CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY | Sunday, November 24, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME and **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THE INVOCATION and GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Sovereign Lord, at the end of time your eternal reign will be fully revealed and all will stand in awe of Jesus, the King of kings. As we gather in your holy presence, nourish us with his Word, that we may go forth making that reign known; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns (vss. 1,3,4,6).....RECLAIM No. 22

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The prophet Daniel declares: "To the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his ways, which he set before us by the prophets." And yet, in Christ, all obstacles between us and God have been removed. If death no longer stands in our way, our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins, that they may be washed away by God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: God of the promise,

C: We confess that we have turned from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your will and your ways. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus, the entirety of your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:4-6

The nations will be judged by the Messiah who is sent out on behalf of God. The law will be the basis for his judgment. God's power will be shown through the Suffering Servant and he will be a light for the world. Though the heavens and earth shall pass away, the Lord's salvation is forever.

⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 93

The Lord is a king enthroned in the heavens. His reign covers all the world. He is eternal in majesty and glory. He is mightier than the waters of the sea, he rules over the floodwaters.

R: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

C: Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

R: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

C: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!

R: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

Saint John greeted the seven churches in Asia in the name of the Almighty, the beginning and the end. He proclaimed that Jesus is the one who loves and frees his people through his holy and precious blood. Jesus will come again with the clouds and every eye shall see him in all of his glory.

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁴"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

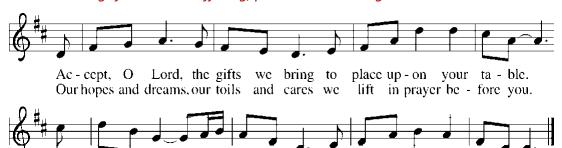
C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: The Sky is Falling

HYMN: Jesus, Still Lead On......RECLAIM No. 237

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

INSTALLATION OF 2024-2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

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

HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vss. 1,3,5,6)......RECLAIM No. 16

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch **Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

Reader: Doug Mayer Ushers: Brad Matthes and Dave Blum

Greeters: Victor and Helen Kurth

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	November 24	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Sunday School/Fellowship
		3:00pm	Bukowski Art Forum
Monday	November 25	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	November 27	6:30pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Saturday	November 30	10:00am	Christmas Decorating
Sunday	December 1	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Sunday School/Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

The Bethany Lutheran Theater Department is currently running the world premiere of a nativity play entitled *What Child Is This*. The box office is open at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center (715 Luther Drive) from 1-4 weekdays or online at *blc.edu/boxoffice*. The box office is also taking reservations for **Bethany's annual Christmas concert**. Seats are free, but preregistration is required. The dates are December 5,6 and 7 at 5pm and December 8 at 3pm.

Planning for the **Advent and Christmas** seasons is here! Advent begins next Sunday. Out on the Welcome Center desk you can find sign-up sheets for the following:

- Advent candle readers and lighters. Would you lead a brief liturgy and light our advent candles during worship? Pastor will send you the readings ahead of time.
- Midweek soup suppers. December 4, 11 and 18 we will gather in the fellowship hall at 6:15pm for soup, bread and deserts. Many hands are needed and appreciated to make these suppers successful. A brief worship service will follow supper at 7:00pm.
- The annual RLC Christmas Banquet. This beloved tradition will be held on Friday, December 13th with a social hour at 5:30pm and meal at 6:00pm. JD Truffles will cater this year. Following the meal, Pastor Aaron, as well as his mother-in-law and sister-in-law will present a Christmas program.

Centennial Lutheran Church (701 Locust Street – Henderson, MN) invites you to join them for a concert featuring **The Garms Family** on Thursday, December 5th. Doors open at 5pm for hors d'oeuvrs and Christmas treats, and the concert begins at 7pm.

<u>TODAY</u> at 3:00pm you are invited to **attend a forum** led by the artist who brought to life the 5 beautiful paintings in our narthex. Bill Bukowski will give a presentation on the process he took in creating these one-of-a-kind masterpieces and will take your questions.

Thanksgiving Eve worship will take place this Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30pm. Pastor Sarah Deutsch will assist with liturgy, and her congregation, Epiphany Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake, will be invited to join us.

Come one and all to help us **decorate the church** for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Decorating will begin at 10:00am this Saturday, November 30th.

Birthdays this week: Jonah Deutsch (25th) and Bako Ramihaminarivo (25th)