

a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Offertory, Offering, Prayers

**Communion Hymn: #308 "Invited, Lord, By Boundless Grace."**

**Distribution of the Lord's Supper**

**Nunc Dimittis**

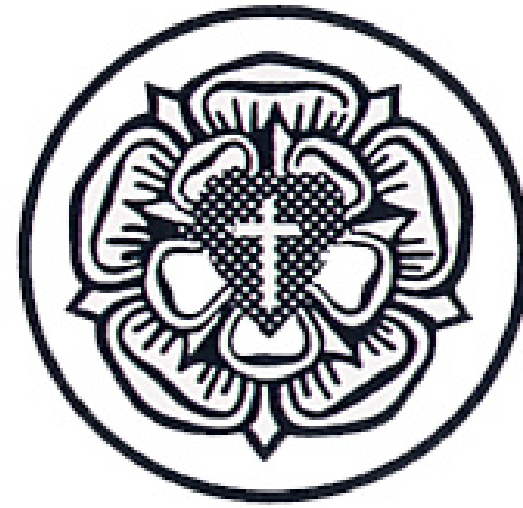
**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: #131 "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here."**

**Announcements**

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- The congregation would like to wish happy birthday to Ryan McHenry who turns twenty six on Tuesday.
- The congregation would like to wish happy birthday to Isaiah Marrs who turns seven on Tuesday.
- Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the quarterly voters' meeting will be held following the service and lunch.



# Resurrection Lutheran Church

***Resurrection Lutheran Church***  
1013 River Drive, North Sioux City, SD 57049

*Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (LCR)*

Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Channel: Resurrection Lutheran North Sioux on YouTube

Pastor Richard L. Marrs (712) 389-4562

Epiphany Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we welcome all who are worshipping with us today. May the Word that you hear grant salvation, peace, and comfort to your hearts and give you a deeper appreciation of God's grace as revealed to us in His Son, Jesus Christ.*

**Prayer upon entering church:** Heavenly Father, Ruler of all things, we thank and praise Thee for making known to the Wise Men of the East the birth of Thy dear Son by means of a miraculous star. As they followed the guidance of this heavenly light, help us to follow the light of Thy holy Word. Let Jesus, the Day-star from on high, arise and shine in our hearts so that we may fully know and receive Him as our one and only Savior from sin, from death, and from the power of the prince of darkness. Help us by means of our gifts to promote the work of Thy kingdom so that others in far away lands, like the Wise Men, may hear of Thee, believe in Thee, and be saved eternally by Thee. Enable us to offer up to Thee the fragrant myrrh of repentance, the sweet incense of prayer, and the precious gold of faith. Guard us against having a mere head knowledge of Thee, as did the chief priests and scribes, and instead, give us a true heart knowledge of Thee. Restrain all the forces of evil which seek to destroy the work of Thy church even as Thou didst restrain and bring to naught the murderous plan of King Herod. Watch over us and Thy kingdom unto the end of time and finally take us, with the Wise Men and all other true believers in the Christ-Child, to our heavenly home above. Hear us for Thy holy name's sake. Amen.

**Today's Order of Service: p.15**

**Opening Hymn: #124 "O Lord, Our Father, Thanks to Thee."**

**Old Testament Lesson:** See bulletin insert.

**Epistle Lesson:** Ephesians 2:1-12 "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye being

in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 2:1-12 "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way."

**The Nicene Creed p.22**

**Sermon Hymn: #139 "In His Temple Now Behold Him."**

**The Sermon: Matthew 3:13-17**

**"To Fulfill All Righteousness."**

**I. Baptism is for sinners.**

**II. The Substitute was Baptized.**

**Sermon text:** Matthew 3:13-17 "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like

**Old Testament Lesson:** 1 Kings 19:1-18 "And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel

sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him."

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