

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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## BEATITUDES

JANUARY 22, 2023

8am In Person Worship



*Hearing assisted devices are available at the sound booth.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Merciful God,

**Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways.**

Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his abundant love, all your sins are forgiven, that you might walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

*"Gather Us in" vs. 1-3*

**ELW 532**

### GREETING

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

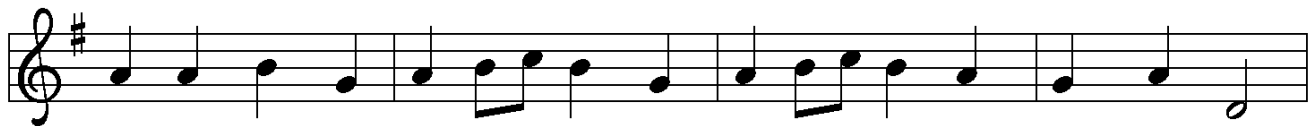
**And also with you.**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray... Loving God,

**In Jesus you proclaim a blessing for those in deprivation, a promise of your transforming love.**

**Make us instruments of your justice, that all might have life abundantly. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**A READING FROM PSALM 1:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 4:23-25; 5:1-12; 7:28(TLB)

*After his testing in the Wilderness, Jesus calls four disciples, all fishermen from the sea of Galilee. Together, they travel throughout the area, as Jesus teaches and heals many others.*

Jesus traveled all through Galilee teaching in the Jewish synagogues, everywhere preaching the Good News about the Kingdom of Heaven. And he healed every kind of sickness and disease. The report of his miracles spread far beyond the borders of Galilee so that sick folk were soon coming to be healed from as far away as Syria. And whatever their illness and pain, ... he healed them all. Enormous crowds followed him wherever he went—people from ... all over Judea, and even from across the Jordan River. One day as the crowds were gathering, Jesus went up the hillside with his disciples and sat down and taught them there. “Humble men are very fortunate!” he told them, “for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them. Those who mourn are fortunate! for they shall be comforted. The meek and lowly are fortunate! for the whole wide world belongs to them. “Happy are those who long to be just and good, for they shall be completely satisfied. Happy are the kind and merciful, for they shall be shown mercy. Happy are those whose hearts are pure, for they shall see God. Happy are those who strive for peace—they shall be called the sons of God. Happy are those who are persecuted because they are good, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. “When you are reviled and persecuted and lied about because you are my followers—wonderful! Be happy about it! Be very glad! for a tremendous reward awaits you up in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted too.

The crowds were amazed at Jesus' sermons, for he taught as one who had great authority, and not as their Jewish scribes (who only quoted others).

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

## **REFLECTION**

Pastor Andrew Nyren

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Blest Are They"*

**ELW 728**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

You have planted us by streams of water, O God, that we might bear good fruit. We offer now these gifts that they would be that good fruit, given for the sake of your children throughout the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **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 Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come 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**

Confident that our savior, Jesus Christ, hears us when we pray, we lift up the church, the world, and all in need.

Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*At this time, we will prepare hearts to receive the gift of Holy Communion.*

*If you will be staying in your seat for communion today, please bring out your pre-sealed communion cups at this time so we can bless the elements together.*

### DIALOGUE

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.**

### WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

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.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We are blessed when we hunger and thirst for righteousness. Christ offers us his own body and blood to nourish us for our service to God and neighbor. You are welcome at this table.

*Please be seated as we share the gift of communion, remember that ALL are welcome to the table.*

*The Pastor will share with you the options for receiving communion today.*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

**ELW 712**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✝ bless your going out and coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

**ELW 677**

## SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

**Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us next week:

**9:30am - In Person & Livestream Worship**  
**Immediately followed by the Annual Meeting**  
**NO Sunday School**

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# GATHER US IN

vs. 1-3



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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# Blest Are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

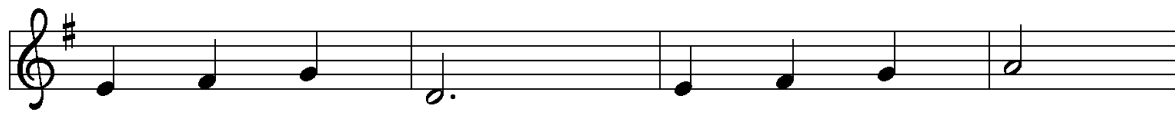


full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

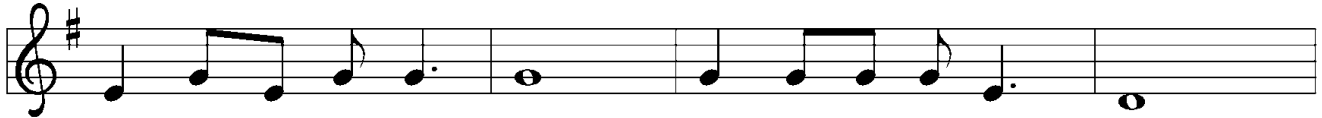
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# This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confident that our savior, Jesus Christ, hears us when we pray, we lift up the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of abundant mercy, pour your blessings upon all whose needs are visible and whose needs are not visible to our eyes. Make us instruments of blessing for others, and help us receive blessing from others. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Heal the harms we have done to your creation. Keep us from inflicting further distress on what you have made, and make us good stewards of this earth. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Keep our elected leaders mindful of the needs of those they serve, that they might work for the blessing of all people. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Your blessing is for all who suffer, O God. Grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, *especially Judy, Barb, Myrna, Jim, Inge, Barb, Mardell, Shirley, Pastor Kara, Marcia, Sandy, Doris, and Mark.* Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Walk with all peoples of the earth, both those who follow you, and those who do not. Remind us we are all your children, even when others' ways are unfamiliar to us. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

We remember with joy all the saints whose lives have been a source of incredible blessing. May we, in gratitude, bless others until we are all together in your eternal presence. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**