

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran

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Second Sunday in Advent

In Christ the Cornerstone...Living His Word, Sharing His Love



"The wolf will live with the lamb..." (Isa. 11:6)

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AS WE GATHER

"An angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream" (Matthew 1:20a). Joseph was deeply troubled. Mary was pregnant. He considered quietly divorcing her. Then came the angel, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20b-21). Joseph would still face unknowns, just as we all face unknowns. Yet he faced those unknowns filled with hope, because he trusted the word of God that came to him from the angel. So during this Advent season, we join Joseph in facing all of our unknowns with hope, trusting the Word of God that has come to us from the apostles, that Jesus is our precious ransom, only hope for sinful mortals, who gave His life and was raised, and who is coming again to restore creation to its original beauty and goodness.

Greet One Another!

Divine Service, Setting three
LSB 184 or on screen

Opening Hymn: #354 Arise, O Christian People

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

The Righteous Reign of the Branch

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fatted calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C (Sung) Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (Sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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CHILDREN's SERMON

Sermon Hymn: In Advent Hope

In Advent Hope



1 In Ad-vent hope we gath - er And wor - ship trust - ing - ly,
2 Our Ad-vent-hope ho - san - nas Ex - pec - tant - ly a - rise
3 With Ad-vent hope our prais-es Re - ech - o joy - ful - ly
4 As Ad-vent hope-filled peo-ple, We res - o - lute - ly pray,



As-sured that Christ is com-ing To set His peo-ple free.
To Je - sus Christ, the Sav - ior Who comes from Par - a - dise.
To greet our Lord's ar - riv - al In His hu - mil - i - ty.
“A - men, O longed - for Sav - ior! Come, Lord, with us to stay!”

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Sermon

Offertory

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

Following each Petition:

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

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- P** Grant, heavenly Father, that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Offering

SACRAMENT LSB 194

Distribution Hymns:

- 343 Prepare the Royal Highway
347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Closing Hymn: #515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**Acknowledgments**

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