

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
8:30 & 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICES
JANUARY 22, 2023

Livestreamed on Facebook at 8:30 AM: <https://facebook.com/rlcfw>

Mission Statement: Being an example of God's acceptance and grace to all.



INTRODUCTION

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

PRELUDE

COMMUNITY NEWS

WORSHIP (*stand as you are able)

Worship gathers us to stand with each other again in Easter’s first light. We gather to offer to God the one thing God does not first give us, our praise. Here our story is made part of God’s story and God’s story is made our own.

Worship turns us toward God. Like the crowds following Jesus, we come to his feet to be found, fed, healed and raised, and we are given to stand in the Kingdom of God, heaven itself, receiving again God’s free gifts and presence.

Worship turns us toward the world. Like the disciples before us, here we are made church, made the living body of Christ for the world as we learn again who we are, what we are worth, and what our lives are about.

It is the template and practice field for our everyday selves in the everyday world as children of God, disciples of Jesus, and servant citizens of the kingdom of God. So, we begin our worship by singing together our gathering hymn.

GATHERING HYMN #808

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

Choir will sing verse 1, Congregation to join for verses 2, 3, 4



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Almighty God, as we come to worship you this morning, we ask you to make yourself known among us. Draw close again and reveal yourself as the one who shines with great light and acts to deliver, for we ask in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
words and music by Kathleen Thomerson
setting by Mark Hayes

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart,
shine in my heart, shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people.

C **Alleluia. (Matt 4:23)**

GOSPEL READING

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P ...the Gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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PENNY COLLECTION

CHIMES

*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”
Graham Kendrick arr. by Peggy Bettcher*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #574

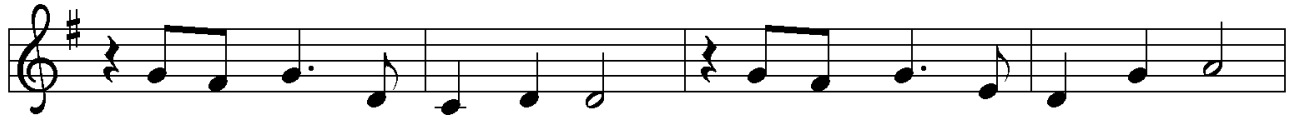
"Here I Am, Lord"



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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APOSTLES' CREED

P My brothers and sisters, having heard the Good News proclaimed, let us stand and confess our faith together using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Let us come to the one who is always with us. Let us be still before the one who does the work of remembering, recognizing and delivering. Let us listen for the one who brings the good new and calls us to follow...

silence is kept as we gather ourselves into this time of prayer

A Most gracious God, we look at the world with sorrow for we not only see people hurting but hurting one another as well. Turn us around and open our eyes to see you in those who are hurting and mourning, who are happy with their lives. Lead us so that our lives shine with your light for those around us. Lord in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Most gracious God, we pray for your church, which we like to make our own. Help us to turn around and follow you here and beyond these walls, for you alone can see all and know what is best. Lord in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Most gracious God, we pray for your people at Resurrection, that all might sense that you are with them and be comforted by your presence. We ask for peace among your people and for joy at knowing you are here calling us to follow. Lord in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Most gracious God, we pray for individuals - for those who are lonely or hurt, for those who are angry or afraid, for those who pursued by danger and lack, and for those who are surrounded by loved ones and are free of pain, for those who are at peace, secure, and content - that you would make each one aware of your presence. Lord in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P These prayers we lay at your feet, asking that you correct and complete them where need be, for we come in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

By our offering we become a part of a mission to be examples of God's acceptance and grace to all in a church that has shared these precious gifts with us in times of joy and sadness. By it we also offer God our most sincere and personal worship: taking some of what matters to us, we put our treasure where we want our hearts to be, and we give it as a giving back of our whole selves to the God who has given us everything and is our everything. So, let us continue our worship now by presenting God with our offerings of duty and delight.

TIME OF OFFERING

Options for giving:

Drop off after service in offering box

Mail in your offering

Use Bill Pay from your bank

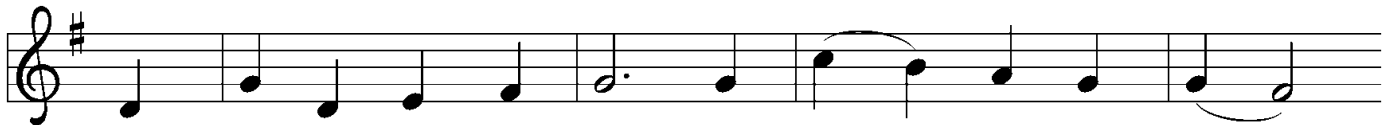
Use Venmo. From the app search for us: @Resurrection-Lutheran



OFFERTORY #686

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

V 1 & 2



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and
freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
- C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**“Holy, holy, holy!” all the saints in glory
Fill your temple with their song
around your golden throne;
“Holy, holy, holy!”
with them we adore you;
God in three Persons,
all in Christ as one.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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**

COMMUNION

Communion is the high point of worship for us. In this moment we step out trusting that God has indeed removed sin, bound up our brokenness, defeated death, conquered evil, and brought us so close that we can touch God and God can touch us with such priceless gifts as welcome, love, grace, mercy, deliverance, and endless life (*Communion options are shared*). My siblings, this is our Lord's table. All are welcome here.

LAMB OF GOD #592

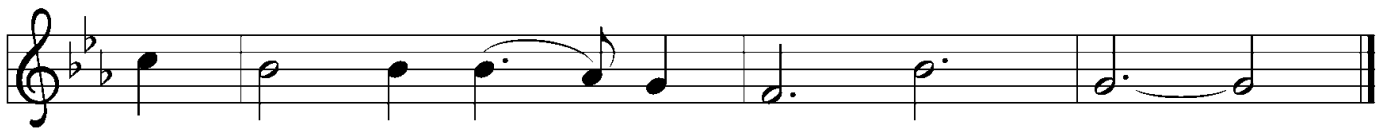
"Just As I Am" V 1 & 3



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

A TIME FOR COMMUNION AND REFLECTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P My sisters and brothers, at this time and in this place you are in the very Kingdom of God, now may His Body and His Blood strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C Amen.

BLESSING

- P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless,
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #661

"I Love to Tell the Story" V 1 & 2

Verse 1

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Verse 2

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

Refrain

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace.
C **Being an example of God's acceptance and grace to all.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have been in communication with the reps from the volunteer software company and believe we have fixed some of the issues that were restricting our ability to successfully use the software. We will be processing a new schedule for February and March, there was a new email sent out this past week asking you to do these 3 things that will help get the process going to get a schedule out for the first week of February:

1. Select your service preference
2. Choose the ministries that you want to volunteer in
3. Update your availability

Family Retreat at Pokagon State Park February 24-26 Join us for a family retreat, family is anyone, and all are welcome, at Potawatomi Inn, located at Pokagon State Park in Angola. Please contact Sue Smith at youth@rlcfw.org if you will be attending and need a room or have any questions.

NEW GROUP BEGINNING JANUARY FOR FAMILIES ACTIVELY RAISING KIDS!

Introducing: RESURRECTION FAMILY CONNECTION.

WHAT: Resurrection Family Connection is a new group for parents and kids! Raising kids is hard, let's do it together.

WHO: This group invites all families with parents who are actively raising children to join.

WHEN: SAT. JAN 28th 4-6pm @ Resurrection Church.

Family Connection group will meet monthly at the church for a family night of games and food. All are welcome. RSVP: Please email Andrea Munsch if your family is interested in joining. andreamunsch00@gmail.com

JUST NEIGHBORS INTERFAITH HOMELESS NETWORK serves homeless families in Fort Wayne by providing shelter, meals, and compassionate, comprehensive professional support. Resurrection assists this program by providing dinners for the families residing there. Our next scheduled week is February 12-17. Here is the link to the SignUp Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BAAAF23A5F58-just5>

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the February Newsletter is Thursday, January 26th. If you have anything you would like to add, please send it to office@rlcfw.org.

PRAY FOR...

People of Ukraine
Jack Bigham
Eddie Carnahan
Lela & George Dunn
Tim Humbert
Ray Reffitt
Natilia, Diana
& Munsch Family
Bev Stonebraker
Cynthia Sherrill
Dema Ann Saxton
Brad Terry
Becky Schoepp
Ralph Rigby
Dean Spires

Kari Cynar
Craig Steffen
Danny
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Jan Hieber
Patt Hieber
Adrian Butler
Elaine Kirkendall
Carol Heingartner
Pam
Cheryl
Jon G

Military Service:
Bailey Beyer
Jaidyn Beyer
Collin Monteith
Dakota Francis
Jon Popovich
Matthew Gephart
Alex Horvath

Homebound:
Cindy Dankert
Bob & Cheryl Goble
Norma Greener
Sarajane Hill
Joyce Svoboda
Jen Knepper

Family of Shirley Hake

Family of Marilyn Feagler



Today's altar flowers are given by Kay & Lee Humbert in memory of Arlene Carnahan & Robert Humbert and also by Barb Limbach in memory of Duane Dennis.

