

Christmas Day Worship

Come Let Us Adore Him

Sunday, December 25, 2022



Today, we celebrate the radiance of God's glory, he who made the world, coming into the world so that all the earth may see the salvation of God. The Son, who upholds all creation through the word of his heavenly power, becomes the Word made flesh, dwelling with us on earth. He is the exact glory of the Father, light shining upon our darkness. He is the "one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made." Christmas worship, therefore, focuses on the Word who became human and walked among us. In this service we encounter the very presence of the Lord, who pitched his tent and lived with sinners. As we gather around the written Word, we are given the grace to go forward and bear Christ's light to all the world.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS DAY DIALOGUE

P: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

C: Oh, come, let us adore him!

P: O Lord, ruler of the ages eternal, you are without beginning or end:

C: Yet you chose to be born an infant in time.

P: O Lord, the invisible, you are the One who is unseen, reigning from heaven:

C: Yet you assumed the face of humanity, born of Mary.

P: O Lord, all-powerful, you hold the mountains in the palm of your hand:

C: Yet you let yourself be wrapped in blankets and held in the embrace of Joseph.

P: O Lord, the universal provider, you feed and provide for every creature:

C: Yet you chose to take on hunger and be fed through the hands of mortals.

P: O Lord, our hope and joy, you are the source of happiness for heaven and earth:

C: Yet you became subject to human emotions and cried as one of us.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. No darkness can overcome your light. Oh, come, let us adore him!

GATHERING HYMN: Angels from the Realms of Glory.....RECLAIM No. 126

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: We give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father for sending his one and only Son to share our humanity, to carry our guilt, and become for us the perfect Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Though he was rich, he became poor, that in his poverty we might become rich. Gathered in the name of Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for self-examination and reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: in Jesus Christ you came among us as the light shining in the darkness. We confess our sin against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and renew our hope, that we may trust the light of your face, and welcome the truth of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: People of God, I bring to you good news of great joy: to you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I

declare unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: God of majesty, open our eyes to see the light of your presence in the world around us; open our ears to hear your message of mercy and grace revealed through the birth of your Son, who took on our human existence. Sustain us through the Word made flesh, so that we might be your body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Once in Royal David's City.....*Ross and Ruth Heilman*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10 (ESV)

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 2 (ESV)

R: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

C: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

R: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

C: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

R: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

C: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

R: I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

C: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the

ends of the earth your possession.

R: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

C: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

R: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

C: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-6 (ESV)

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of

God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!


C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON:

HYMN: Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We (vss. 1,2,6,9).....RECLAIM No. 112

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.

A CHRISTMAS 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, Creator of all things, who sent his Son as my Savior.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by Shepherds and Wisemen, who lived, suffered, died, and rose again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of Satan.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in Christ and by Whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship and my life; to live under him as my king, now and forever. 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

P: On this day, God sent us his son to reconcile the world to himself. As Christ was sent as the foretold Messiah, so too we are sent with the good news for all people. May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas day and always. Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN: Good Christian Men, Rejoice (*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: Ruth Heilman

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Don Peterson

Greeters: Dave and Helen Schauer **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.

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.

There will **not be coffee fellowship** following this morning's worship service.

Pastors Aaron and Sarah will be **gone on vacation** this week from Wednesday through Sunday to visit family in South Dakota. Pastor Julie Smith will be leading worship next Sunday, January 1.

There will be **no scheduled activities** here at Church this week. Bible studies and prayer group will resume after January 1st. Choir will be taking a break until February.

Members should stop in the narthex this morning to pick up their **January 2023 Newsletter**.

Arlene Harlow has passed away. Arlene was a homebound member of Resurrection Lutheran and at the time of her death resided at Hillcrest Nursing Home. We extend our prayers to Arlene's family and loved ones.

Thank-you to all those who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the Christmas season bright here at Resurrection Lutheran, particularly: Vicki Youngerberg, Nikki Basel, Ron Brooks, and Karen Jaeck.

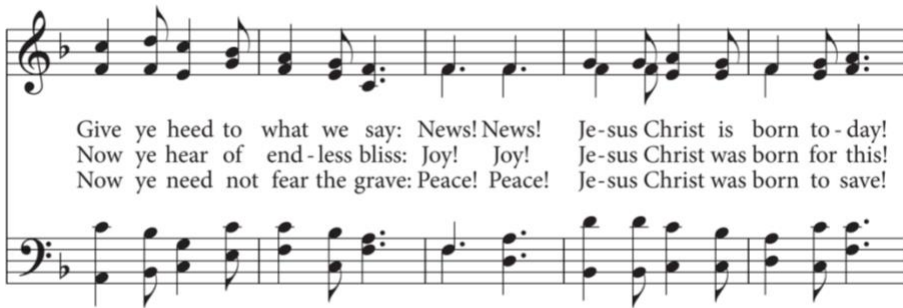


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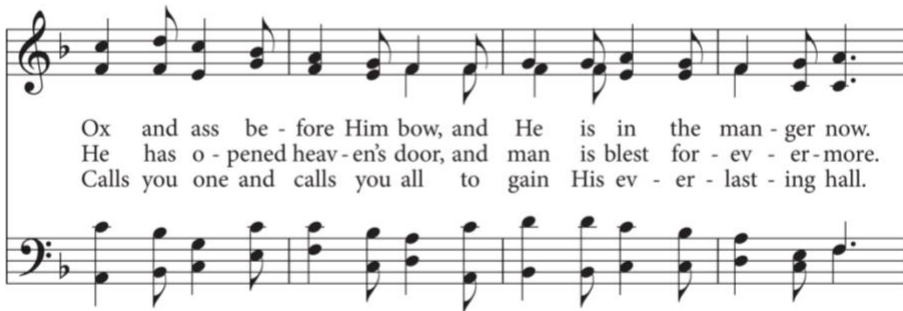
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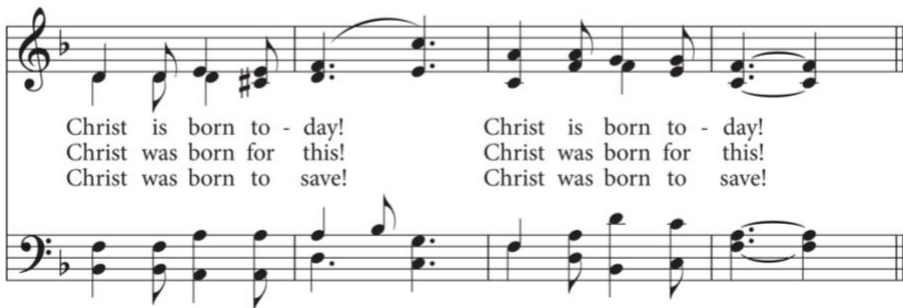
1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice!
2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice!
3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice!



Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je-sus Christ is born to - day!
Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je-sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Je-sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, and He is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and man is blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!