



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Sunday, December 3, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

L: The light shines in the darkness.

C: **And the darkness cannot overcome it.**

L: In a world where many experience loss and despair, today we light a candle of hope.

The first Advent candle is lit

L: Behold, you who are walking in the shadows, see the light. God of our mothers and fathers, give life to people who are weary. We wait in anticipation for your coming.

C: **O God, we place our hope in you.**

L: Healer of souls, renew our joy. Turn to us again, O God of Hosts.

C: **O God, we place our hope in you.**

L: Make your dwelling among us, Giver of Life. Hear our cries. We call out to you.

C: **O God, we place our hope in you.**

C: We anxiously hope for the joy you alone can bring us.

C: **O God, we place our hope in you.**

L: Let us pray. Lord, our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all people. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we gather at this wreath. May its growing light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation and may he come without delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

L: Please stand to join in singing our opening hymn "Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel."

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus to forgive us. For Christ himself bore our sins

in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live in righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and are held by the power of sin. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that the promise of Christ's forgiveness may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes performance markings: "S, A" above the first staff, "div." above the third and fifth staves, and "unis." above the second staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS:

The Ranaivoson Family: Andry, Bako, Ny Aina, Ny Aivo, and John

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

Israel was cut off from the Lord because of their iniquity. Sin had separated them from God, but a cry went out for God not to forget them, even though they were unclean. Israel vowed to be like clay and allow God, their Father, to be the potter as they recognized that they were the very work of his hand.

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not our iniquity forever.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 80:1-7

The psalmist lamented to the Lord that he had left them to drown in their tears. "Let your face shine upon us," he cried, begging the Lord to save his people from their misery.

R: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

C: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come save us!

R: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

R: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

C: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

R: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth giving thanks for them and the fact that they were enriched by the Spirit, possessing all good gifts for the sake of the ministry of the Gospel. "Christ will sustain you!" He wrote. "You were called into Christ!"

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Mark 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very

gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Where's the Hope?

HYMN: Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending (*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 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: A Future with Hope (*arr: Mark Burrows*)

Listen to the paraphrased, but familiar words of Jeremiah 29:11-13

*“Surely I know the plans I have for you. Plans for your welfare,
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

*When you call on me, I will answer. I will hear your every prayer.
When you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be there.”*

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.

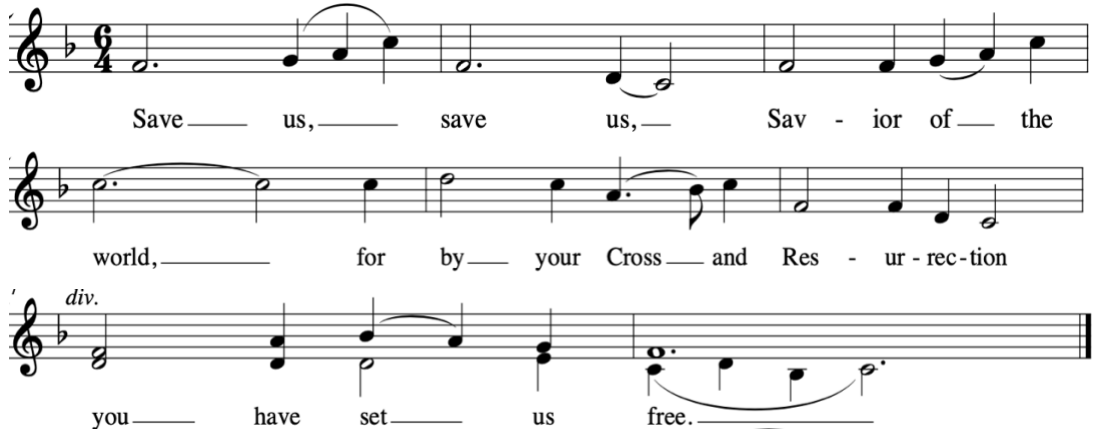
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Save us, save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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, therefore, 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

SENDING HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River.....RECLAIM No. 275

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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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.

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 6th, 13th and 20th 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.
- We need volunteers to read our advent liturgy during worship and light the candles on the Advent wreath. Please sign up in the narthex.
- Resurrection Lutheran will be hosting a Christmas Banquet this 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.

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.

The choir is excited to lead us in a special service of **Scripture and song** on Sunday, December 17th during worship. Please make plans to join us!

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. It might be helpful and more fun to team up with someone. Kindly place your items in the WOW basket in the narthex. Contact Karen Jaeck with questions. These treat packages will be assembled on Wednesday, December 13th at 4:00pm.

Kinship Radio invites you to join them for a Christmas Open House to be held this Friday, December 8th from 1-6pm at their Mankato station – 860 Madison Avenue.

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!

Resurrection Lutheran's young adults ministry "**The Table**" will meet tonight at Jake's Stadium Pizza (330 Stadium Rd - Mankato) at 7:30pm. Join us for some free pizza, good conversation, and fellowship!

Birthdays this week: Nancy Heinze (9th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	December 3	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
		7:30pm	"The Table" Young Adults Group
Monday	December 4	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	December 5	11:00am	EEO Committee Meeting
Wednesday	December 6	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Advent Worship
Thursday	December 7	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Friday	December 8	5:30pm	Christmas Banquet
Sunday	December 10	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Jim Lambert

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Greeters: Jim Lambert & Carolyn Rewitzer **Communion Set Up:** Ron and Sue Brooks

Communion Assistants: Pat and Karen McGregor

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

B \flat B \flat / \bar{D} B \flat B \flat / \bar{F} F/ $\bar{E}\bar{b}$ B \flat / \bar{D} E \bar{b} Cm/ $\bar{E}\bar{b}$ Dm7 Gm

1 Je - sus comes with clouds de - scend - ing; see the Lamb for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall then be - hold you robed in awe - some
 3 Yes, a - men! Let all a - dore you, high on your e -

Cm7 F7 B \flat B \flat / \bar{F} B \flat / \bar{D} B \flat F7/ \bar{C} Gm/ \bar{D} D

sin - ners slain! Thou - sand, thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 maj - es - ty; those who jeered and mocked and sold you,
 ter - nal throne; crowns and em - pires fall be - fore you,

Gm D/ $\bar{F}\sharp$ Gm Gm/ $\bar{B}\bar{b}$ F/ \bar{C} C7 F

join to sing the glad re - frain: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced and nailed you to the tree, shamed and griev - ing,
 claim the king - dom for your own. Come, Lord Je - sus,

B \flat B \flat 9 E \bar{b} G7/ \bar{D} Cm G7/ \bar{D} Cm/ $\bar{E}\bar{b}$ Gm F \bar{sus} F7 B \flat

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign!
 shamed and griev - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 come, Lord Je - sus, ev - er - last - ing Christ, come down!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)

REGENT SQUARE
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