# The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 2025 | 9:30am

Welcome to worship! We gather to praise the resurrected Lord!

Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused body of believers who strive to follow Jesus and reach out to others in His name.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

RESURRECTION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

P: We gather 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: God of might, strengthen your church through the gifts of word and sacrament that we might live in hope and promise. Grant that we may not lose heart when the journey makes us weary and the future seems uncertain or dire. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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#### **Confession and Forgiveness of Sin**

P: The prophet Daniel declares: "To the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his ways, which he set before us by the prophets." And yet, in Christ, all obstacles between us and God have been removed. If death no longer stands in our way, our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins, that they may be washed away by God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: God of the promise,

C: We confess that we have turned from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your will and your ways. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus, the entirety of your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

#### **Hymn of Praise**

A song of thanksgiving for the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ

Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,
God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, Lord of lords, our King above.
Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who saw your creatures fall, Loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to show What is mercy, what is love;
Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on High!"

#### Children's Sermon

#### First Reading | Malachi 4:1-6

A day is coming when the evil will be destroyed, but for those who follow Moses' teachings and revere the name of the Lord, there will be healing and new life. In that day, the Lord promises to send Elijah to turn hearts of parents and children toward one another in holiness and righteousness for the sake of Israel.

<sup>1</sup>"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>4</sup>"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup>"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

R: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God!

#### Responsive Reading | Psalm 98:1-6

The Lord has made known his salvation to his people. He has remembered the house of Israel and will judge the world in righteousness. Sing his praises!

R: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C: The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

R: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

R: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### Second Reading | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

As Paul closed his letter to the Thessalonians, he asked for their prayers and encouraged them not to be idle. All must contribute to the labors of the church and to earning their own living. Paul advised them to continue doing their good work in Christ's name and for his sake.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while time shall last your Church may hold it fast Throughout all generations.

#### Gospel Reading | Luke 21:5-28

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>5</sup>And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." <sup>7</sup>And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be

at once." 10Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup>This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives. <sup>20</sup>"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup> for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup>They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. <sup>25</sup>"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, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

#### Sermon

#### **Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus**

Reclaim No. 212

#### **Offering Presentation**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)
Give thanks!

#### 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:** We Gather Together (Arr: Jeremy Walton)

#### **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**

#### **Communion Acclamation**

A prayer of adoration to the one who died and rose again to take away our sin

Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God, You bore the sinner's load To buy our peace:

Now risen and enthroned, With life and glory crowned,

To all the lost and found please grant your peace.

#### The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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**

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

#### **Benediction**

**Day by Day** Reclaim No. 210

#### 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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Sunday	November 16	9:30am	Worship	
-		10:30am	Church Council	
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School	
Wednesday	November 19	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study	
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	November 20	9:00am	Men's Bible Study	
Sunday	November 23	9:30am	Worship	
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School	

#### **Those Serving Today**

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

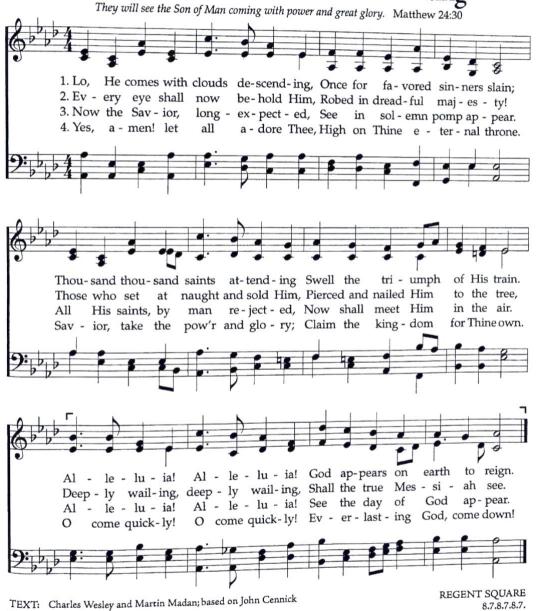
Reader: Ruth Heilman Ushers: Dave and Rebecca Blum

Greeters: Ross and Ruth Heilman Communion Set-Up: Tony and Becky Miller

Communion Assistants: Mike and Vicki Youngerbert

Tech Team: Doug Krahmer, Mike Youngerberg, Vicki Youngerberg, and Nancy Heinze

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### **Announcements**

Please help us continue raising for the **Madagascar Health and Water** initiative. In the narthex you will find a display board of envelopes labeled \$1–\$50. Take one or more envelopes and return it with the amount enclosed.

Monday morning prayer group will not meet tomorrow as Pastors Aaron and Sarah will be at a doctor's appointment with Micah. Lectionary Bible Study will also not meet this week, as Pastor Aaron is not preaching next Sunday.

The season of **Advent** begins on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. During this holy season, wherein we await the birth of Christ with joyful anticipation, candles will be lit on our Advent wreath with special short readings to coincide. Would you like to participate in the wreath lighting liturgy on one of the Sundays in Advent? Sign-up on the Welcome Center desk.

**Midweek Advent soup suppers** are on the horizon! The congregation will gather on Wednesdays December 3, 10 and 17 in the fellowship hall for soup, bread and treats beginning at 6:15pm, followed by a brief worship service at 7:00pm. Are you interested in bringing soup, bread or a desert for these midweek meals? A sign-up sheet is out on the Welcome Center desk!

Resurrection Lutheran's beloved annual **Christmas Banquet** will be held on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> with a social hour at 5:30pm and meal at 6:00pm. Following the meal, Pastor Aaron, as well as his mother-in-law and sister-in-law will present a Christmas program. A sign-up sheet to reserve your spot can be found on the Welcome Center desk. A free-will donation will be collected on the night of the Christmas Banquet.

**Thanksgiving Eve worship** will be held Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Together, we will gather to give thanks and praise to the living Lord for his benevolent mercy and goodness.

"The Table" college aged small group will meet on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Mike and Vicki Youngerberg's home. We will share a Thanksgiving meal and continue our walk through *The Chosen* video Bible study series.

**Pastor Aaron will be gone** next Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor's son, Micah, is being baptized at Epiphany Lutheran Church, the congregation his wife serves. Rev. John Petersen will be providing pulpit supply in Pastor Aaron's absence.

Would you like to display a "Jesus Is the Reason for the Season" sign in your yard this December? The sign also advertises the name of our congregation and may help invite others to join us this holiday season. Signs are \$8 and will be delivered by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center desk. Orders will be taken through November 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### Birthdays this week:

Sue Mayer (18th), Susan Jones (21st), Carolyn Lambert (22nd) and Michelle Rippon (22nd)