

Jesus, Light for the Nations



A Light
in the Darkness
Isaiah 49:1-7

Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 15, 2023 – 11:00 am

A warm welcome to all worshiping 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!

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the LORD be with you!
C And also with you!

Opening Song

Our God Is Greater

Water You turned into wine,
opened the eyes of the blind -
there's no one like You,
none like You

Into the darkness You shine;
out of the ashes we rise -
There's no one like You,
none like You

Refrain
Our God is greater,
Our God is stronger,
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer,
awesome in power,
Our God, our God

And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
Then what could stand against us? Repeat Refrain

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Installation of Congregational Officers

President: Mike Haertling
Vice President: Erika Hulse
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Other Council members for 2023:
Mark Dirks
Lori Jannings
Charles Miller
Barry Needle
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Confession of Sins and Good News of God's Forgiveness

P The Beauty of God is that in Jesus He became one of us to redeem us from our sins. Forgiveness is available for all who call out to Him in faith. Let us therefore confess our sins to Almighty God.

P In His Great Mercy, God chose Israel as His servant nation, from whom the Messiah would be born. And before we were born He chose each of us to be in His Kingdom and to carry the light of the Gospel to the whole world.

C **Lord our God, we confess that we have failed to appreciate all that You have done for us. We have been content to know that Heaven is open to us, often ignoring the thousands who have not heard about our Savior. Forgive us.**

P In His Great Mercy, God revealed His Will for all people, calling them to love and good works in response to His Steadfast Love and Faithfulness. *(Psalm 40:11)*

C **Lord our God, we confess that in our pride we have followed our own desires and plans, forgetting Your Sacrificial Love for us and Your Will for how we live our lives. Forgive us.**

P In His Great Mercy, the Holy Spirit ensures that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we await our Lord's return. *(1 Corinthians 1:7)*

C **Lord our God, we confess that we have not used Your Gifts to build up the Church and to strengthen one another in the faith, but have often watched a few do the work for the rest of us. Forgive us.**

P In His Great Mercy our Lord invites us to follow Him. The first thing Andrew did when called by the Lord was to bring His brother Simon to Jesus. *(John 1:41-42)*

- C Lord our God, we confess that we have neglected to speak openly about our faith with the people near and dear to us and those with whom we work and study each day. Forgive us.**
- P** Our Heavenly Father sent His Son, Jesus, the Lamb of God, Who has taken away the sins of the world. The Holy Spirit worked faith in our hearts so that we may trust Him in all things. 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. Thanks be to God.**

Song of Praise

Mighty To Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion,
a love that's never failing,
let mercy fall on me;
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations:

Refrain

Savior, He can move the mountains;
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave;
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures -
fill my life again;
I give my life to follow
ev'rything I believe in,
Now I surrender Refrain

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King
Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Refrain

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Old Testament Prophecy

Isaiah 49:1-7 [ESV]

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. ² He 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.³ And he said to me,

"You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But 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."

⁵ And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, 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— ⁶ he 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." ⁷ Thus 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 40:1-11 [ESV]

L 40 I waited patiently for the Lord;

C **He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

L ² He 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 ³ He 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 ⁴ Blessed 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 ⁵ You 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 ⁶ In 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 ⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C **⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

L ⁹ I 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 ¹⁰ I 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 ¹¹ As 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]

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To 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: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42a [ESV]

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

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

29 The 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, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Pastor Zach Sarrault

Song of the Day

Eagle's Wings

Here I am waiting;
abide in me, I pray
Here I am longing for You;
hide me in Your love,
bring me to my knees,
may I know Jesus more and more

Refrain

Come live in me,
all my life take over
Come breathe in me,
and I will rise on eagle's wings Sing 2x

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The Message

Pastor Zach Sarrault

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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.**

Prayers of the Church

After each petition:

**P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.**

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

Closing Song

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the LORD,
we will wait upon the LORD,
we will wait upon the LORD
Strength will rise as we wait upon the LORD,
we will wait upon the LORD,
we will wait upon the LORD

Our God, You reign forever;
our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer:

Refrain

You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up
on wings like eagles

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P The worship has ended.

C The service now begins.

P Go now in peace to serve the LORD.

C Thanks be to God!

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In Service Today

Preacher - Rev. Zach Sarrault

Presiding Minister – Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke

Praise Worship Leader - Christopher Reed

Reign! Vocals - Angela Ferguson, Deb Oesterling

Reign! Musician - Lewis Wuori, Doug Durnbaugh, Don Morrow, Lecia Cecconi-Roberts

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