

JANUARY 4, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS

We invite you to help us create sacred space by turning off your electronic devices, breathing deeply, recognizing yourself and the people around you as created in God's image, and praying to be open to the Spirit of God among us.



YOU ARE WELCOME at Resurrection Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

CHILDREN are welcome in worship, and we give thanks for joyful noises made to the Lord! The playground table near the entrance has coloring supplies and the carpeted area in Fellowship Hall (through the doors by the pulpit) has toys and books for children and rocking chairs for parents.

Our sanctuary is great for music but can make hearing spoken words tricky. The pulpit side speakers work best and **HEARING ASSISTANCE** aids are available in the narthex (entryway) or from an usher. Larger print bulletins are also available in the narthex.

RESTROOMS are available at the bottom of the west stairs in the narthex (entryway) of the church. Accessible restrooms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher or pew neighbor if you need help locating facilities.

We are a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST** congregation, openly welcoming, celebrating the participation of, and advocating for/with people of all sexual orientations, gender expressions, and gender identities. In our baptismal affirmation, we promise to strive for justice and peace in all the earth and are committed to anti-racism in the church and world.

We receive **HOLY COMMUNION**, trusting God's promises that Jesus is fully present in, with, and under the bread and wine and that these elements are given and shed for us. Jesus is the host of this holy meal, and we trust he would invite all to come forward to receive. You can also come forward for a spoken blessing.

WORSHIPPING VIA ZOOM, the meeting link is on our website www.rlclakeview.com or go to www.zoom.com and use the following credentials: Meeting ID: 864 1603 4369 and Passcode: 588633. You can also call in using +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago).

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE
WELCOME

Divinium Mysterium

Wilbur Held

HYMN

The First Noel

ELW #300

We face the cross in procession during the opening hymn. Our hymns come from a variety of sources. Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) is the red colored hymnal in our pews. We also draw from All Creation Sings (ACS), a resource we access digitally.



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ^{ce} ^{reign} their . . gold, . . . and



night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Bill Chin

A reading from Jeremiah:

⁷ Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back;
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path where they shall not stumble,
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him
and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.”

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;

I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Signs and Wonders

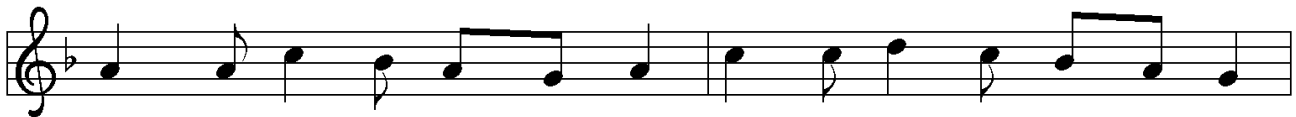
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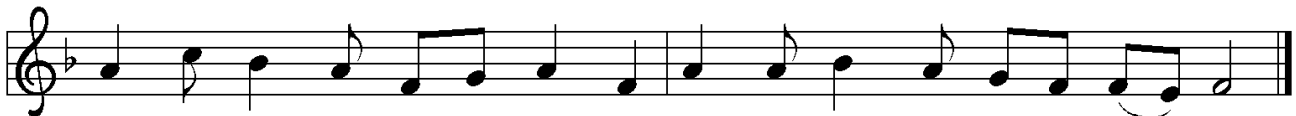
1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:
2 Hope and free - dom join the cir - cle: Mar - y to the gar - den came,
3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;
saw the ra - diance of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name;
God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;
bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, step be - yond the gar - den wall:
Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.
beau - ti - ful the feet pro - ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing.
and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

Kira Hunt

A reading from Ephesians:

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all

things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Your Little Ones Dear Lord Are We

ELW # 286



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
 4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with

come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
 kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
 to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
 all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our

soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
 sweet-est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
 us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
 songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

GOSPEL: John 1:10-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for meditation follows the sermon.

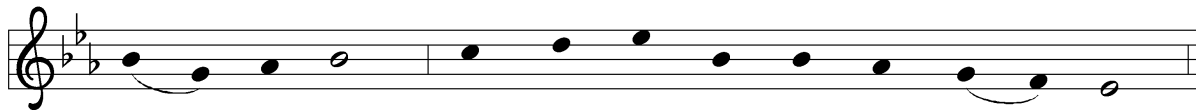
HYMN OF THE DAY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

ELW #295



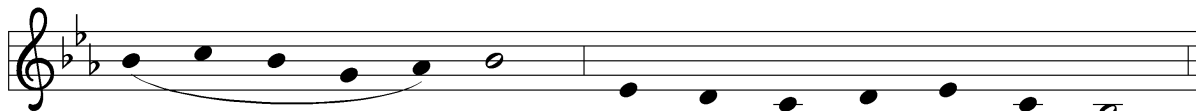
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
prom-ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Beth Barer

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain us in this new calendar year as we do ministry in our neighborhood of Lakeview. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and look to being united with them in your glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We sit after greeting one another in peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

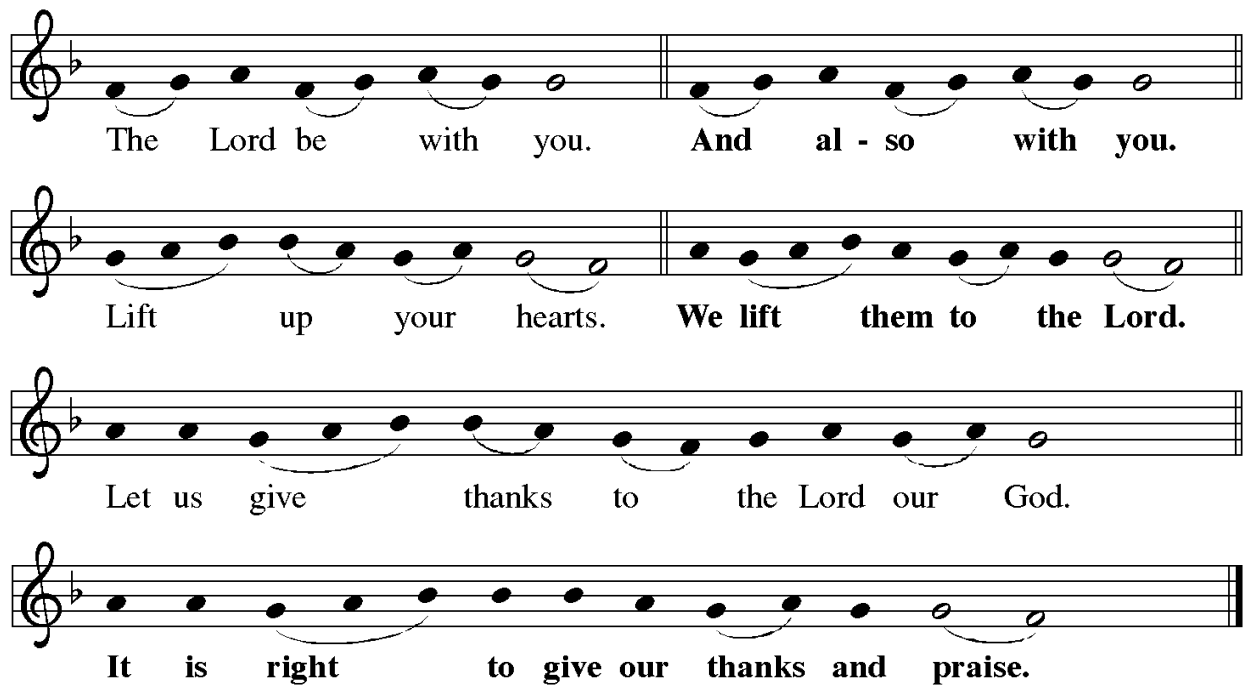
Our offerings include our time, talents, and treasures. Please bring forward when you come to commune or receive a blessing. If you prefer to give online, please visit www.rlclakeview.com/give or Zelle: giving@rlclakeview.com.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Beth Barer

Let us pray: God of glory,
great are your wonders among us
and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,
through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, mostly beamed in pairs or groups of four. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third staff has a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

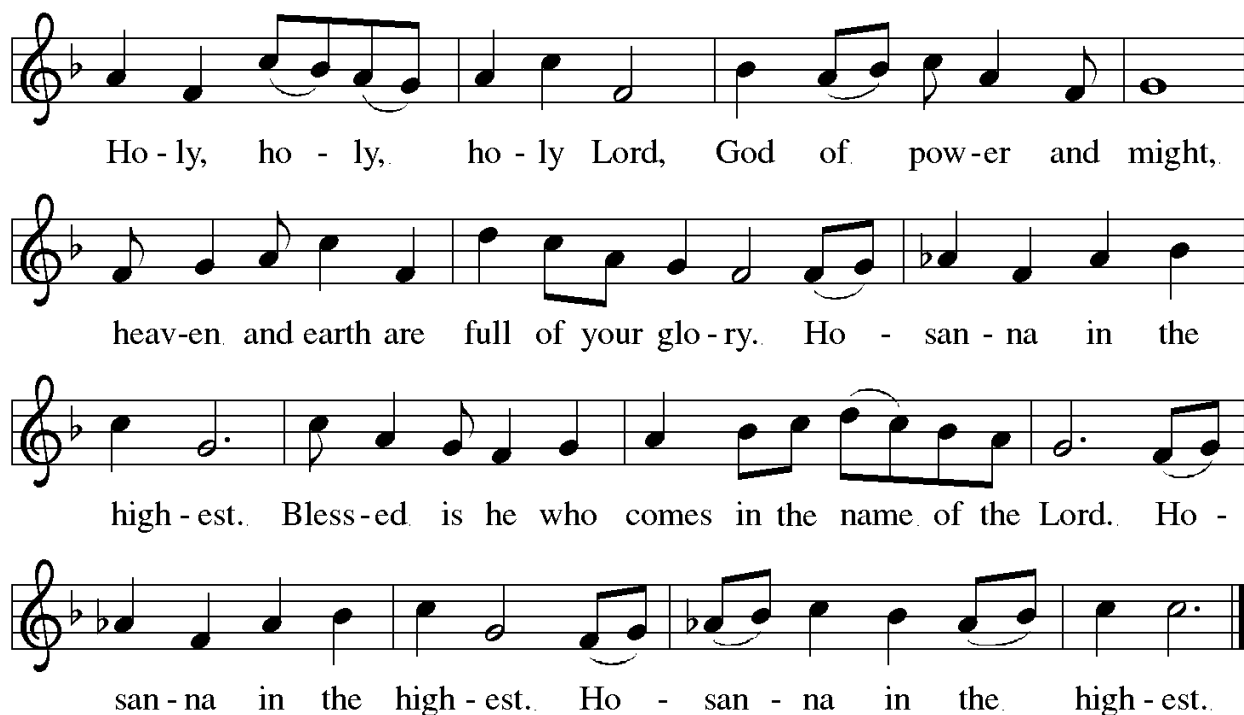
PROPER PREFACE FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our congregation sings or prays the Lord's Prayer in a variety of ways.

During this season, we sing the prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

God is now in flesh appearing.
Come to the feast of joy!
Thanks be to God!

We receive communion in the form of wafer (a gluten-free option is available) and wine or grape juice by intinction (dipping just the wafer in the chalice). We trust that Jesus is fully present in, with, and under the bread and that the sacrament is given “for me.” Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a spoken blessing.

Lamm Gottes, dich nehmen wir heute von der Welt; Erbarme dich über uns.

Lamm Gottes, dich nehmen wir heute von der Welt; gib uns Frieden.





1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

After all have returned to their places, we stand as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Beth Barer

Let us pray: Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.
 May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
 the mystery of your presence.
 Move us to discover the wonders of your love
 in the everyday moments of our lives,
 through Christ born in us.

Amen.

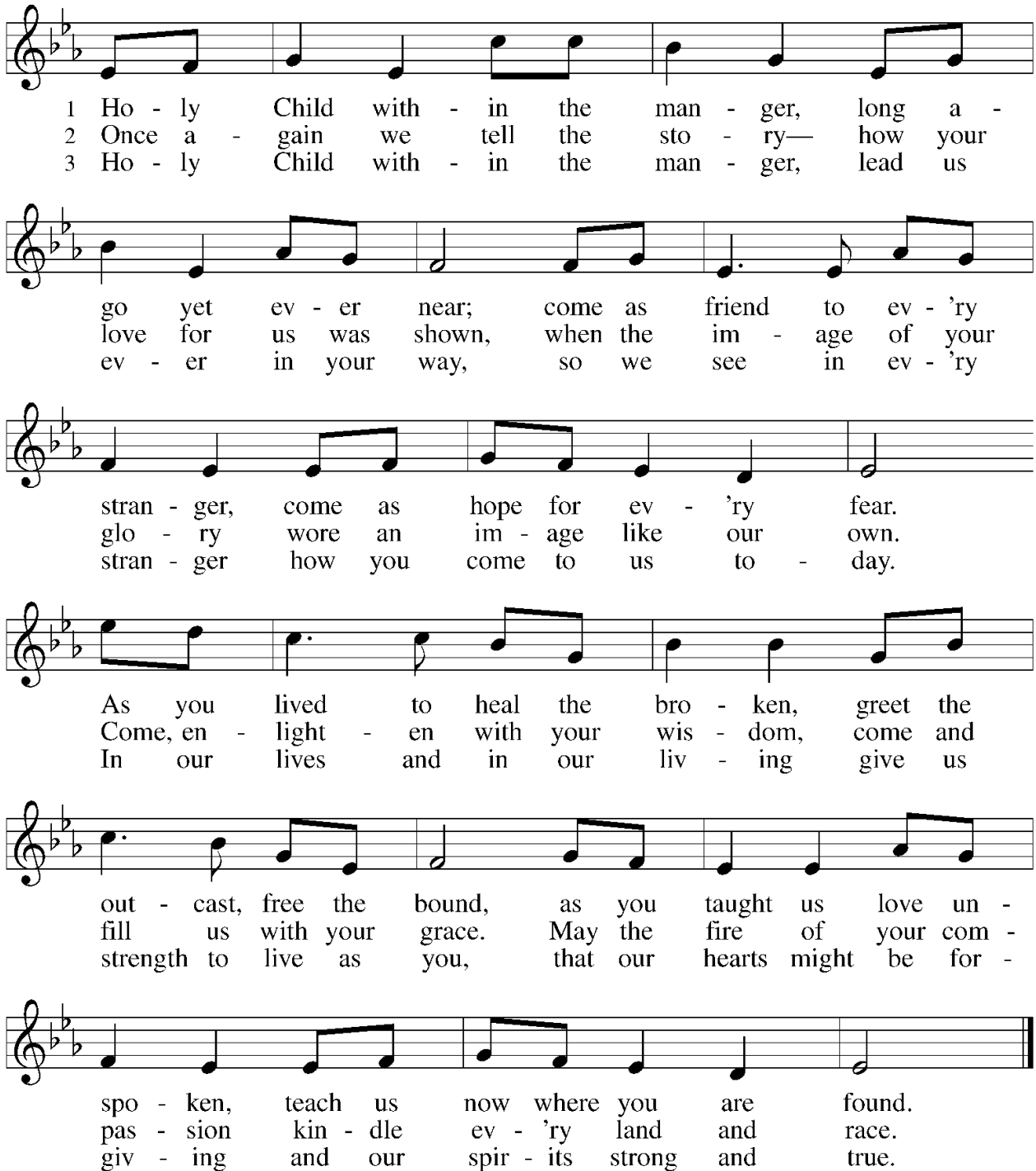
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING HYMN

Holy Child within the Manger

WOV #638



1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -
2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— how your
3 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us

go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry
love for us was shown, when the im - age of your
ev - er in your way, so we see in ev - 'ry

stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.
glo - ry wore an im - age like our own.
stran - ger how you come to us to - day.

As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the
Come, en - light - en with your wis - dom, come and
In our lives and in our liv - ing give us

out - cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un -
fill us with your grace. May the fire of your com -
strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for -

spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.
pas - sion kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.
giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

BLESSING

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Beth Barer

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

Following the dismissal, some people will remain in the pews to listen to the postlude. Others will quietly greet one another or depart toward Fellowship Hall (through the door next to the pulpit) or out the doors onto the sidewalk when weather is mild.

POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye, Merry

Wilbur Held

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER

Pastor Kelly K. Faulstich

TABLESETTER

Beth Barer

ACOLYTE

Simon Barer

ASSISTING MINISTER

Beth Barer

USHERS

Linda and Bill Chin

ZOOM HOST

Chris Barer

LECTORS

Bill Chin

Kira Hunt

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Gary Jensen

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)

Friday, January 9, 2026

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

STEWARDSHIP TEAM PRAYER

You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain us in this new calendar year as we do ministry in our neighborhood of Lakeview.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, HOSPITALIZED, OR RECOVERING AT HOME

Phyllis Apfelbaum, <i>friend of David Thoele</i>	Padraig McGuire
Sharon Bibbs, <i>friend of Dirlams</i>	Patricia McGuire
Wes Calkins, <i>father of Sara Calkins</i>	Pat McKenzie, <i>brother-in-law of Frank Patrick</i>
Clemmer family, <i>friends of Dirlams</i>	Lucy Negron, <i>former neighbor of Sherman Hicks</i>
George Eck, <i>friend of Dirlams</i>	Lauren Schmees, <i>sister-in-law of Katie Schmees</i>
Clayton Gard, <i>nephew of Harry Tingley</i>	Mike Schmees, <i>father of Katie Schmees</i>
Michael Hazard, <i>friend of David Thoele</i>	David Schuman, <i>nephew of Opal Katsma</i>
Harvey Kahler	Robert Schuman, <i>brother of Opal Katsma</i>
Robert Lay, <i>friend of David Thoele</i>	Margaret Traves, <i>cousin of Linda Chin</i>
Dave Mackey, <i>father of Tricia Mackey-Shew</i>	Bill VanDenburgh, <i>uncle of Ann Marie Walsh</i>
Joan and Bob Madsen, <i>sister and brother-in-law of Eloise Thompson</i>	Charlotte VanDenburgh, <i>mother of Ann Marie Walsh</i>
	Duane VanDenburgh, <i>brother of Ann Marie Walsh</i>

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alexandra and Spencer Crowe, <i>niece and spouse of Rick Kline</i>	Joshua Fairbanks, <i>family of Rick Kline</i>
Jonathan and Mark Bangert, <i>family of the Ericksons</i>	Christian Youngman

FOR THOSE BAPTIZED THIS YEAR

Casey Jacob Bergmann 2/2	Henry David Angelino 6/8	Noah Christopher Tracy 6/15
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Dirlam	1.2	Tabitha Barer	1.7	Lauren Meier	1.26
Danie Muriello	1.2	David Thoele	1.13	Grady Prickett	1.28
Christian Youngman	1.4	Lorene Kassiss	1.15	Beth Fulkerson	1.29
Opal Katsma	1.6				

We try to keep our prayer list up to date. If you would like to add or edit someone, please let us know by leaving a note in the offering, emailing or calling the church office (773) 525-0605.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 25 & ANNUAL REPORTS DUE JANUARY 8

Our annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, January 25th following worship. For all teams, committees, small groups, etc., please turn in an annual report by Monday, January 8th for inclusion in the Annual Report Booklet.

Welcome to Resurrection!

We are glad you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting for the first-time or would like to know more about RLC, please complete this form, detach, and put in the offering plate.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am visiting for the first time.
- ☐ I would like to know more about RLC.
- ☐ I am interested in membership.
- ☐ I would like to receive RLC's weekly email.
- ☐ I would like the pastor to contact me via
 - ☐ phone
 - ☐ text
 - ☐ email



THIS WEEK @ RLC

Sunday, January 4, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Monday, January 5, 2026

7:00-10:00 p.m. Windy City
Performing Arts

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

5:30-8:30 p.m. District 19 Mutual Aid
Donation Drop-off

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

5:30-8:30 p.m. District 19 Mutual Aid
Donation Drop-off
7:00-10:00 p.m. Windy City
Performing Arts
8:45 p.m. NA

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9 a.m.- 1p.m. District 19 Mutual Aid
Donation Drop-off
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. LLP Action Team @
LVLC

Saturday, January 10, 2026

9 a.m.- 1p.m. District 19 Mutual Aid
Donation Drop-off

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship
10:50 – 1:00 a.m. LLP Confirmation
@ RLC