



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY | Sunday, November 26, 2023

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Sovereign Lord, at the end of time your eternal reign will be fully revealed, and all will stand in awe of your Son, Jesus, the King of kings. As we gather in your holy presence, nourish us with your Word, that we may go forth making that reign known; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns (*vss. 1,3,4,6*).....RECLAIM No. 22

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord, you know what was written about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins is real for all those who repent. So let us boldly approach God, trusting in his mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Gracious God,

C: We daily fall short of your glory. We turn inward, ignoring the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Remember not the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the cross of Christ, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in his tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with his mercy. Like a loving Father, God runs to meet you this day. Hear the good news: our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has forgiven our sins and raised us to new life in the Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

## THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*The Shepherd God of Israel would seek out his flock and bring them home, into their own land. He would seek those that are lost, gone astray, injured or weak and bring them unto himself, where they would be fed and kept safe from harm.*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land.

And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. <sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 95:1-7a**

*The psalmist encouraged the congregation to sing songs of praise to the Lord, saying, “He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture.” He praised God’s wonderful works of creation.*

R: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

R: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C: **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

R: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

C: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

R: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

*Paul explained that by one man, Adam, all humans have died because of sin. By one man, Jesus, all also would be made alive through his resurrection. First Christ would bring home those who belong to him, then the end would come and all earthly authority would be destroyed.*

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own

order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and

clothe you?'<sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'<sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'<sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,<sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'<sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'<sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'<sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

### **SERMON: Sheep or Goat?**

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

### **OFFERING PRESENTATION**

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



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

### **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

**HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vss. 1,3,5,6).....RECLAIM No. 16**

## 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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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

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

**Keyboardist:** Dawn Peanasky

**Reader:** Ross Heilman

**Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Doug Mayer

**Greeters:** Michal Clobes and Karen Junker

## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	November 26	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	November 27	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	November 29	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	November 30	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	December 2	10:00am	Christmas Decorating
Sunday	December 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

**Welcome to Worship!** Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

**Advent and Christmas preparations** are underway at Resurrection Lutheran Church! There are many ways for you to both get involved and be enriched this holiday season:

- Midweek Soup Suppers and Worship Services will be held on Wednesdays December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with soup being served at 6:15pm in the fellowship hall, followed by worship in the Fireside Room chapel at 7:00pm. If you would like to volunteer to bring soup, bread or dessert for one of these meals, please sign up in the narthex.
- During the four Sundays of Advent (December 1, 10, 17, and 24) we need volunteers to read our advent liturgy during worship and light the candles on the Advent wreath. This can be done by couples or individuals. Please sign up in the narthex.
- Volunteers are invited to gather here at Church this Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am to help decorate our facility for the Christmas season. Join us!
- Resurrection Lutheran will be hosting a Christmas Banquet on Friday, December 8, 2023. 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.

This will be the last day you can sign up to start receiving the **Portals of Prayer** devotional from Concordia Publishing House beginning in January. Please sign-up on the Welcome Center desk. The yearly cost should be between 8 and 9 dollars.

Bethany Lutheran College proudly presents “Christmas at Bethany” on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm and December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm. The Bethany Lutheran College choirs and bands will showcase a choral and instrumental celebration of the season. Admission is free but advance reservations are strongly recommended. You can register online or by calling the Bethany box office at 507-344-7374.

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!

**Plants:** If you love plants and would like to team up in caring for the many plants here in our Church facility, especially during the Winter season, please talk with Karen Jaeck.

Women of the Word is now collecting items for the **Christmas treat bags** we give to our 7 homebound members. There is a list of suggested items on the WOW bulletin board. Kindly place your items in the WOW basket in the narthex. Contact Karen Jaeck with questions.

# 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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