

Resurrection Lutheran Church

New Life in the Living Word + For Now + Forever

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Sunday, November 27, 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: We wait in hope for the Lord.

R: We long for every hurt to be healed.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord.

R: We long for every tear to be dried.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord.

R: We long for every injustice to be made right.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord.

R: We celebrate God's promises and long for those yet to unfold.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord.

R: As the first candle is lit, please stand and sing our opening hymn: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel."

GATHERING HYMN: Oh Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel.....RECLAIM No. 103

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

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: Friends in Christ, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people, leading us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there are times when we have wronged our fellow sheep and wandered from our Shepherd. But we are not abandoned. Trusting in the goodness of

our God and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit within us, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves, confess our sins, and seek God's ceaseless mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: We confess that we are held captive by the power of sin and have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger and outsider. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, hear this glad news: Jesus Christ has come so that you might have new and abundant life. In his name and by his authority alone, I forgive you all your sins. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

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. God, Fa - ther we will raise your name; we wor-ship and a - dore, We
2. Sing, "Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ be praise. The
3. O glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi-rit ev - er be! God,



bless and praise and give our thanks; your mer - cy we im - plore.
lamb of love from hea'vn a - bove, re - dee - mer of our race.
bring your life a-midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: Gracious God, you are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end. May your Spirit kindle in us a spirit of readiness, that we might at all times and in all places be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)

In the last days, the Messiah will come and bring peace to warring nations. Swords will be beaten into plowshares as weapons are replaced with instruments of peace and productivity. War will be no more, and Israel will be a great blessing to all nations.

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 122 (ESV)

In this pilgrimage psalm, the psalmist sings of peace within the walls of Jerusalem and for all those who love the Lord. There is joy in the house of the Lord, among God's faithful people.

R: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

C: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

R: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

C: to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

R: There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!

R: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

C: For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

R: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14 (ESV)

St. Paul admonishes to practice loving each other. In this way you fulfill the law of God. True love is characterized by doing no wrong to one's neighbor. They are closer now to salvation than ever before; therefore, they are called to walk in the light of Christ.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1. O__ Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis- dom from on
high, O__ Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O
Light of__ our dark sky: we praise you for the ra - diancance that
from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern to our
foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁶“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son

of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Waiting in Hope

HYMN: Abide with Me (vss. 1,2,4 and 5).....RECLAIM No. 62

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

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



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

INSTALLATION OF 2022-2023 RLC CHURCH COUNCIL

THE APOSTLES' 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:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand (*see back of the bulletin*)

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Portions of today's service were written by Rev. Cathy Ammlung

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Karen Jaeck

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Harvard and Karen Jaeck **Tech Team:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

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. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements.

Sign-up sheets are out on the Welcome Center desk for **Advent volunteers!** Readers are needed for the Advent wreath lighting. Chefs and bakers are also needed to bring soup, bread and coffee/bars for our 3 midweek meals, which begin **this coming Wednesday evening** at 6:15pm in the fellowship hall.

Are you interested in sponsoring a **Christmas poinsettia** in honor or memory of someone you love? Poinsettia 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** on Friday, December 9. Social hour will begin at 5:30pm with a banquet meal being served at 6:00pm. Sign-up in the narthex and indicate how many seats you would like reserved. A free-will donation will be taken the night of the event. Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

We are seeking volunteers to help back at the **technology booth** on Sunday mornings. Would you be willing to assist with running the video camera or Power Point slides? See Pastor Aaron for more details. This ministry is vital to our worship here at RLC!

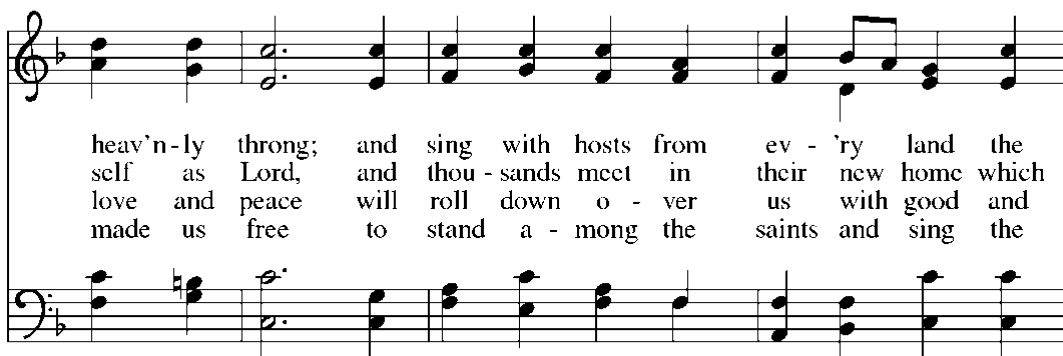
THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	November 27	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	November 28	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	November 30	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Advent Worship
Thursday	December 1	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	December 4	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n - ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

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