

A woman with blonde hair is looking out a window. The window is decorated with Christmas ornaments, including a red and white striped stocking and a white snowflake. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an evening or indoor lighting.

# COMPANY'S COMING

Resurrection  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Welcoming the Guest*

Luke 2:1-20

- December 24, 2020 -

## Christmas Eve Schedule

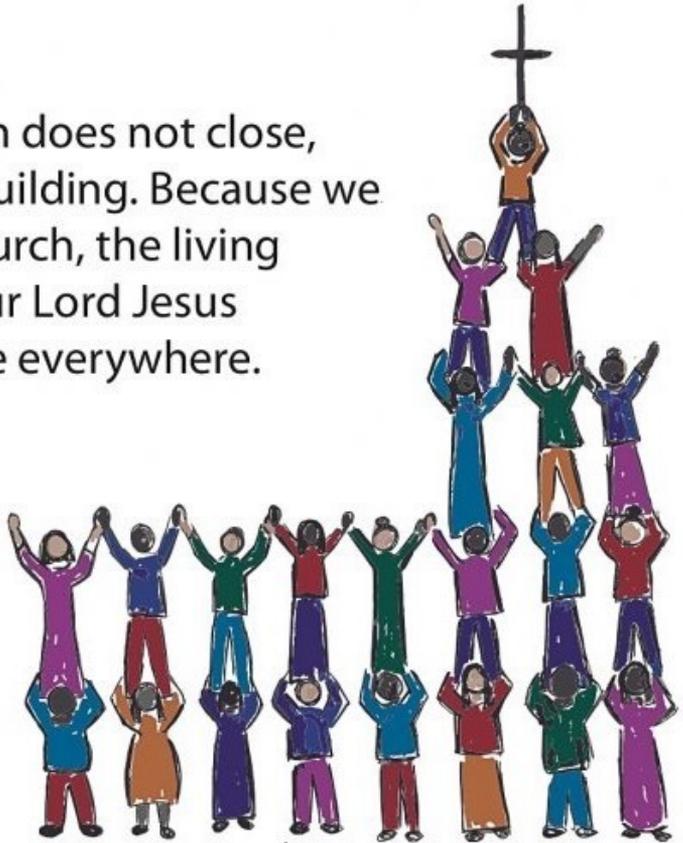
5:00 pm—Multimedia Candlelight Service

7:00 pm—Livestream Candlelight Service

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am— Streaming Worship Service

The church does not close,  
only the building. Because we  
are the church, the living  
body of our Lord Jesus  
and we are everywhere.



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**Christmas Eve Service**  
**December 24, 2020**  
**5:00 pm | 7:00 pm**

**CHRISTMAS PRELUDE—7 PM ONLY**

**“Angels We Have Heard On High” – arr. Lani Smith**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

**P:** We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” LSB 379**

*5:00 pm video (King’s College Choir) | 7:00 pm livestream*

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O, come ye, O, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels:

**Refrain**

**O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

Highest, most holy,  
Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing!

**Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens  
Of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest:

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### Refrain

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!

### Refrain

## CANDLE LIGHTING

P: Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus. It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle.

*(Light the Christ Candle)*

**C: We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.**

P: Rejoice, a Savior is born.

**C: A Savior is born, indeed. Joy to the world!**

## HYMN

**“The First Noel”** *LBW 56 verses 1-3*  
*5:00 pm video (Gabby Barrett) | 7:00 pm livestream*

The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

### Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

### Refrain

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9:2-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Titus 2:11-14

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN—7 PM ONLY

### “O Little Town of Bethlehem” LSB 361

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

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O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

## GOSPEL READING

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:1-20

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## VIDEO—5 PM ONLY

**“Little Drummer Boy”** *For King & Country*

## HYMN MEDLEY—7 PM ONLY

**“Hark the herald Angels Sing”** *LSB 380*

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!

### Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

**Refrain**

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

**"Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB 368 verses 1, 2**

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.

**Chorus**

Glo-o-oria in excelsis Deo;  
Glo-o-oria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

**Chorus**

**"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" LSB 366 verses 1, 3**

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

All you, beneath your heavy load,  
By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way  
With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
Of Him the angels sing.

## SERMON

### “Hope Has Arrived”

Luke 2:1-20

*Pastor Matthew Mantey*

## COMMUNION—5 PM ONLY

Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.

Guests and visitors who share our confession regarding Holy Communion are welcome to commune with us. Speak with an elder or pastor for more information.

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC—7 PM ONLY

“What Child Is This?” *Arrangement – Chris Rice*

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

P: In the beginning and in the midst of darkness, God spoke.

**C: Let there be light.**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word. And the Word came and dwelt among us. And the Word was the light of all peoples.

**C: Let there be light.**

Leader: We light our candles, knowing that the One who is the source and promise of all light is the One whose birth we celebrate.

**C: Let there be light.**

Leader: We are here to seek a little light by which we can see, by which we can live, by which we can love.

**C: Let there be light.**

Leader: We need to know that we are part of something greater than the flicker of our own little candles. We long to be assured that the light of Christ is with us even in the moment.

**C: Let there be light.**

Leader: So we light our candles in gratitude for the love and light that shine through the babe born in Bethlehem who became the Redeemer of us all.

**C: Let there be light.**

Leader: May we be so emboldened as to share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope, purpose, and love. May our actions and generosity shine in a world under the shadow of despair.

**C: Let there be light.**

Leader: We join the chorus of those whose carols have echoed through the years—"O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel."

**C: Let there be light. Amen.**

## CANDLELIGHT SONGS

*5:00 pm video | 7:00 pm livestream*

**"O Holy Night"** TCH 285 *verses 1, 3 (as candles are lit)*  
*5 pm Kings College Choir*

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope - the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night O holy night  
O night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord,  
Oh, praise His Name forever!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

**“Silent Night”** LSB 363—5 pm Concordia College

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavn'ly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

P: Behold the Lord proclaims to all the earth, “Your salvation has come! You are my holy people, the redeemed, whom I have sought out, never to be forsaken.” As God delights and rejoices over you, go in peace and joy, the Company has arrived. As you welcome Him as your guest in your lives, go to welcome other guests of this world with the same peace and joy! And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and + the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

*(Candles are Extinguished)*

## CLOSING HYMN

**“Joy to the World”** LSB 387 verses 1, 2, 4

5:00 pm video (George Fox University) | 7:00 pm livestream

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

## POSTLUDE—7 PM ONLY

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” – arr. Robert Thygerson



## SERVING IN WORSHIP

<b>Pastor:</b>	Matthew Mantey
<b>A/V (5 pm):</b>	John Lambuth, Robin Thomas
<b>A/V (7 pm):</b>	Alex Lindeke, John Lambuth
<b>Elder (5 &amp; 7 pm):</b>	Jerry Thomas
<b>Music Team (7 pm):</b>	Karen Tiffany Burgess, Dale & Suzy Lindeke
<b>Reader (5 pm):</b>	Robin Thomas
<b>Reader (7 pm):</b>	Suzy Lindeke



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Our Vision is that Resurrection Lutheran Church is a place *lifting* its hand in worship,  
*holding* hands in prayer groups, and *opening* hands by sharing the  
love of Jesus in our community.