



Resurrection Lutheran Church

445 E. Stop 11 Road

Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

(317) 881-7854 • [www.RLCIndy.org](http://www.RLCIndy.org)

Pastor Mitch Phillips • Pastor Ryan Bailey

Second Sunday After Epiphany • January 17, 2021

*Resurrection is a congregation of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

**Welcome to Worship  
At Resurrection Lutheran Church**



***Our HOLY PURPOSE***

It is our holy purpose as Resurrection People to respond to God's grace by being instruments of transformation and love in our surrounding community. We are called to welcome ALL people, nurture them in faith, equip them for the shared work of ministry, and serve others that ALL may know God's love.

**We welcome you** to our community of faith. Many things are different from our usual during this time of pandemic precautions. We ask that you follow all precautions that we have put in place as we strive to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbor and be mindful of the needs of the most vulnerable among us.

**Children are welcome in church!** God's people come in all shapes and sizes – it is a gift to our whole community when the youngest of us are present. Sitting alongside of parents and other adults and learning to treasure times of worship together builds strong faith. We will re-open our nursery at some point in the future, but it is not safe for us to do so yet.

*We ask that after worship concludes that you not congregate in the sanctuary or in the narthex. If you wish to visit with other worship participants, please do so outside of the building.*

# HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Second Sunday After Epiphany  
January 17, 2021

*All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where — or rather whom — we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

*Upon entering the sanctuary, we help to create a worshipful environment by keeping movement and noise to a minimum. The time may be used for prayer, pre-reading the Scriptures or hymns for the day, or simply preparing the soul for an encounter with God.*

### Welcome and Greetings

### Thanksgiving for the Word

- ☐ Holy God,  
Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness,  
we hear your Word in the scriptures,  
proclaiming to us your wisdom  
and inviting us to follow your call.  
For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.
- ☑ **We thank you, O God.**

**P** Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother,  
who preached your righteousness, healed the sick,  
and revived the brokenhearted.  
For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.

**C** **We worship you, O God.**

**P** By your Spirit, bless all who receive this Word,  
that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.

**C** **We praise you, O God.**

**P** Blessed are you, holy God,  
around us, with us, and in us,  
now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Greeting

*The presiding minister and congregation greet each other.*

**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

*The Presiding Minister “collects” the thoughts for the main theme of today’s worship in this historic ecumenical prayer also called “The Collect,” appointed for this day.*

**P** Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# WORD

## First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

<sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

<sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Ryan Bailey

## Hymn of the Day “He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

*While we cannot sing as a congregation, we share these words for your reflection.*

- 1 He comes to us as one unknown,  
a breath unseen, unheard;  
as though within a heart of stone,  
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,  
a pulse of being stirred,  
a pulse of being stirred.
- 2 He comes when souls in silence lie  
and thoughts of day depart;  
half-seen upon the inward eye,  
a falling star across the sky  
of night within the heart,  
of night within the heart.
- 3 He comes to us in sound of seas,  
the ocean's fume and foam;  
yet small and still upon the breeze,  
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,  
a voice to call us home,  
a voice to call us home.
- 4 He comes in love as once he came  
by flesh and blood and birth;  
to bear within our mortal frame  
a life, a death, a saving name,  
for ev'ry child of earth,  
for ev'ry child of earth.
- 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown;  
believed, obeyed, adored;  
the Christ in all the scriptures shown,  
as yet unseen, but not unknown,  
our Savior and our Lord,  
our Savior and our Lord.

*Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926*

*Text © 1984 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.*

## 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 Church

*We gather our individual and communal intercessions and thanksgivings, remembering our connection to the universal Church on earth and in heaven. During indicated times of silence, we may remember names in silence or speak them aloud in the assembly of God's people. After each "Let us pray" all may respond with **"Have mercy, O God."***

## The Peace

*After the exchange of Peace with the pastor and the online congregation, worshipers are invited to make a pandemic appropriate gesture of Peace – a wave, "air hug," etc. – with each other.*

# MEAL

## Holy Communion

**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** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

☞ Lord, remember us in your reign and teach us to pray:

☛ **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.**

## Distribution

☞ Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

*The Lord's Table is open to all Christians. Adults and children who do not commune are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing their arms across their chest. The flow for distribution is intended to ensure that nobody speaks or stands over the communion elements without a face covering. Allow the pastor to drop the bread into your outstretched hands. Help yourself to an individual cup of wine and then step into the open space to remove your mask and consume the bread and wine. Place your empty cup in the basket as you return to your seat. (WHITE grape juice is in the center of each tray.)*

## Post-Communion Blessing

☞ The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☛ **Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life  
and are strengthened for our journey.  
Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit  
to proclaim your good news  
and serve others in your name.
- C Amen.**

## Blessing

- P** God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.
- C Amen.**

## Dismissal

*We are dismissed in joy and peace, exiting the door of the church as a “servant’s entrance” into our work in the world.*

- P** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
- C Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

#### *Acknowledgements*

*Parts of this service are from sundaysandseasons.com. © 2018 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #23866. New Revised standard version of the Bible, © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.*

*Parts of this service are reprinted by permission from The Worship Sourcebook, © 2004, CRC Publications.*