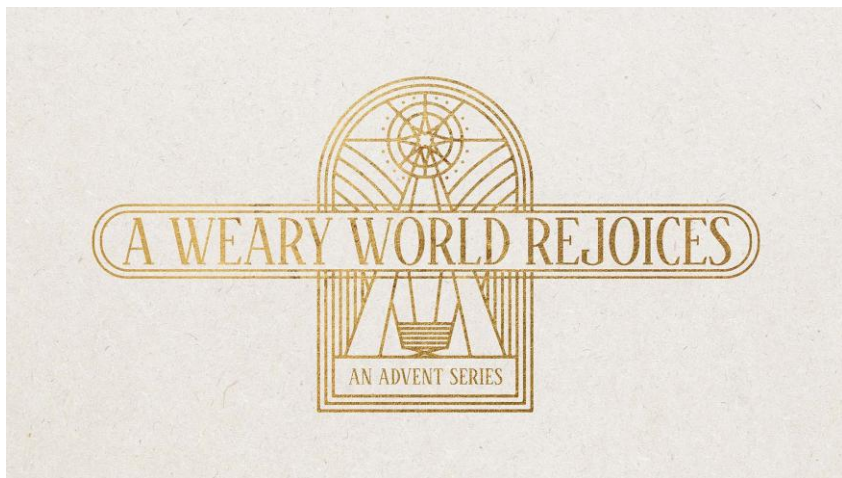




RISEN SAVIOR
L U T H E R A N C H U R C H



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 2025

WORSHIP TIMES
Traditional 8:00 am & 11:30 am
South Building

Contemporary 9:00 am & 10:30 am
North Building

Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd and 5th
Sunday of each month, and every Sunday at 11:30 am

WELCOME TO RISEN SAVIOR

We're glad you're here! Our mission is to engage all generations to be passionate followers of our Risen Savior, Jesus. We've designed our worship service to highlight what God has done for us through His son, Jesus, and allow us an opportunity to respond with praise!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

INVOCATION

☞ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

Lutheran Service Book p. 331 vs. 1-4

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

☞ Let us confess our sins to our Heavenly Father asking for His forgiveness for the sake of His Son Jesus.

(Silent meditation on God's Word and self-examination)

☞ Heavenly Father, we confess that we easily allow the callings of our busy world to rob us of the true peace and joy that comes from the gift of Your Son in Bethlehem. We have let the demands of our world and our own fleshly desires cover up the true meaning of Christmas.

Jesus calls us to come to Him and promises to give us rest. Forgive us and help us to choose stillness and peace in a culture of constant motion. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

☒ Jesus Christ became a human, born of the Virgin Mary, to redeem those under the condemnation of the Law and sin. He is our Redeemer, forgives our sins, and gives us the power to be children of God through the Holy Spirit. Rejoice in His forgiveness and live as beacons of peace in a darkened world.

☒ Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"God Loves Me Dearly"

Lutheran Service Book p. 392 vs. 1-5

THE GREETING

☒ The Lord be with you.

☒ And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☒ Father in heaven, the prophets of old foretold of the coming Savior Who would bring forgiveness and Your peace to the world. John the Baptist's father, Zechariah, proclaimed that the promised Redeemer was at hand. Today we join with the prophets and Zechariah in praising You for saving us through Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☒ Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

(8:00)

“Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow” *arr. J. Schrader*

Richard Gibson – Choir Director; Carla Robertson – Piano

*There’s a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up,
shepherd and follow.*

It will lead to the place where the Savior’s born.

Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd and follow;

Follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

*If you take good heed to the angel’s word, you’ll forget your
flock, you’ll forget your herd.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

(11:30)

“Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow” *arr. J. Schrader*

Richard Gibson – Vocalist; Carla Robertson – Piano

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

VERSE

Lutheran Service Book, p. 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:68–79

APOSTLES CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

Lutheran Service Book p. 347 vs. 1-4

MESSAGE: A Weary World Rejoices

Pastor Ron Burcham

OFFERTORY

“Create In Me”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

℣ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are a giving God.
Daily You abundantly provide for our needs,
including relief and refreshment from the results of our
sins, and You shine Your redeeming Light in our lives.
Accept our gifts and our praise for our new life in You.
Let Risen Savior's ministry engage all people with
Your Good News during this Advent and Christmas
season.

☞ Amen.

OFFERING HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Lutheran Service Book p. 361 vs. 1-4

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

℣ Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(At 8:00 service, please go to the Benediction)

THE PREFACE

(Please Stand)

℣ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also 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 Him thanks and praise.**

℣ It is truly good, right and salutary...

SANCTUS

Lutheran Service Book p. 161

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is a Biblical event, given by Jesus for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins (*Matthew 26*). We invite all baptized Christians, who believe in Jesus Christ as their savior, desire forgiveness of their sins, and believe that the body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you are unsure of what you believe, or have questions, please speak to one of our Pastors.

Children who have not gone through instruction or confirmation may come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms so the server knows that you are not communing.

Grape juice is available in the center cups and is clear in color. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask your server.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- ℣** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ✠** And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

Lutheran Service Book, p.163

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.*

WORSHIP DURING COMMUNION

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

Lutheran Service Book p. 383 vs. 1-5

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Lutheran Service Book p. 374 vs. 1-3

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

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

🗣 Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Lutheran Service Book p. 818 vs. 1-2

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Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:68-79

...sermon notes