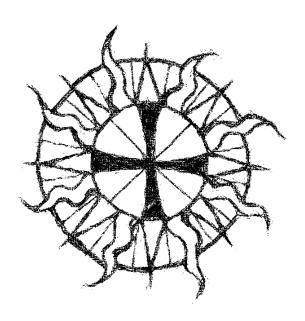
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is to promote spiritual growth in Christ and service to all people.

BLESSING

Amen.



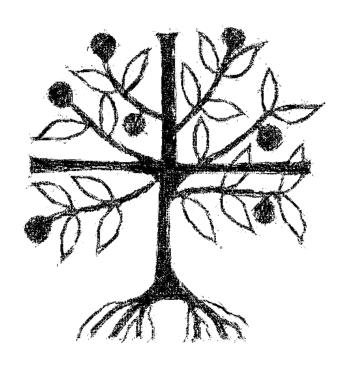
SENDING SONG: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**



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