



Resurrection Lutheran Church
To Live & Share the Love of Christ
Pastor Melissa Pagel

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2nd Sunday in Advent
*Congregational responses are printed in **Bold Type**.*

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran Church where different people come together for the shared purpose of worshiping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.

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Call to Worship

Family of faith, God is at work!

God is healing and creating,

redeeming and dreaming,

calling and sending,

listening and loving.

Yes, indeed, God is at work!

So may we worship our God who never gives up.

May we worship our God who holds onto hope.

Amen.

In the name of the ✠ triune God in whose presence we wait,

the Holy Parent, fulfilling the promise,

the Holy Child, waiting to be born,

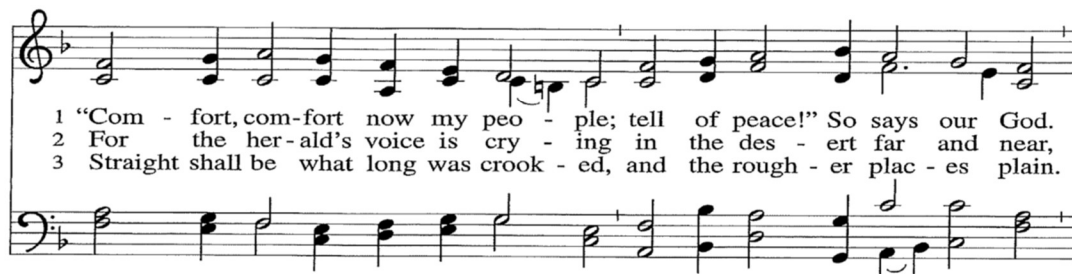
the Holy Spirit, illuminating the way. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Comfort, Comfort Now my People

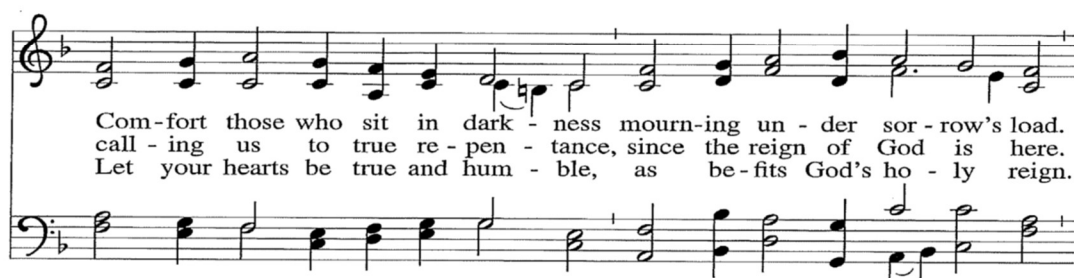
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Comfort, Comfort Now My People

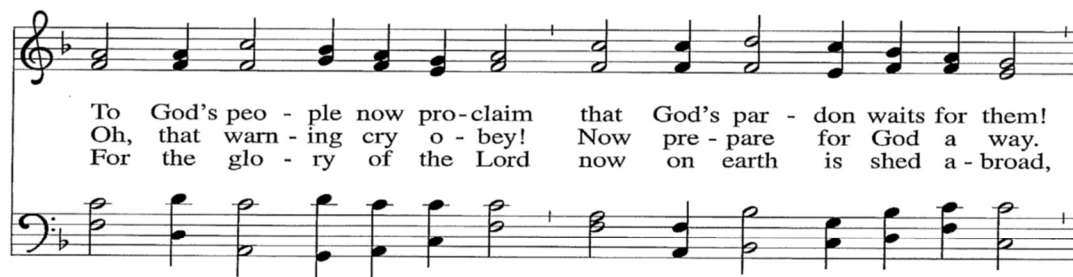
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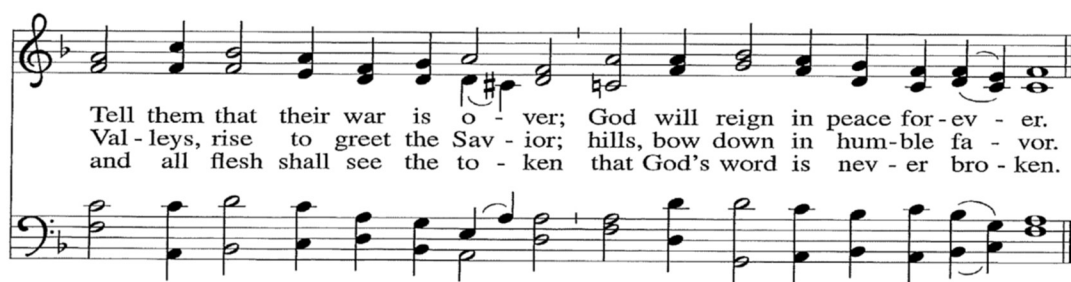
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: Trente quatre psaumes de David, Geneva, 1551

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Call to Confession

Near the end of his ministry, John the Baptist reached out to Jesus with a heart full of anxiety. John was in jail. He knew he might not get out, so he asked Jesus, “Did I make a mistake? Am I making a difference here? Or did I get it all wrong?”

Like John, let us be fully honest with Jesus about our innermost thoughts. We can pour our heart out to God because God always meets us with grace, tenderness, and mercy.

So friends, let us go to God in prayer. Let us be honest, just like John the Baptist. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

On-the-move God,
we have every reason to hold onto hope.
We have every reason to believe that spring will come,
that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise.
And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers.
With anxious hearts we cry out to you,
“Will change ever come? Will things ever get better?
Will I ever make a difference?”
Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where
the sun is shining.
Show us the places where you are on the move.
With open hearts we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith,
in our honesty,
we are heard.

In our worries,
we are held.

In our failings,
we are forgiven.

In our fear,
we are not alone.

Friends, this is the good news of the gospel!

When we're running out of hope, God is still at work.

Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God,

we need bread and we need laughter.

We need music and we need a hand to hold.

We need a chair to sit in and we need work to do.

But maybe more than anything,

we need your Word and a reason to hope.

So move through this space today

and speak to us as only you can.

Speak a word of hope deep into our weary bones.

For we need bread and we need laughter,

but most of all, we need you. **Amen.**

Word

Candle Lighting – Peace

In a world full of fear, where do you see
glimmers of peace?

**We see glimmers of peace in the quiet
of early morning, when people shake
hands, when loved ones say they're sorry,
and when the church sings together.**

You are right. Even in a fearful world,
peace is all around us.

Today we light the candle of peace as a
reminder of this good news. May this
flicker of light help us remember that
even in a fearful world, peace is present.

We only have to look for it.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Peace candle is lit.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
 embracing all things far and nigh:
 in strength and beauty come and stay;
 teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

First Lesson Isaiah 43:19-21

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
² **that he may rule your | people righteously**
and the | poor with justice;
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.

⁴ Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
 rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. **R**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
 from one generation | to another.

⁶ Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
 like showers that wa- | ter the earth.

⁷ In his time may the | righteous flourish;
 and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon
 shall | be no more.

¹⁸ **Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
 you alone do | wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
 and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men.

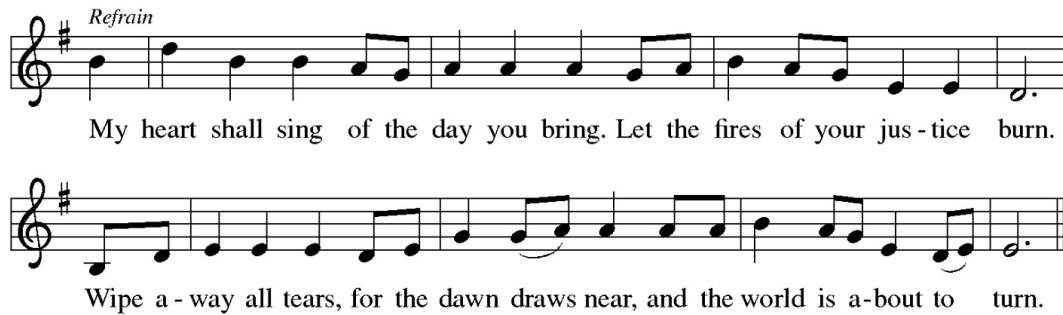
Amen. R
Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: *Canticle of the Turning* ELW 723



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.



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 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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Gospel Luke 11:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th Chapter. **Thanks be to God.**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, ^[a] may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come. ^[b]

³ Give us each day our daily bread. ^[c]

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.” ^[d]

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have

nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for^[e] a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Melissa Pagel

***Hymn of the Day Looking out a Prison Window
 (“Once in Royal David’s City”)***

Looking out a prison window
who can see the flowers bloom?
Hope dissolves like dreams at daybreak
leaving us an empty room
Still beyond what we can see
God is always planting seeds

All the things that keep us captive
shrink our optimistic faith
We must practice hope on purpose
even when our spirits break
'Til at last our freedom comes
And we finally see the sun

To our siblings still imprisoned
behind bars of steel or fear
Bring the message from our Savior:
hope is real and dawning near
Tell the gospel all around:
New life springs up from the ground

We are called to liberation
to be freed and to set free
Breaking chains of worldly powers
who would claim our liberty
Body, spirit, mind and heart
Liberate each captive part

Affirmation of Faith

**We have seen the valley.
We have seen a sky without stars.
We have seen the longest night,
and still we believe.**

**We believe in a with-us God.
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.
We believe that good news is louder than fear.
We believe this good news is for all people.
So even when our knees shake,
even when our voice trembles,
even when fear is all around us,
we will hold onto that good news.
We will reach for each other.
We will look for God in our midst.
We will sing songs of joy.
We will proclaim:
Unto us, love is born.
We have seen the longest night,
and we have seen unimaginable love.
So still, we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God,
trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the
whole creation.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you this holiday season. **And also with you.**

Choir Advent Credo

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Offering

Offering Prayer

Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, the coming one who makes all things new; who, on the night when he was betrayed, while speaking of the fulfillment of salvation, took bread, gave thanks,

broke it, and said: **“This is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me.”**

In the same way, he also took the cup, after supper, saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

Remembering the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we await the day until Christ comes again, crying,
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
We see the hungry in our world, and we cry,
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
We see the broken, the sick, the dying, and we cry,
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
We see those we consider less than ourselves, and we cry,
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
We cry, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and we wait...

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine,
and upon us, your gathered community.
Empower us, fed by your body and blood, to be your Body in
the world:

**to feed the hungry, to heal the broken, pray for the sick,
to welcome the hurt and the marginalized,
to be as Christ to one another. Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.

Invitation to the Table

Friends,

here at this Table, you never have to wonder.

Here at this Table, there is enough room, enough food, enough love for everyone.

Here at this Table, you are wanted and welcomed. You are safe and loved.

Here at this Table, you belong.

So my friends, there is no need for fear here, for this is a joyful feast.

And you are invited. Come. All are welcome.

Prayer After Communion

Loving God,

In a world racked with fear,
you gather us together.

You set the table.

You meet us here.

You nourish our bodies

as you nourish our spirits.
You remind us that this is a joyful feast,
and that fear cannot win every time.
So with renewed courage,
with renewed hope,
with renewed conviction,
send us out into the world.
Help us to feed others as you have fed us.
With gratitude we pray, **Amen.**

Benediction

May you look for God's spirit.
May you reach for each other's hands.
May you choose courage whenever you can.
And in all things, may you remember
that good news is louder than fear.

In the name of the one who calls,
the one who sends,
and the one who journeys with—
go in peace and be not afraid.
Amen.

Sending Hymn Prepare the Royal Highway ELW 264

Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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This Week at a Glance

Monday & Wednesday Office Hours	9:00 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday - Quilters	9:00 am
Wednesday Choir	5:00 pm
Worship	6:30 pm
Sunday Worship Service	9:30 am

Upcoming Events

Assisting with Worship	12/07/2025	12/14/2025
Usher	Gary McFarlane	Gary McFarlane
Communion	Kevin Wood	Jodi Koch
Counters	Larry Nelson & Debbie La Plante	Larry Nelson & Debbie La Plante
Lector	Carol Borremans	John Koch
Altar Guild	Carol, Kris & Linda	Carol, Kris & Linda
Fellowship	Open	Open

Advent Fest:

Please plan to join us after worship on the 14th for a chili dump and crafting event. We will continue our annual addition to the nativity. If you weren't able to attend last year, no worries, we

can catch you up. It is simple and fun. There is a sign up for the Potluck in the Narthex.

Reverse Advent Calendar:

The Resurrection Food Pantry is again offering a Reverse Advent Calendar. The Reverse Advent Calendar is a tool to help you remember the great gifts God has already given us and to share some of those blessings with people in need in the form of prayers and some food. Please pick one up and help us to feed those who are struggling with poverty. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Lincoln School Clothing & Snack Drive

This year, the Outreach Committee and council have agreed for Resurrection to focus on the needs of Lincoln School children and families versus one or two adopt-a-families. We ended our year cycle by giving the present adopt-a-family a \$100 gift card for Thanksgiving. Going forward we will be accepting donations for Lincoln School as noted below.

If you prefer donation of cash for us to purchase items, just specify on the envelope and place in offering plate.

At the beginning of December an envelope will be available for donations. This ministry will be supported all year long, not solely during the holidays.

Items needed:

New or gently used elastic waist pants, joggers, leggings -youth sizes-4t-16

New underwear youth sizes 4t-16

New or gently used sport bras

Individually wrapped snacks

“Hearty Souls” Christmas Carol Sing-a-long & Luncheon

Please join Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM. If you plan to attend for food purposes, please call 920-437-8124 to reserve your spot.

A menu of Ham, baked beans and a potato dish will be provided. If you're able, please bring a dish to share.