

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch, Pastor

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

↓ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: We gather 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!

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

↓ ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

L: Today, we gather around the Advent wreath to light our first candle: the candle of hope. Centuries before the birth of Jesus, the people of God longed and waited for the Messiah.

C: Prophets foretold His coming. We, too, wait for His advent among us.

L: We pray for the same Holy Spirit that moved the prophets to stir our hearts to faith. A word from the prophet Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined."

C: And from Peter, Jesus' disciple, in his first letter: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

L: As we light our advent candle, we thank you, Lord, for the hope you give. As we prepare for Christmas time, shine on us. In this world of pain and darkness, bring hope to our hearts. To all the people who don't know you, light of the world, shine through us.

C: Jesus will come again. Help us to live in the hope you bring. In our service here today, light of the world, light the way. As shadows lengthen a candle shines, the hope of God's movement in our world. In hope, we turn our eyes to this first flame of the prophets.

L: Let us pray...

All: Lord, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

Leader: As the first candle is lit, please join in singing our Advent Verse:

(Tune: Angels, from the Realms of Glory)

Now it's time to light the candle, Soon God's promise will be here.

Young and old will wait together for the Savior drawing near.

Light will overcome the darkness: see the hope the Christ Child brings.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25:1-10 (ESV)

R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame or my enemies exult over me.

R: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C: Remember your mercy, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

R: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

C: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

R: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (ESV)

⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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↑ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal - le - lu! Hal - le - lu - ia! Give praise to the Lord for the
bless - ings of heav - en in God's ho - ly Word. For the
words of for - give - ness, the words that en - dure, (hal - le -
lu! hal - le - lu - jah!) give praise to the Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

↓ **HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of All Hopefulness.....RECLAIM No. 200**

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As ushers bring forward the offering, please stand to sing the Doxology:

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 APOSTLES' CREED**

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*. Please 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: Soon and Very Soon** (*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

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader:

Ushers: Dave Blum and Harvard Jaeck

Greeters: Bob and Meridel Kellogg

Tech Team: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

Ministers: Every member of Resurrection Lutheran

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	Nov. 28	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Nov. 29	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	Dec. 1	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Advent Worship
Thursday	Dec. 2	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	Dec. 5	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. If you brought your **cell phone** to Church this morning, please be sure to turn it off or put it in silent mode as you prepare for worship. A **nursery** is available, see an usher for details.

Please remember the following in your prayers: Ruth Davidson, Delores Fast, Marilyn Larson, Paul & Donna Bjur, Warren Beaty, Ted Glaser, Carol Volness, and Lee Young. Please also remember our **homebound members** and those living in **assisted living facilities:** Ione Benshoof, Deb Bjur, Dorothy Enfield, Arlene Harlow, Polly Marshall, and Betty Purrington.

Pastor Aaron wants to meet you! He is available for coffee or lunch Monday-Thursday. A sign-up sheet for the next week can be found in the narthex.

Additional **readers** are needed during worship in the season of Advent to lead the Advent candle liturgy and light the Advent wreath. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex. Readings can be done by an individual or a pair.

Midweek Advent worship services will be held in conjunction with a soup supper on Wednesdays December 1st, 8th and 15th. Soup supper will be served in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:15pm with a brief, informal worship service to follow right in the fellowship hall at 7:00pm. Are you interested in bringing soup or bread? Sign up in the narthex.

A new Bible study starts this Wednesday, December 1st. **Lectionary Lunch** will meet at noon each Wednesday in the fireside room and take a closer look at the Gospel text for the coming Sunday that Pastor Aaron will preach on. Bring your own lunch and join us!

Volunteers are needed for **Christmas tree and Sanctuary decorating** on Saturday, December 11th at 10:00am.

Resurrection Lutheran Church is forming a **Congregational Care Team**. Congregational Care Ministers will be trained to carry out the Church's mission of carrying the burdens of our neighbors and equipped to walk alongside members of our congregation that feel alone or hurting. Are you interested in being a part of this team? Or do you have questions to ask before you make a commitment? Join us for an informational meeting during the coffee hour after worship on Sunday, December 12th. We will meet in the fireside room.

Would you like to help contribute to the beauty of the Church Sanctuary this Christmas season by sponsoring a **poinsettia plant**? Fill out the order form in the December newsletter and drop it off, along with your donation, to Vicki in the Church office.

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!