RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Christ the King Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost November 24, 2024 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here!

If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor and feel at home among us. In this bulletin, words in bold print are spoken by the assembly, non-bolded words are spoken by a leader. Two abbreviations used for hymns and service elements: ELW stands for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, which is the red hymnal in the book holder attached to the pew in front of you, and ACS is All Creation Sings, which is the blue songbook.

Following the worship service, please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall, downstairs. An usher can direct you to the elevator.

COMMEMORATION IN THE WIDER CHURCH

Sunday, November 24, 2024, Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Monday, November 25, 2024, Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

Saturday, November 30, 2024, Andrew, Apostle

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on SONG 13

Healey Willan

At the ringing of a bell, the assembly stands and faces the font.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (ELW 435)



GREETING (ELW p. 147)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p.148)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p.150)

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

A reading from Daniel.

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One sat on the throne, whose clothing was white as snow, and the hair of whose head like pure wool; whose throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from the presence of the Ancient One, whom a thousand thousands served, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood in attendance. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

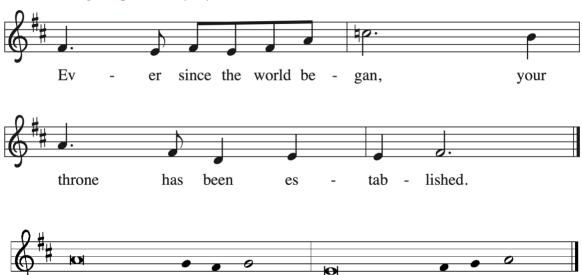
¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One before whom he was presented. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his reign is one that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

The psalm is sung responsively by the whole verse.



¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and [|] armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- [|] not be moved.

² Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established; you are from | everlasting. R

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice; the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea, mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

A reading from Revelation.

⁴⁶ Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before God's throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the rulers of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a dominion, priests serving his God and Father, to Jesus Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

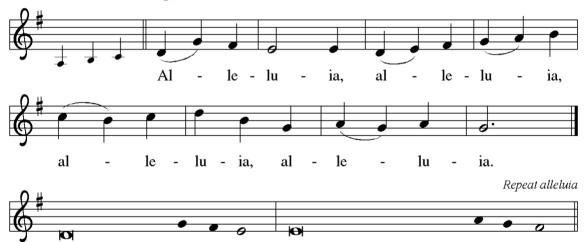
⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. All sing the Alleluias, the cantor sings the verse, the Alleluias are repeated.



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an-cestor David.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-38a

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

- ³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"
- ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not Jewish, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"
- ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the [religious leaders]. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
- ^{38a} Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH MESSAGE

Vicar Jessica Zurcher

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (ELW 634)



- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assembly, please stand.

The response for today's intercessions is "receive the prayers of your people."

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace by bowing, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

Robert Benson

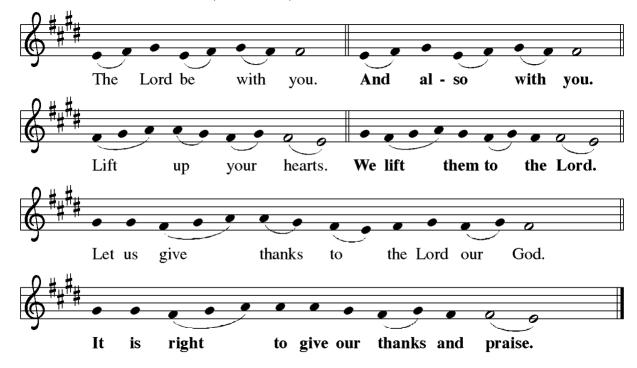
OFFERING AND SETTING THE TABLE

Members of the assembly may bring their offering forward when ushers invite them. Baskets are available to receive your gift at the front of the sanctuary. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW 152)

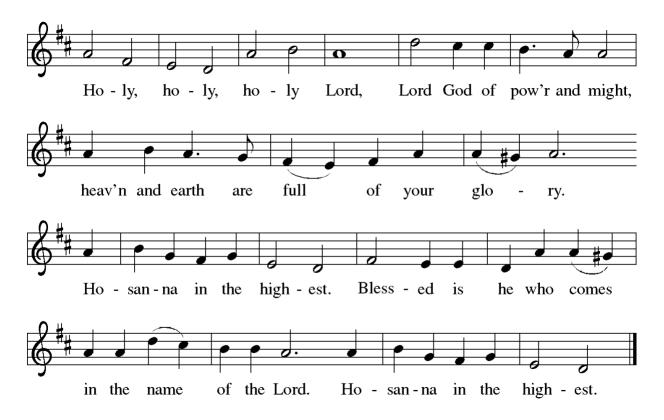
Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: (ELW 152)



The Thanksgiving continues with the Preface for the day; the assembly responds:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

And now, we pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

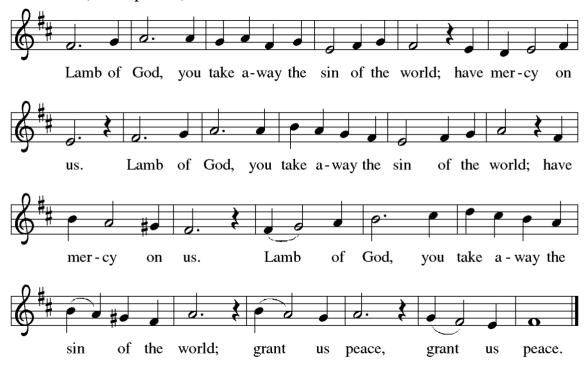
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The assembly may be seated. At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up. To receive the wine, hold a small cup firmly, the assisting minister will pour wine from the common cup. Please do not dip the bread into the wine. Gluten free hosts are also available. Return to your seats by the side aisles. You may elect to commune by receiving the bread only or you may elect to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you," and "the blood of Christ, shed for you." Each person may respond Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 154)



HYMN DURING COMMUNION: Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OUR PLEDGES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

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

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)



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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Our God Reigns"

David Blackwell

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall, downstairs.

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Readings for December 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name, "The Lord is our righteousness" proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

Notes on the music for today

HYMN OF THE DAY: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! ELW 634

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts.

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Tune: CORONATION Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

The first stanza of this hymn was printed anonymously in the *Gospel Magazine* (November (1779). Six months later the *Gospel Magazine* (April 1780) printed it again, this time with seven more stanzas by Edward Perronet and the title "On the Resurrection, the Lord is King." The hymn appeared once more in *A Selection of Hymns* (London, 1787) by John Rippen (1751-1836), There some stanzas were altered or completely changed. The title was "The spiritual Coronation," with a reference to Song of Solomon 3:11. Seven stanzas follow with titles: Angels, Martyrs, Converted Jews, Believing Gentiles, Sinners of Every Age, Sinners of Every Nation, Ourselves." With only minor modifications Evangelical Lutheran Worship uses as its first four stanzas the first four of Perronet from the *Gospel Magazine* and as its last two the last two from Rippon ("Sinners of Every Nation" and "Ourselves").

As with "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" (ELW 620), the name of Jesus is associated with the imagery of the church as the bride of Christ from the Song of Solomon, but here the crowning on the wedding day is emphasized.

Edward Perronet came from a family of Huguenots who had fled from France to Switzerland and then moved to England, where Edward's father was an Anglican priest who sympathized with the Wesleys. In 1746 Edward and his brother became itinerant Methodist preachers. However, against the Wesleys' wishes, as one of these preachers he administered communion. In 1757 he published *The Mitre*, an intemperate satire on the Church of England, which further angered the Wesleys. He left them in 1771 to become one of the ministers of Selina, the Countess of Huntingdon. His attacks were not welcome there either, and he became a Congregational minister of a church near Canterbury. He wrote three volumes of religious poems.

John Rippon was born in England, joined the Baptist church at the age of sixteen, and the next year began to study for the Baptist ministry at the Baptist Academy in Bristol. In 1772, when he was twenty-two, he became the interim pastor at the Carter Lane Baptist Church in London. A year later he was made permanent and stayed for the next sixty-three years, until he died.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Royal Banners Forward Go" Robert Benson (1942) This anthem gives a taste of an ancient procession combined with *Vexilla regis proderunt* chant melody.

Composer's Note: Legend holds that on No-vem-ber 19, 568, St. Ra-de-gund pre-sent-ed to the town of Poi-ti-ers a frag-ment be-lieved to be the true Cross. Fortunatus (the author of the hymn) was the one chos-en to re-ceive the rel-ic on its ar-riv-al at Poi-ti-ers. Imagine then, that along its journey, the relic is being carried in a grand

procession that passes through cities and villages, and throngs of believers gathered along the roadside to see this mighty symbol of the Passion.

The royal banners forward go, The cross shines forth in mystic glow; Where he, by whom our flesh was made, In that same flesh, our ransom paid. Where deep for us the spear was dyed, Life's torrent rushing from His side, To wash us in that precious flood, Where flowed the water and the blood. Fulfilled is all that David told *In true prophetic song of old,* That God, the nation's King should be, And reign in triumph from the tree. O tree of beauty, tree most fair, Ordained those holy limbs to bear: Gone is your shame, each crimsoned bough Proclaims the King of Glory now. Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore The wealth that did the world restore, The price of humankind to pay, And spoil the spoiler of his prev. To you, eternal Three in One, Our songs shall rise in unison; Those whom you ransom and restore, Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on SONG 13 Healey Willan (1880-1968) Orlando Gibbons (baptized 25 December 1583 – 1625) was an English composer, virginalist and organist of the late Tudor and early Jacobean periods. He was a leading composer in the England of his day. He composed SONG 13 in soprano and bass parts and used it as a setting for a text from the Song of Songs. The tune was published in George Withers' *Hymnes and Songs of the Church* (1623) as hymn number 13 (hence the tune name). As in other hymnals, the melody is presented in a simplified isorhythmic (all equal rhythms) form; the more rhythmically varied original also had more notes and was better suited to solo singing.

There are 99 published chorale preludes by Healey Willan, however most of them are not Lutheran in origin. This is the third of Willan's set of Six Chorale Preludes, composed in 1950, based on the hymn tune of Orlando Gibbons, often known in hymnbooks as SONG 13.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Our God Reigns" David Blackwell (1961)

Leonard E. Smith, Jr., (1942) a singer, songwriter and music publisher of pop, gospel, folk, and contemporary Christian music, composed this song in 1973 in Riverton, New Jersey. Educated at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he received a BA in philosophy, Smith first taught in public high schools, but his evangelical efforts in the schools created problems, resulting in his dismissal. He then began painting houses to support his family. One night as he was reading Isaiah 52 he was overwhelmed by the conviction that God was in control of his life and of all creation; he wrote this song that night in just five minutes. The song was first sung at New Covenant Community Church, where Smith served as worship leader. Though not published for some time, it became known internationally when evangelist Bob Mumford included it in his crusades. It was first published in a Servant Publications hymnal, Songs of Praise (vol. 2, 1977). In 1978 Smith added four additional verses. This hymn celebrates the rule and reign of God over the affairs of men and nations. He rules, not like an earthly king, but more like a shepherd taking care of His sheep, or like a mother hen, gathering her chicks under her wings. We are and have always been perfectly safe and secure living in Him. WHAT were we thinking? "In Him we live, and move, and have our being" means exactly what it

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Reader
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Lock-Up, starting November 24

The flowers in the chancel are given by John Wood in memory of his parents, Betty and Bruce Wood

Attendance November 17, 10:00 a.m., 75 Live Stream Views, 15 | Views after Streaming, 25

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