



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

**Christ for All Nations, 1:
A Righteous Branch for the Nations**

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NOVEMBER 28, 2021 - 11:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

Lessons and Liturgy Today

Advent begins a new church year with a note of anticipation and assurance – **anticipation** that the days are coming when the Lord will return, and **assurance** that the Lord has already come to save us. Advent has a present focus in Christ's coming to us now in Word and Sacrament. There is also a forward focus in the Christ Who has promised to return at the end of days and bring to completion what He began in His Incarnation. So we prepare to celebrate His coming at Christmas, His coming into our hearts in faith through the Holy Spirit, and to await joyfully His coming at the Last Day.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the LORD be with you.

C **And also with you!**

Musical Offering, Opening Song: God With Us

B. Millard

1. Who are we,
that You would be mindful of us?
What do You see
that's worth looking our way?

2. We are free
in ways that we never should be
Sweet release
from the grip of these chains

Like hinges straining from the weight,
my heart no longer can keep from singing

Refrain

All that is within me cries
for You alone; be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song;
the debt is paid, these chains are gone!
Emmanuel, God with us!

3. LORD, You know
our hearts don't deserve Your glory;
still You show
a love we cannot afford

Like hinges straining from the weight,
my heart no longer can keep from singing Refrain

Such a tiny offering
compared to Calvary;
nevertheless, we lay it at Your feet
(Sing 2x)

Refrain
All that is within me cries
for You alone; be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song;
the debt is paid, these chains are gone!
Emmanuel, God with us!

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P "The days are coming," declares the Lord.
C **In those days God's people will be saved.**

P There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars.
C **They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**

P Lift up your heads, O you gates;
C **that the King of Glory may come in.**

Confession of Sins and The Good News of God's Forgiveness

P Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with the anxieties of life.
Be always on watch and take time to pray.
C **Most Merciful God, You are our Righteousness. As Your baptized children, we are saved.
Yet today we confess how often we do not live, speak, or think like Your Own people.**

P Our love does not overflow to others, but it is often directed selfishly.
C **Lord, make our love increase and overflow.**

P Our hearts are full of blame and un-holiness.

C Strengthen our hearts, so that we will be blameless and holy in Your Presence, O God. Forgive our sins for Jesus' sake. Help us to live as Your redeemed people. Amen.

P The Lord is indeed Our Righteousness. He declares us righteous because of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer.

As God's Called and ordained servant, I announce God's Grace to you; and, representing Christ, and at His Command, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Let us live in the joy of His Forgiving Love.

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: Praise Adonai

P. Baloche

Who is like Him,
the Lion and the Lamb?
Seated on the throne,
mountains bow down;
ev'ry ocean roars
to the LORD of hosts:

Refrain

Praise Adonai
from the rising of the sun
'til the end of every day;
Praise Adonai,
all the nations of the earth,
all the angels and the saints,
sing praise

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Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16 [ESV]

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a Righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which It will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle – I Thessalonians 3:9-13 [ESV]

⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the Coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel – Luke 21:25-36 [ESV]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵ “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, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the Kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away. ³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that Day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Children’s Message – Pastor Alan Shaw

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: Build My Life

B. Younker

1. Worthy of ev'ry song
we could ever sing,
worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe,
we live for You x2 Refrain

2. Jesus, the name
above ev'ry other name,
Jesus, the only one
who could ever save;
worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe -
We live for You,
we live for You x2 Refrain

Refrain

Holy, there is no one like You,
there is none beside You;
open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are,
and fill me with Your heart,
and lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love,
it is a firm foundation;
I will put my trust in You alone
and I will not be shaken x4 Refrain

I will build my life upon Your love,
it is a firm foundation;
I will put my trust in You alone
and I will not be shaken

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Message

A Righteous Branch for the Nations
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pastor Alan Shaw

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 Maker of Heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only-Begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by Whom all things were made;
 Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into Heaven
 and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory
 to judge both the living and the dead,
 Whose Kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ✠ Life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

after each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The 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 Go now in peace to serve the LORD.
C Thanks be to God!

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In Service Today:

Preacher - Pastor Alan Shaw

Presiding Minister - Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Worship Leader/Keyboard - Christopher Reed

Vocal Lead - Randy Leach

Reign! Musicians: Marty Stephani, Charlie Shiel, Doug Durnbaugh, Nick Cassimatis, Lecia Cecconi-Roberts

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