



## All We Need Is Love, 3: The Higher Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

**ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 30, 2022 - 8:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

In the Epiphany Season, we see Jesus continuing to reveal Himself. All three Readings today declare the depth, breadth, and height of God's Love for the world. When God's people were drifting away, God sent prophets, such as Jeremiah, to speak God's Word and call the people back to faithfulness. God declares His Love for Jeremiah [and us]: "I formed you in the womb . . . I consecrated you; I appointed you . . . I Am with you to deliver you. (Jeremiah 1:5, 8) God's Love is shown forth in Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus casts out a demon from a man, thereby restoring his life. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, and He casts out even more demons and heals more diseases. All these point to the restoration of all creation in God's coming Kingdom. Paul's letter to the Corinthians reveals that God's best Gift for us through the Holy Spirit is the gift of love – a profound gift that calls us to live lives shaped by the depth, breadth, and height of God's Love for us in Christ.

All We Need Is Love

Do we overuse the word love, or do we not use it enough? As Christians, do we grasp the immensity of the love that God has given us and the love that we are called to give to others? Throughout the rest of January and into February, we will be taking a closer look at 1 Corinthians 12-13 and three specific stories from Luke's gospel that will guide us as the Body of Christ in the ways that the love of God unites us as His children as well as how it sends us into service to one another and to those God has placed around us. God is love. He is a love that is greater than anything that we could ever imagine, and He is the love that makes us one as the Body of Christ for the Mission of Christ to bring love to the world.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

**PRELUDE**

*Morning Song* – F. Gramann

Heavenly Handbells

## GREETING

### ❖ INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

(Please see page 17-19 of this worship folder.)

### ❖ HYMN

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

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**1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**2. As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

**3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**4. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.**

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❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS**

*John 20:21-23*

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
C **Who made Heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite Mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.  
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to Everlasting Life. Amen.**

❖ **ABSOLUTION**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

❖ **KYRIE**

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us  
pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

❖ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know that we live in the midst of so many dangers and in our fear and frailty we cannot stand.

**C** Grant strength and protection to support us in all perils, and encouragement to resist temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19 [ESV]*

*(Jeremiah is called to be a Prophet.)*

Now the Word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”  
Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD!  
Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”  
But the LORD said to me,  
“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;  
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.  
Do not be afraid of them, for I Am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”  
Then the LORD put out His Hand and touched my mouth.  
And the LORD said to me,

“Behold, I have put My Words in your mouth.  
See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”  
But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you.  
Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them.  
And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land.  
They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I Am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 71:1-11*

*(Forsake me not when my strength is spent.)*

L In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
**C let me never be put to shame!**

L In Your Righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
C **incline Your Ear to me, and save me!**

L Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;  
C **You have given the command to save me,  
for You are my Rock and my Fortress.**

L Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
C **from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.**

L For You, O Lord, are my Hope,  
C **my Trust, O LORD, from my youth.**

L Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;  
C **You are He Who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of You.**

L I have been as a portent to many,  
C **but You are my strong Refuge.**

L My mouth is filled with Your Praise,  
C **and with Your Glory all the day.**

L Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
C **forsake me not when my strength is spent.**

L For my enemies speak concerning me;  
C **those who watch for my life consult together**

L and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him,  
C **for there is none to deliver him."**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

**EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 12:31b -13:13 [ESV]*

*(Paul describes behaviors of love.)*

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.

When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ❖ ALLELUIA AND VERSE



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ❖ HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 4:31-44* [ESV]

*(Jesus speaks with authority.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee.

And He was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at His Teaching, for His Word possessed authority.

And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, “Ha! What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know Who You are—the Holy One of God.”

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!”

And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.

And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this Word? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”

And reports about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

And He arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house.

Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to Him on her behalf.

And He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His Hands on every one of them and healed them.

And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!”

But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ.

And when it was day, He departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought Him and came to Him, and would have kept Him from leaving them, but He said to them, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God to the other towns as well;

for I was sent for this purpose.”

And He was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Alan Shaw

## HYMN

*Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels*

LSB 695

1. Not for tongues of heaven's angels, Not for wisdom to discern,  
Not for faith that masters mountains, For this better gift we yearn:  
May love be ours, O Lord.

2. Love is humble, love is gentle, Love is tender, true, and kind;  
Love is gracious, ever patient, Generous of heart and mind:  
May love be ours, O Lord.

3. Never jealous, never selfish, Love will not rejoice in wrong;  
Never boastful nor resentful, Love believes and suffers long:  
May love be ours, O Lord.

4. In the day this world is fading Faith and hope will play their part;  
But when Christ is seen in glory Love shall reign in ev'ry heart:  
May love be ours, O Lord.

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## SERMON

Pastor Alan Shaw

### All We Need Is Love, 3: The Higher Gifts

*1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13*



## CREED

## APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven  
and sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come 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.

## ❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

## OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex. Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pads.)

## OFFERING OF TIME AND TALENTS IN SERVICE TO THE LORD

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Rise, Shine, You People* – arr. H. Morris

Heavenly Handbells

## ❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Embraced by the Love of God for us in Jesus, let us bring our prayers to God, trusting in His Promise to deliver us in the midst of trouble.

P God, Whose Love is Patient and Kind, empower Your Church throughout the world to show forth the Gospel everywhere with patience and kindness.

**C Give the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all Christians a full measure of patience and kindness in our interactions with one another.**

P Preserve us from discord and public arguments that bring out the worst in us.

**C Let the Love You have shown us so embrace our lives that the world may notice and turn to You, the God of Love.**

P God, Whose Love is not envious or boastful, bless the leaders of nations, our president and congress, our governors, and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice, and corruption.

**C Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings.**

P Bless those who serve in our armed forces, and lift up refugees and all victims of war.

**C Bring peace between us and our enemies, and let Your Peace in Christ reign over this broken world.**

P God, Whose Love is not arrogant or rude, come to the aid of all who are in need. As Jesus humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to humbly enter the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying to offer comfort and hope, [*especially* . . .].

Bring healing according to Your Will and peace to those whose suffering endures.

**C Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness.**

**Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring so much suffering to the world, that their work leads to healing for many.**

P God, Whose Love is not irritable or resentful, let Your Joy, Forgiveness, and Peace flow freely in and among both the families of this congregation and all families.

**C Empower parents and grandparents to love their children; and children to love their parents.**

P Watch over all who travel, and comfort families who are separated by many miles.  
C **Guide families, that their homes be places where Your Love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends.**

P God, Whose Love rejoices with the truth,  
C **Guide us as the Body of Christ in the world to live in ways that surprise the world with Your Love, so that ears will be opened to hear the Truth of Jesus.**

P God, Whose Love abides into all eternity through our Lord Jesus, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death.  
C **Comfort those who mourn, and use us to express Your Abiding Love to them.**

P We thank You for the life and witness of those who, having abided in Your Love in this life, have now died and abide in Your Eternal Love.  
C **Bring us one day to be with them; and, until that Day, give us grace to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in Your Love.**

*After each additional portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in Your Mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy to lift them up for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

P Jesus, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

## ❖ **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**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*  
C Amen.

❖ **HYMN**

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

**LSB 649**

1. **Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**
2. **Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.**
3. **We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.**
4. **When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.**
5. **From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.**

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

# POSTLUDE

*In Babilone* – F. Peeters

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## INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

*Those to be installed are presented before the altar. The pastor addresses the congregation:*

P Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that *“all things should be done decently and in order.”* (I Corinthians 14:40) To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church.

P Hear the Word of the Lord through the apostle Peter:

P *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength God supplies – in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever.* (I Peter 4:10-11)

*Each officer is named according to his or her respective office.*

P \_\_\_\_\_ has/have been elected/appointed to serve as \_\_\_\_\_

*The pastor addresses the officers, elected or appointed:*

P You have been chosen to fill specific positions of responsibility at Resurrection Lutheran Church. You are to work with the pastors and professional church staff, that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight.

You are to see that the services of God’s house are held at proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

P In the Presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you:  
Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: “I do.”

R *I do.*

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His Work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: “We do.”

R *We do.*

*The pastor addresses the officers, elected or appointed:*

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of Resurrection Lutheran Church in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

**C Amen.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You continue to grant them, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with

thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of specific service.

P We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the Voice of Christ saying: “Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Go in the Name of the Lord.

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The Almighty and Most Merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**