

Jesus, Light for the Nations

**A Light
in the Darkness**

Isaiah 49:1-7



ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Jesus, Light for the Nations

Everyone needs light. It is a necessary part to our survival. It is beautiful and necessary all at once. It is no coincidence that Jesus is called the "Light for the nations." He is the One that has brought the light of life into a world of darkness and death. He is the necessary part to our eternal survival, and He has come for all people. The Scriptures make that abundantly clear, and the prophet Isaiah especially highlights the message of God's mission for the world as that would be fulfilled in Jesus. There is no other way than Jesus and that is good news! The question is, what does life look like in this light? And how is God using us to shine the light of Christ for others? Join us for our new sermon series as we continue to follow Jesus in the light for all people!

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

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

PRELUDE

Song of Thankfulness and Praise – arr. D. Lawrence

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 pages 18-20 of this worship folder.)

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❖ **HYMN**

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

LSB 868

1. **Awake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise To pay thy morning sacrifice.**
2. **In conversation be sincere, Thy conscience as the noonday clear;
Think how the_all-seeing God thy ways And all thy secret thoughts surveys.**
3. **All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.**
4. **Lord, I my vows to Thee renew; Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will And with Thyself my spirit fill.**
5. **Direct, control, suggest this day All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might In Thy sole glory may unite.**
6. **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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



C 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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to establish a new creation, by the forgiveness won in the glory of His cross and resurrection,

C **renew our lives by the breath of the Holy Spirit empowering us to worship You in purity and serve one another in love; 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 PROPHECY

Isaiah 49:1-7 [ESV]

(God's Servant is to bring light to all nations.)

49 Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from
afar.

The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named
my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me,
“You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴But I said,
“I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and
vanity; yet surely my right is with
the LORD, and my recompense with my
God.”

⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be
his servant,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to
him—

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be
my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of
the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the
nation, the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen
you.”

PSALM

Psalm 40:1-11 [ESV]

(The Lord is My Help and My Deliverer.)

L **40** I waited patiently for the LORD;
C **He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

L ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
C **and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

L ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
C **Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.**

L ⁴Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
C who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

L ⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts
toward us; none can compare with you!
C I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

L ⁶In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear.
C Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

L ⁷Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
C ⁸I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

L ⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
C behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

L ¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your salvation;
**C I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great
congregation.**

L ¹¹As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me;
**C your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
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 1:1-9 [ESV]

(You are not lacking in any spiritual gifts.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an
apostle of Christ Jesus,
and our brother Sosthenes, **2**To the
church of God that is in Corinth,
to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called
to be saints together with all those who in
every place call upon the name of our

Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and
ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that was
given you in Christ Jesus,

⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—
⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who

will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



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

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 1:29-42a [ESV]

(John identifies Jesus as the Son of God.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,
 “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’
³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”
³²And John bore witness:
 “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.
³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’
³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”
³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said,

“Behold, the Lamb of God!”
³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them,
 “What are you seeking?”
 And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher),
 “where are you staying?”
³⁹He said to them,
 “Come and you will see.”
 So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.
⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him,
 “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).
⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Zach Sarrault

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Only Son from Heaven

LSB 402

**1. The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,
 By God the Father given, In human form appears.
 No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining
 As He, our Morning Star.**

2. O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the king anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us, To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.

3. O Lord, our hearts awaken To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.

❖4. O Father, here before You With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You, O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessèd Trinity!"

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SERMON

Pastor Zach Sarrault

A Light in the Darkness
Isaiah 49:1-7

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty
Maker of Heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose Kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ✠ Life of the world to come. 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.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Reflections on Forest Green – arr. B. Semmann

Heavenly Handbells

❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each 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; through 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.

MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.

2. He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

3. He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—That name to us is Love.

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Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

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1. Hail, Thou once despisèd Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through Thy name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.

3. Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading; There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.

**4. Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!**

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❖ **DISMISSAL BLESSING**

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life Everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

❖ **PRAYER**

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

❖ **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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**

O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 523

**1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

**2. The Church from You, dear Master, Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands Still guides, O Christ, to You.**

**3. O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!**

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

POSTLUDE

O Word of God Incarnate – 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.**