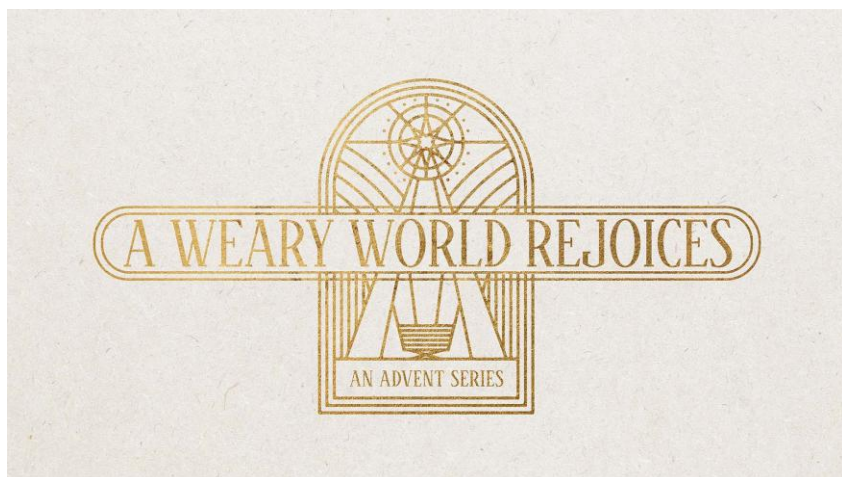




RISEN SAVIOR
L U T H E R A N C H U R C H



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 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

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Lutheran Service Book p. 341 vs. 1-4

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- ☒ The life of a Christian is a daily life of confession and repentance.
- ☒ Almighty God, You sent Your Son into our world of darkness to be the true light of peace that the world cannot overcome. We confess that we have not always let Your light shine in us or through us.

Jesus, the true light, lives in us by the power of the Holy Spirit, and yet we too many times are afraid to let Jesus shine from us, afraid that the world will not accept us or our Christian lifestyle. Because of Your grace, forgive us these sins and the other sins we confess to You now.

(We pause for silent confession)

- ☒ We seek Your forgiveness for the sake of Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen
- ☒ The true light, which gives light to everyone has come into the world. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, the light of the world, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☒ Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Celebration Hymnal p. 271 vs. 1-2

THE GREETING

- ☒ The Lord be with you.
- ☒ And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☒ Come Jesus and fill our lives with Your light of peace. Let Your presence shine brightly even in our struggles in this world so that we never forget the free gift of eternal life coming from You, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☒ Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

(8:00)

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" J. Raney

Richard Gibson, Choir Director; Carla Robertson, Piano

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for the blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.
King of kings yet born of Mary as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

(11:30)

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Richard Gibson – Vocalist; Carla Robertson – Piano

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-3

VERSE

Lutheran Service Book, p. 156

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1–14

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten"

Lutheran Service Book p. 914 vs. 1-4

MESSAGE: A Weary World Rejoices: Light Has Come

Pastor Kevin Austin

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Our gracious Father, the Apostle John wrote by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that everyone who believes in the name of Jesus has become a child of God. Bless the ministry of Risen Savior in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus to our community and beyond, so that many would be made Your children. We pray in our Savior's name.

C Amen.

OFFERING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Lutheran Service Book p. 411 vs. 1-3

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

(Please Stand)

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L 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

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C 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

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

Lutheran Service Book p. 545 vs. 1-4

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Lutheran Service Book p. 332 vs. 1-8

"Arise, O Christian People"

Lutheran Service Book p. 354 vs. 1-4

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

"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

Lutheran Service Book p. 375 vs. 1-2, 5-6

A Weary World Rejoices: Light Has Come

December 21st, 2025

Isaiah 60:1-3 John 1:1–14

...sermon notes