



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

**First Sunday in Advent
November 27, 2022 - 11:00 am**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

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!**

Opening Song God With Us

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

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!

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

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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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The First Candle: The Prophecy Candle

P As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, we recall with thanksgiving the vivid and courageous words and actions of the prophets. Called by God and overtaken by the Word, they spoke forth God's Truth and pointed to the coming of the Messiah. Their words still call us to faith and to action.
C **Lord Christ, come among us and by Your Spirit, grant us the courage to speak and to act as those who have been called and chosen to carry Your Word to our world. Raise up among us wise and faithful messengers of Your Grace and Peace. In Your Strong Name, Amen.**

Confession of Sins and 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 unholiness.
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 servant, I announce God's Grace to you; and, proclaim that, in Christ, all your sins are forgiven 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.**

Song of Praise

Praise Adonai

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 Prophecy

Isaiah 2:1-5 [ESV]

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³ and 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 the law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and 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 anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 122 [ESV]

P I was glad when they said to me,

C **"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

P Our feet have been standing

C **within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

P Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

C **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,**

P as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

C **There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.**

P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

C **"May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"**

P For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

C **For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

Epistle

Romans 13:11-14 [ESV]

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:21-11 [ESV]

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

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

21 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

Bob Unger

Song of the Day

Build My Life

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 Sing 2x

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

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 Sing 2x 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 Sing 4x 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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The Message

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

From the Cross to the Manger
Matthew 21:1-11

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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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Song

Lamb of God

O holy LORD, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world Sing 2x
Have mercy on me Sing 3x

O holy LORD, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world Sing 2x
Have mercy on me Sing 3x

O holy LORD, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world Sing 2x
Grant us Your peace Sing 3x

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Benediction

Closing Song

Forever Reign

You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love on display for all to see -
You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in;
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true even in my wandering -
You are joy, You are joy; You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting

Refrain

O, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms;
the riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace; Light of the world, forever reign

You are more, You are more than my words will ever say;
You are LORD, You are LORD, all creation will proclaim -
You are here, You are here; in Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God; of all else I'm letting go Refrain

My heart will sing no other Name - Jesus, Jesus Sing 2x Refrain

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P The worship has ended.
C **The service now begins.**

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

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In Service Today

- Preacher - Pastor Jonathan Blanke
- Presiding Minister - Pastor Alan Shaw
- Reign!* Vocals - Randy Leach, Sharon Hahne
- Reign!* Musicians - Marty Stephani, Nick Cassimatis, Doug Durnbaugh, Charlie Shiel, Lecia Cecconi-Roberts
- Reader - Melinda Stephani
- Sound Technician - Jeff Ashmore
- Video Technician - Tom Campau
- Camera Operator - Garrett Nigg
- Live Stream Producer - Jill Hammergren

From the Cross to the Manger (Matthew 21:1-11)
Advent 1, 2022

The first day of the new church year is here! As we get out the decorations and start rubbing shoulders with Christmas shoppers it may seem odd, at first, that our gospel reading contains what we normally think of as a Palm Sunday event (Jesus' entry into Jerusalem)! What gives? Advent (and therefore, Christmas) begins not with Mary and Joseph but with our need for a Savior who *COMES* to rescue His people.

1. **Before a meal we may often pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." Why? To acknowledge Jesus _____ and _____ as we share a meal together.** It's not because we have a superstitious fear that Jesus isn't around unless we pray for Him to show up. Even though we can't see Jesus, He is always with us. Even the ordinary blessing of food is a sign of His faithfulness....His hand of provision.
2. **Our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" begins with the _____, "Look, Your King comes to you!" (Zech 5:5).** Though some of those welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem may have had a notion that Jesus came to do more than serve Israel as a political ruler, Jesus' coming to save did not depend on their readiness to receive Him. He fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy that Israel's king would come to her "humble, and mounted on a donkey."
3. **Our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" is a _____ to the _____ of God's people expressed in the song, "Blessed is He/the King who comes in the Name of the Lord!" (Ps 118:26; Matt 21:9; Lk 19:28).** Luther: "The kingdom of God comes when the heavenly Father gives us his Spirit so that by His grace we might believe in his Holy Word and live a godly life, both here in time and hereafter, forever."
4. **Our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" _____ the _____ of the _____ (see the prayer of St. Paul in 1 Cor. 16:22).** Jesus, come to us our mealtime! Come to us in our time of need! Come to us in our beginnings and in our endings! We are never completely ready. But we pray that Jesus come to us, especially right here and now. So, strange as it might seem, Christmas begins with this picture of Palm Sunday! Advent ends with the wood of a manger...it begins with the wood of a cross.



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She will bear a son,
and you shall call
his name Jesus.

for he will save his people
from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Advent Worship

Weekend Services

November 27 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent

December 4 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent
featuring St. Francis Brass Band at 9:30 am

December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 18 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent
Christmas Music Festival, *What Sweeter Music*
featuring Festival Chorus accompanied by
full orchestra at 8:00 am and 9:30 am

Worship Times, unless noted:
Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am, 9:30 am, Praise 11:00 am

Mid-Week Services

November 30 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Hanging of the Greens
(children and family focused service)

December 7 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Holden Evening Prayer Service

December 14 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm
featuring Old North State Brass

December 21 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Christmas Carol Celebration
in Circle Entrance (family friendly)