

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Welcome to Resurrection!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Resurrection Lutheran Church and School. We thank God for the gift of your presence here today, and we thank you for worshiping with us! **Come and worship with us again!**

Your first visit at Resurrection? A special welcome! Please join us for a **time of Fellowship** at either **9:00** or **10:30 a.m.** – and we invite you to the **Sunday Education Hour** (beginning at **9:30 a.m.**) for Bible and topical classes **for all ages**. And please do not hesitate to share any questions about Resurrection, membership, youth groups, our mission and ministry, music programs, etc. **We invite you to join with us in worship, study, and service!**

We have a Child Care Ministry for your convenience, should it become necessary (*for children through age of four*) – please ask an Usher to take you to the Nursery if needed! Also, please be sure to ask an Usher for a **“Kid’s Activity Bag”** and/or a **Children’s Worship Bulletin** as you enter the worship area.

Need a large-print (sight-saver) bulletin? Please ask an Usher!

You are attending Resurrection’s annual Sunday School Christmas Service, a modification of our regularly scheduled “Heritage of Praise Service” (the Middle Service), which follows the traditional Lutheran Liturgy from our hymnals, incorporating the treasures of our heritage with the relevance of the Gospel. We also offer two other services on Sunday morning, each distinctive from the others:

- 📖 8:00 – “Joyful Praise Service” *is a blend of the Lutheran Liturgy with modern worship elements, using the best of both the hymnal and contemporary music.*
- 📖 11:00 – “Praise and Celebration Service” *combines the richness of God’s Word with more contemporary music and format. A Praise Service will usually take place on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month, and a “blended” (Joyful Praise Service) worship on the 1st & 3rd Sundays.*

‡ **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE** ‡
Middle (9:30 A.M.) Service: “Heritage of Praise”
December 19th, 2010



A NOTE TO PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:

OUR CHILD CARE MINISTRY STANDS READY TO ASSIST!

Little ones are always welcome at Resurrection Lutheran! As you worship we know that it takes a lot of energy from you as parents. ***You might even wonder if it is worthwhile coming to church!*** Your little children are learning how to worship by watching you. This is part of ***your ministry*** as a mom and dad. We also know that there are some moments that little ones need an environment where they can wiggle and play. Our **Child-Care Ministry** is ready to receive your infants and toddlers (**ages four and under**) during the worship time. The Nursery, directed by Mrs. Renee Rountree, is in **Room 115** (*an Usher will be glad to show you!*). *An audio system is available in the Nursery for those wishing to hear the service.*

A “Kid’s Activity Bag” and a special “Children’s Bulletin” is available from the Ushers for all our younger saints. Please return the “Activity Bag” to the Usher Table at the end of the service for use next Sunday.

Sunday School Christmas Service

[CHRISTMAS SEASON / SS Christmas Services / SS Christmas Service – 2010 (NC)]

GOD DESERVES OUR FULL ATTENTION!

As you prepare for worship, please silence your cell phones and pagers.

"They Shall Name Him



Which Means,
God Is With Us."

“When (the shepherds) had seen (Jesus), they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.” (Luke 2:17-18)

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST ✠

The Prelude The Lighting of the Candles

Significance of the Day Pastor William “Hank” Hollar, Jr.

Welcome – Invitation to Grow – Memory Verse – Announcements

Congregation shall stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Worshipers greet one another with a handshake or an embrace, and the words: “The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you!”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Fourth Candle: “The Shepherds’ Candle”

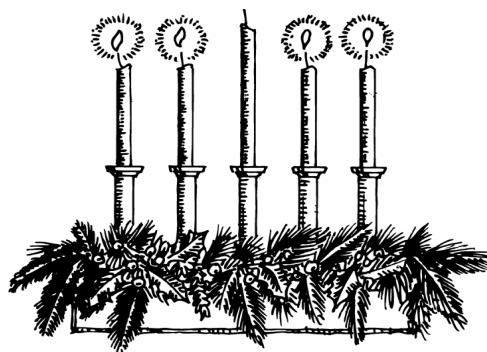
A As we light the fourth candle, along with the other candles on our Advent wreath, we recall with thanksgiving the excitement of the shepherds “*keeping watch over their flocks by night when an angel of the Lord appeared to them.*” *The shepherds “hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, lying in a manger.”* As this candle is lighted, we are reminded that the shepherds “*spread the word concerning what had been told to them about this child.*” We, too, are to live and share the Good News of God’s love in Christ our Lord. Let us pray,

C Gracious Father, in Your great love for the world You have given us the gift of Your only Son as the light of the nations and glory of Israel. Open our hearts to receive Him and sanctify our lives to proclaim Your grace through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

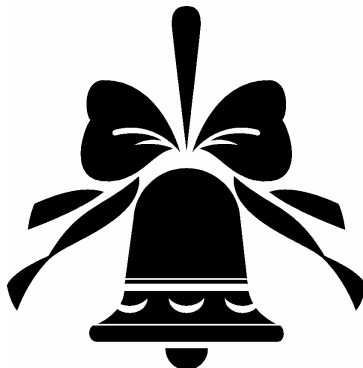
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All of the candles on the Advent Wreath, including the Shepherds’ Candle – but not the center candle, the Christ Candle – are lighted as the congregation sings the hymn, which is projected on the screen.



Congregation is seated

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Processional Song: O Come, Little Children (*sung by all*)
– the words of the song are projected on the screen –

Narration about the Christmas Tree

Song: Christmas Signs (*children only*)

Bible Readings about a Tree

Song: O Christmas Tree (*sung by all*)
– the words of the song are projected on the screen –

Narration about Stars and Lights

Star Ornament Placed on Tree and the Lights Are Lighted

Song: This Little Gospel Light of Mine (*children only*)

Narration About an Angel

Bible Readings on Angels

Angel Ornament Is Placed at the Top of the Tree

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory (*sung by all*)
– *the words of the hymn are projected on the screen* –

Narration on the Candy Cane

Bible Readings on the Sweetness of the Lord

Candy Cane is Hung on the Tree

Narration on Santa Claus

Bible Readings on Being Generous

Santa Ornament Is Hung on the Tree

Song: Saint Nicholas (*children only*)

Narration About Giving Gifts and the Gift of Jesus

Bible Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: Away in a Manger (*sung by all*)
– *the words of the hymn are projected on the screen* –

Bible Reading: Luke 2:8-12

Bible Reading: Luke 2:13-14

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High (*sung by all*)
– the words of the hymn are projected on the screen –

Bible Reading: Luke 2:15-20

The Question

Song: Christmas Signs (*children only*)



Pastor's Message

The Offering is Received The Friendship Pad is Passed
During the Reception of the Offerings, please sign and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew, and then return it to the Pew Rack. Thank You!

Piano Voluntary *played by Caroline Palmore, Michelle Parker & Elizabeth Palmore*

Congregation shall stand

Prayer of the Church

– *our Prayer Requests are shared with the gathered People of God* –

A For faith to keep in holy hearts the promise of the Father which He has kept with the gift of His Son, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the grace of the Holy Spirit, that we may be kept in this faith until His coming again, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the Church that He established to bestow the blessings of His salvation through the Means of Grace and to bear witness to the world in His name, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For our congregation, that we may celebrate the birth of our Lord with holy joy, self-controlled lives, and honest hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the renewal of our hearts, that we may offer the Lord the living sacrifice of our very selves, serve Him in grateful obedience, and extend His compassion and care to all those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For those who travel and those apart from their families during this holy time of celebration, that they know the presence of the Lord in all their need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- the Prayer Requests of God's People are lifted up to His mighty Throne of Grace -

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of Your people by baptism and faith, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to Your mercy through Christ, our Lord:

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

P Go now from this place filled with God’s grace. Live lives of kindness and love, reflecting the Lord’s mercy in your life.

C Let us go forth in joy, as we seek to tell the Good News about Jesus, remembering that the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church and School is to nurture and strengthen all of God’s people, so that we may share His love with our community.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful **379: 1-2**
– the words of the song are projected on the screen –

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen!

Silent Prayers **Postlude**
The congregation may leave as the Postlude is shared.
May we greet one another in the name of the Lord Jesus!

End of Worship **Beginning of Service**

✠ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY ✠