

A Glimpse of Glory

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Welcome to Resurrection!

We extend a warm welcome to each one present. As we unite together in worship, may we experience together the grace and mercy of our God through his life-giving Word and sacraments. Guests, below is some information that may help us host you well in the Lord's house. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.



**January 24, 2021
Transfiguration Sunday**

Visitor Information

Worship at Resurrection Lutheran Church follows the historic liturgy of the Church. Our worship service is designed to give our Savior thanks for the salvation He won for us. Lutheran worship is really a conversation between God and his people. He speaks to us in His Word; we praise Him and respond to Him in song. We confess our sins and needs; He provides the forgiveness Jesus accomplished at the cross, and helps us with our individual needs.

Worship will follow the service folder, guiding us in our dialogue with the Lord. Feel free to participate at whatever level you are comfortable. Whenever the words are printed in bold, the congregation is welcome to join in responding or singing. May God bless us as we place Him at the center of our worship.

Preacher: Pastor Andrew Ewings
Leader: Vicar Jon Fleischmann
Pianist: Elizabeth Strutz
Cantor: Kathi Appelt

✘ WELCOME ✘

OPENING HYMN: 543 "God of the Prophets"



1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,
4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of your cross;



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
To be your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
For par - don and for love and hope and peace,
A - noint them with the Spir - it of your Son.
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may
Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;
In - spired by you, may they count all but loss



Make each one bet - ter, no - bler than the last.
Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.
And stand at last with joy be - fore your face.

Text: Denis Wortman, 1835-1922, abr., alt.

Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Leader: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

All: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

People:

The musical notation consists of two staves in G minor (one flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 7-measure rest. The melody starts on G4, moves to F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody from G3, moving to F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.' are written below the notes.

Leader: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

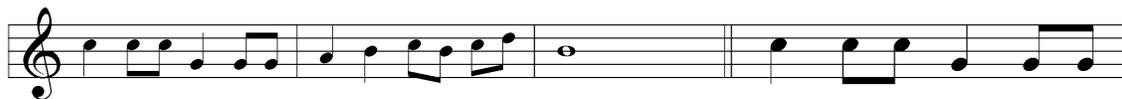
People: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Leader: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



All:

Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



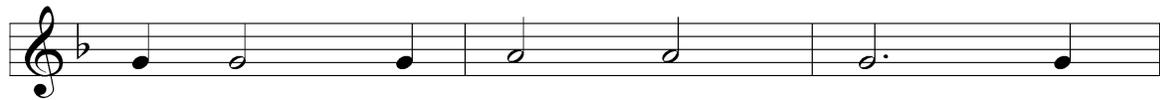
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



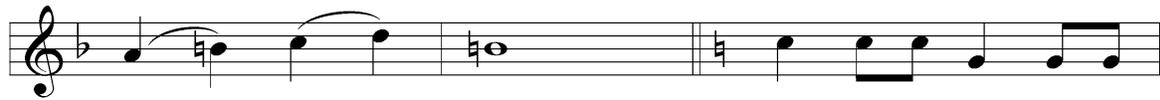
world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON & SERMON TEXT: 2 KINGS 2:1-12A

NIV

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

¹⁰ “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours - otherwise, it will not.”

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

NIV

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

⁴Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Leader: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."
Alleluia. (*Mark 9:7*)

GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-9

NIV

Leader: The Gospel according to the book of Mark chapter nine.

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 97 “Down from the Mount of Glory”



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord, Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words “my
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer
 prof - fered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.
 Son” were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know,
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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 Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN (76 76 D) Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635.

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Questions to consider while hearing the sermon:

1. How did Elijah get to heaven?
2. What is “the company of the prophets”?
3. Why did Elijah strike the water?
4. What was Elisha really asking for?
5. What’s different about the way Elijah went to heaven?
6. How did Elijah serve as “the chariots and horsemen of Israel”??
7. What idols do we still serve?
8. Where did Elijah show up again?
9. How do we get to heaven?
10. How does Jesus strengthen us for our spiritual battles?

For further discussion/Vine and Branches

1. Compare and contrast the way Elijah is taken into heaven with the way all believers go to heaven.
2. Recall the history of God’s people at the places Elijah visited, especially at the Jordan River. For what reasons are they still relevant to us today?
3. Agree/disagree (& explain): God always gives us the rest we need from our spiritual warfare here on earth.
4. How does God prepare us in this life for eternal life in heaven? Why are those preparations often such a struggle for us?



Cre - ate in me a

ALL:



pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -



in me. Do not cast me a - way from your



pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from



me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: We praise you, Father, for the precious gift of your Son and his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the resolve to listen to your Son, the readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to follow his commands. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that those who die in faith are blessed, for they know the power of Christ's resurrection and are "changed from glory into glory."

God our Father, let your Holy Spirit dwell in our bodies to transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our hearts, and our entire persons to reflect the love of Christ. Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrow and sadness, our pride and anger, our fear and hate; forgive them all, dear Father, and transform us by the death and resurrection of Jesus into your dear children, filled with pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Leader: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Leader: Look upon your Church in this and every place, gracious Lord. Grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: We pray in your name as you taught us to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 96 "Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair"

(found on the following page)

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HYMN: 96 “Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair”



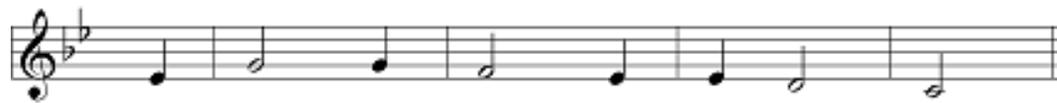
1 Oh, won - drous type! Oh, vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 5 O Fa - ther, with th' e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 Th' in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high,  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray you, bring us by your grace



Where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who trust in his a - ton - ing love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: DEO GRACIAS (LM) English melody, 15th century.

# Basic Bible 101

Bible 101 has begun! Classes are scheduled at both sites, and meet for about 1 hour.  
All are welcome! Free child care is available.

## Verona

6705 Wesner Road  
7:30pm  
Thursday

## Monroe

1603 16th Avenue  
5:30pm  
Monday

For more information, or to sign up for Bible 101, contact Pastor Strutz at:  
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## VINE & BRANCHES

We have begun the process of signing up for the Spring Vine & Branches groups.

Vine & Branches is an in-home (but now virtual) Bible/sermon study with small groups of RLC members, typically 10-15, meeting every other week from January through May. Vine & Branches helps people discuss and apply the sermon in a more personal way, and helps our members to connect with each other and Jesus more deeply.

There will be one group meeting in person, and the rest will be virtual. The sign-up can be found in the Weekly RLC Update each week until sign-up closes. For more information, contact Ned Reimer at: [nedreimer@gmail.com](mailto:nedreimer@gmail.com).

**MAKE 2021 BETTER THAN 2020!**

2020 has been an unpredictable year, with many ups and downs.

Could 2021 be better? We can't predict the future, but God does give us strength in his Word to deal with the ups and downs.

We will be encouraging everyone to read or listen to the entire Bible in 2021, starting in January. This is also a great opportunity for outreach. Encourage a friend to read/listen along with you and discuss/chat/text/message about your reading/listening.

There will be at least three options for reading/listening.

1. You Version app with introductory videos and daily reading reminders. There are also social connection options to provide encouragement and accountability.
2. Hard copy schedules are available at each site or can be delivered to your home. Follow along and encourage others to join you.
3. A schedule is available for electronic delivery. Easy to follow along and pass along to someone else.

Our reading schedule began on January 11th, but you are still welcome to join us. Watch for the links to the electronic options in the Weekly RLC Update and get ready to read/listen to make 2021 a year with God's Word. Contact Pastor Strutz at [pastorstrutz@rlcverona.com](mailto:pastorstrutz@rlcverona.com) with any questions or to get on the list for the You Version app.

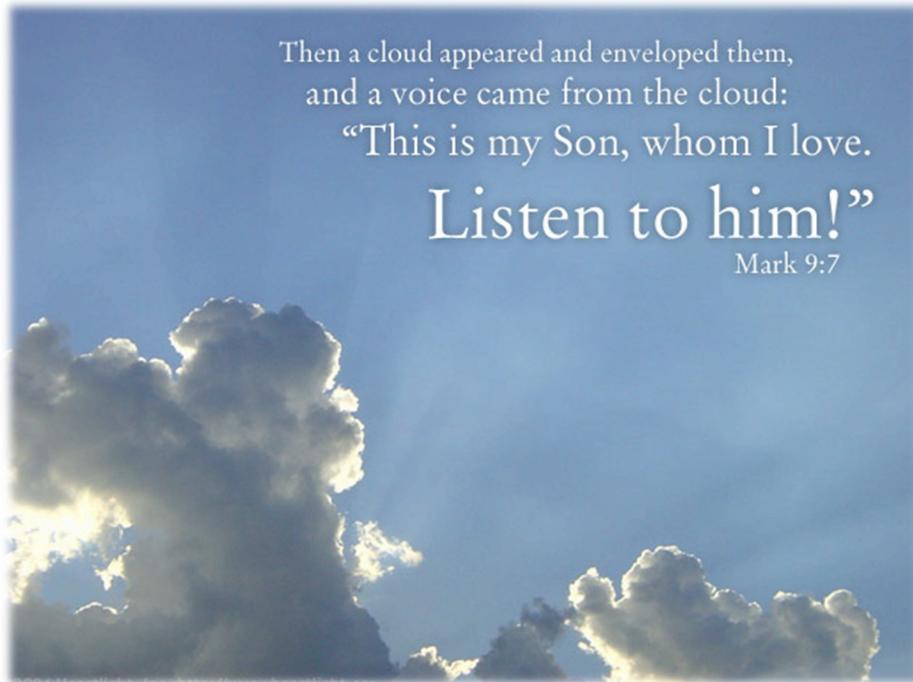
**Resurrection Lutheran Church  
Mission Statement**

**Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life....  
A Life He gives and a Life we share**

Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christian congregation gathered together by a common confession and devotion to God's Word.

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus gives us complete forgiveness of sin and life eternal through His Word and Sacraments.

Therefore, we live through Christ to worship, confess and share the saving truth of the Bible, giving the sure hope of salvation to all.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

We are making every attempt to continue to worship together as a church family. However, due to the ever-changing conditions with Covid19, we ask that you please monitor the website and our Facebook page for any changes. We will comply with all government mandates as they are issued & modify our gatherings accordingly.

We are posting online worship opportunities each week. You will receive notification of them via email and they will also be posted on our Facebook page, our YouTube channel (The Resurrection Channel) and the websites. Resources to follow along will be included.

Your gifts of love are still needed, and can be mailed to the main office: Attention Treasurer, 6705 Wesner Rd, Verona, WI 53593. You also may contribute through your bank's bill-pay service & they will mail the check for you. Or, you may contribute online by contacting the office to obtain the form to do so: [ministrycoordinator@rlcverona.com](mailto:ministrycoordinator@rlcverona.com).