

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Sunday, December 4, 2022**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If you haven't already, please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew.*

## **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

R: Advent is a time for God's people to awaken their longings.

**C: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.**

R: Where there is division, we long for unity.

**C: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.**

R: Where there is hostility, we long for resolution.

**C: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.**

R: Where there is separation, we long for reunion.

**C: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.**

R: As the first and second candles are lit, please stand and sing our opening hymn: "Prepare the Royal Highway."

**GATHERING HYMN: Prepare the Royal Highway.....RECLAIM No. 102**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN**

*Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. As an assembly of sinners, we come before God each Sunday morning to admit our faults, failures, and guilt. The word of absolution speaks the Gospel into our ears and assures that because of Christ's death at Calvary, every one of our sins is covered.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The psalmist writes: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the path everlasting." We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about the mistakes we make. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God:

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Gracious God,

**C: Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. It is true that we have sinned. But it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God He says, "your sins are forgiven."

**C: Amen!**

## **THE HYMN OF GLORY**

*These words are a response to the gracious and steadfast mercy of God, who pours out his love on undeserving sinners. Together we lift our voices in a song of praise to the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for the gift of salvation and new life.*



1. To you a - lone God's on - ly Son, the lamb of
2. Who takes a - way the sins of all, have mer - cy
3. For you a - lone the ho - ly one, and you a -



G - od the cho - sen one; to you a - lone our  
Lo - rd and hear our call; who sits at God's right  
lone the wor - thy one; with God the spi - rit



heav'n - ly King, the mor - tals and the an - gels sing.  
hand on high, have mer - cy Lord and hear our cry.  
e - ver near, oh keep us, Lord from guilt and fear.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10 (ESV)**

*Isaiah prophesied about the Messiah's arrival, saying that the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him and he will judge for the poor and meek of the world. In his reign, the Messiah will create a land of peace where enemies become friends and wolves lie down with lambs.*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 72:1-7 (ESV)**

*God's son will judge the people with righteousness and equity and give deliverance to those in need. He will crush the oppressor in the days to come. His presence will be like rain showers that water the parched earth, and peace will reign forever.*

R: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

**C: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**

R: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

**C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

R: May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**

R: In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13 (ESV)**

*Through the Scriptures we receive encouragement for the life of faith. Paul urged the Roman Christians to live in harmony and, with one unified voice, to praise and glorify God the Father, who sent to his people his one and only son. This son will grant hope to Jew and Gentile alike.*

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12 (ESV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned

you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

### **SERMON: Then Came Jesus**

**HYMN: Softly and Tenderly.....RECLAIM No. 177**

### **OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE**

*As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

### **THE NICENE CREED**

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.**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

**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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: At Every Turn** *(by Gregory J. Wismar)*

*A song dedicated to the students, teachers and staff of Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Remembering December 14, 2012.*

*At every turn life leads us to the Lord,  
And at our death we see God face to face.  
Through Christ alone in loving care we stay,  
As we are bound together by his grace.*

*When days are dark and joy seems but a dream,  
And countless sorrows overwhelm the heart.  
Lord, send your Spirit, comforter and friend,  
To strengthen hope and bid all fear depart.*

*Safe in God's hands our future is secure  
As every turn of life reveals His care.  
With confidence we meet whatever comes,  
And find our heavenly Father waiting there.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each petition ends with the words Lord, in your mercy. Respond by saying Hear our prayer.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF 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 him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE HYMN OF TRIUMPH**

*With the company of all heaven and earth we join the angel choir in the ongoing and eternal worship of the Lamb Jesus who was slain and now comes to join our meal of bread and wine with his body and blood, forgiveness and grace, peace and love.*



1. This is the feast of vic - to - ry We share with him  
2. Wor - thy is Christ who has been slain; whose blood has set



who set us free Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!  
us free a - gain. Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!



The lamb of God who once was slain. A - rose and now  
Then sings with all the hosts of Light with blessings, ho -



gives life a - gain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
nor, pow'r and might. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 DISTRIBUTION

*All who are baptized, have been instructed properly, and trust God's Word are welcome to communion, where our Lord is present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and life. If partaking in the Lord's Supper, please indicate this on the friendship pad at the end of your pew.*

## BENEDICTION

**SENDING HYMN: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** (*see bulletin insert*)

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	December 4	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	December 5	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	December 6	11:00am	E/E/O Committee Meeting
Wednesday	December 7	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:15pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Advent Worship
Thursday	December 8	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Friday	December 9	5:30pm	Christmas Banquet
Sunday	December 11	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to Worship!** Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit [www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net).

**Tithes and Offerings:** Thank-you for your generous financial gifts to further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate is located in the narthex.

**Friendship Pad:** Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the friendship pad at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements. This allows us to fully appreciate those with us in worship and better connect with our guests.

Are you interested in sponsoring a **Christmas poinsettia** in honor or memory of someone you love? Donation forms can be found in the December newsletter or on the Welcome Center desk. Help contribute to the beauty of our Sanctuary this blessed season!

Resurrection Lutheran will be hosting a **Christmas Banquet** this Friday, December 9, 2022. Social hour will begin at 5:30pm with a banquet meal being served at 6:00pm. Today will be your last chance to sign-up for this event.

Kinship Christian Radio invites you to their **Christmas Open House** this Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 6pm at 860 Madison Avenue – Mankato.

The Choir will be leading us in a special service of **Scripture and song** on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the final Sunday of Advent. Please join us!

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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Reader:** Ross Heilman

**Ushers:** Dave and Rebecca Blum

**Greeters:** Michal Clobes and Karen Junker

**Tech Team:** Mike and Vicki Youngerbeg

**Communion Set Up:** Ron and Susan Brooks

**Communion Assistants:** Pat and Karen McGregor

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*Pastor Aaron's office hours are Wednesdays from 1-3pm.*

# 91 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a King;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in Thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy gracious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
by Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

