

# **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, January 1, 2023—9:30 AM**

### **First Sunday of Christmas**

### **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**

*As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.*

#### **WELCOME**

#### **CENTERING TIME**

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

#### **CENTERING MUSIC**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Isaiah 2:2-5)*

P 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;

- C **all the nations shall stream to it.**
- P Many peoples shall come and say,  
C **“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.”**
- P For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
- C **He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;**
- P they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;
- C **nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.**
- P O house of Jacob, come,  
C **let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

### SHARING OF PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

### SHARING OF PEACE

### 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P God of all,  
C **O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As  
you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and  
adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**CAROL:** “On That Holy Mountain” Joe Mattingly

**THE SECOND LESSON:** Isaiah 35:1-10

**CAROL:** “O Come Little Children” Robert Powell

**THE THIRD LESSON:** Matthew 1:1-17

**CAROL:** “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” Henrietta Atkin

**THE FOURTH LESSON:** Luke 1:26-38

**CAROL:** “Love Has Come” ELW #292

## Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

**THE FIFTH LESSON:** Matthew 1:18-25

**CAROL:** "Joy to the World" Robert Powell

**THE SIXTH LESSON:** Luke 1:39-58

**CAROL:** "Canticle of the Turning" ELW #723

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait,  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

**THE SEVENTH LESSON:** Luke 2:1-7

**CAROL:** “Away in a Manger” Robert Powell

**THE EIGHTH LESSON:** Luke 2:8-20

**CAROL:** “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow” Henrietta Atkin

**THE NINTH LESSON:** Matthew 2:1-12

CAROL: "The First Noel" ELW #300

The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
4 This star drew near to the . . . north-west, o'er . .  
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the  
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it  
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -  
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the  
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

*Refrain*



night that was so deep.  
tin-ued both day and night.  
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
place where Je - sus lay.  
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(based on John 1:1-14)*

P In the beginning was the Word,

**C and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.**

P He was in the beginning with God.

**C All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.**

P What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.**

P There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

**C He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.**

P The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

**C He was in the world, and the world came into being through him,  
yet the world did not know him.**

P He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

**C And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**—With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence. Each petition ends:*

P God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**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 Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### 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 Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in 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.”

**C** **May it be so. Amen.**

## **SENDING MUSIC**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace and be a blessing in the world. Christ is with you.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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Director of Music: Henrietta Atkin  
Oboist: Wayne Ryerson

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## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

9:30 am      Worship, Holy Communion

## **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION**

### **Monday, January 2**

12:00 pm      Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

### **Tuesday, January 3**

### **Wednesday, January 4**

1:00 pm      Midday Service

2:00 pm      Bible Study

6:30 pm      Finance Meeting

### **Thursday, January 5**

7:30 pm      Al-Anon Meeting

### **Friday, January 6**

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

### **Saturday, January 7**

### **Sunday, January 8**

9:30 am      Worship, Holy Communion

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](http://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 to the Glory of God.



We are continuing “**soup Sunday**”. We are also in need of **tuna, canned pasta, rice and pasta sauce** but all donations are very much appreciated. Thank you!



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

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS:** RoiAnne and her daughter Cyndy, 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.



