

# **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

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**Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God, to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world through Prayer, Love, and Action.**

## **Sunday, November 27, 2022—9:30 AM**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

### **Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to commune and receive Christ in bread and wine. Please fill out a communion card and give it to the usher when coming forward for Communion.*

#### **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

#### **WELCOME**

#### **CENTERING TIME**

*3 minutes of silence to center our hearts for worship.  
Our time will conclude after the centering music.*

#### **CENTERING MUSIC**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P In God's house, everyone is welcome—those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives. Gracious God,

C God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here." But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Help us remember, today and tomorrow, there's room for every story. Amen.

P Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There's room for you here." From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.

Thanks be to God!

C Amen.

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

## SHARING OF PEACE

## OPENING HYMN

ELW #435

### Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
all the saints this world re - ject - ed  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

join to sing the glad re - frain:  
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

**GREETING**

**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.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, “What gives you hope?” Hear our some of their answers:

Reader 1: My two-year-old son.

Reader 2: Dogs wagging their tails.

Reader 3: Talking with young people.

Reader 4: Kindness from strangers.

Reader 1: Spending time in the woods.

Reader 2: Waffles.

Reader 3: Hands clasped in prayer.

Reader 4: Social progress.

Reader 1: The way my son calls everybody “buddy.”

Reader 2: The ringing of church bells.

Reader 3: Babies trying over and over to take their first step.

Reader 4: The turning of seasons.

Reader 1: Christian community.

Reader 2: Books.

Reader 3: Friendship with my Reader 1 Reader 2ren.

Reader 4: Advocates for justice.

Reader 1: Hearing Reader 2ren in the pews sing the hymns.

Reader 2: The sunrise every single morning.

Reader 3: What gives you hope?

Reader 4: Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.

P We light this candle in hope.

Reader 4: From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 122 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they<sup>1</sup> said to me,  
"Let us go to the house<sup>1</sup> of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup>**Now our<sup>1</sup> feet are standing  
within your gates,<sup>1</sup> O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built<sup>1</sup> as a city  
that is at unity<sup>1</sup> with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the<sup>1</sup> thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the<sup>1</sup> house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace<sup>1</sup> of Jerusalem:  
"May they pros-<sup>1</sup>per who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be with- | in your walls  
 and quietness with- | in your towers.  
<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred | and companions,**  
**I pray for | your prosperity.**  
<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the | LORD our God,  
 I will seek to | do you good.”

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #252

### Each Winter As the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,  
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for  
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from  
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the  
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too.            The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er;            the  
war,            they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son            and  
death,            that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing,            that  
north,            the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing,            can  
pain,            bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's,            re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.  
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.  
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.  
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.  
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God  
who promised to Abraham,  
who wrestled with Jacob,  
who walked with Ruth,  
who spoke with Moses,  
who grieved with Bathsheba,  
who danced with David,  
who dreamed with Joseph,  
and who hoped like Mary.  
We believe in a God who has been  
loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us  
from generation to generation.  
And we believe that same God  
is here with us now,  
saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here."  
Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**—As we prepare for the fullness of Christ’s presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence. Each petition ends:*

P God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus’ name we pray.

**C Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY SONG**

**“We Are an Offering”**

**ELW #692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering.

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives, they are yours:  
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be,  
we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,  
we are an offering.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

**C God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
 2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - *all are invited \*gluten free wafers are available.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

**P** As you leave this place, may you go knowing that  
from generation to generation,  
we have been claimed and loved.  
From generation to generation,  
God has been by our side.  
From generation to generation,  
we are not alone.  
The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow  
knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth,  
saying, “Go be the person you are called to be,  
love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.”  
May it be so.

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING MUSIC**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Darryl Thompson Powell  
Director of Music: Henrietta Atkin  
Oboist: Wayne Ryerson

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*Many of the prayer used in todays service are by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC  
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## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

9:30 am      Worship, Holy Communion  
11:00 am      Coffee Hour

## **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION**

### **Monday, November 28**

12:00 pm      Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

### **Tuesday, November 29**

### **Wednesday, November 30**

7:30 pm      Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, December 1**

7:30 pm      Al-Anon Meeting

### **Friday, December 2**

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

### **Saturday, December 3**

### **Sunday, December 4**

9:30 am      Worship, Holy Communion  
11:00 am      Decorating the church

Online services are available via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live](http://www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live)), YouTube ([www.youtube.com/rlcfp](http://www.youtube.com/rlcfp) or search for "Resurrection Lutheran Franklin Park YouTube") and Twitch.

Bible Study can be accessed via Zoom online ([bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom](https://bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom)) or by phone (312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 230 167 8868, Password: 9777). You can also watch without participating on YouTube ([www.youtube.com/rlcfp](http://www.youtube.com/rlcfp)).



The flowers today are from Alan & Barb Miralgio in memory of Frank Miralgio.



We are continuing “**Cereal Sunday**”. We are also in need of **pasta sauce** and **toilet paper** but all donations are appreciated. Thank you!



Choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



Anyone that would like to help decorate the church for Christmas, please plan on staying after service on Sunday 12/4/22.

### **Help Brighten a Child’s Christmas This Year!**



The Outreach Committee will again be donating \$250.00 to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) foster care and family Christmas program. This program provides gifts to a child who may otherwise go without. We are inviting members to join us as well.

If you are interested, donations can be put in the collection plate, mailed, or sent to us electronically if that is how you normally send in your offerings. Checks should be made payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church. Please mark your donations “LSSI Christmas” in the memo area. Thank you!



**PRAY FOR MEMBERS:** Barb Z, Sue S, Dolores B, Janet G, Irwin K, Marvin K, Dave N, and Donna T.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS:** Woody H, Billie O, Rocio, Marilyn V, Walter M, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Warren, Marina, Luisa, Nathan, Ruth, Cyndy W, John B, Feodore, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K. Sue Koevenig's nephew Kevin, and niece Alison V, Terry, Stan and Darlene M, Sue Flanagan's son Robert, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Karen Shumaker's brother Curtis and cousin Joan, Lynn, Elaine R, Lamone C, Russ Sprenger's daughter Kimberly S, Linda B and Janet Grace's son-in-law Scott B.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Josiah Gross, Edward Scharlow, Mike Brimie, Robert Dilks, and Mike Ignoffo.



FROM  
GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...

# ADVENT PHOTO-A-DAY

## Advent 1

11/27 - Hope  
11/28 - Room  
11/29 - Foundation  
11/30 - Change  
12/1 - Cultivate  
12/2 - Beginning  
12/3 - Path

## Advent 2

12/4 - Love  
12/5 - Stay  
12/6 - Brave  
12/7 - Invitation  
12/8 - Rooted  
12/9 - Silence  
12/10 - Play

## Advent 3

12/11 - Joy  
12/12 - Breathe  
12/13 - Dream  
12/14 - Choices  
12/15 - Bloom  
12/16 - Gratitude  
12/17 - Celebrate

## Advent 4

12/18 - Peace  
12/19 - Threshold  
12/20 - Solidarity  
12/21 - Gift  
12/22 - Yearn  
12/23 - Healing  
12/24 - Wonder

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## Poinsettias for Christmas

You are invited to share in decorating the church for Christmas by ordering poinsettias for **\$10.00 each**.



If you would like to have plants reserved in your name, please complete this form, include payment and drop in the offering plate or turn it into the office. The last day to order is **Sunday, December 11**.

You have the opportunity to dedicate your plant in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please indicate your wishes below.

**Please order \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia (s)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given in honor/memory of (please circle one):**

\_\_\_\_\_

