

## **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

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We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis people.

"Resurrection Lutheran Church exists to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour, in an open accepting fellowship, a loving caring community that reaches out to all people to serve Christ through worshipping, teaching, learning, sharing and giving of ourselves to meet the needs of this congregation, the community and the world, as the Holy Spirit moves us."

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025



As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

#### **Lessons & Carols**

Call To Worship (Please Rise)

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful (ELW 283)

Litany Of Light
Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

Hymn It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (ELW 282)

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Hymn: O Little Town Of Bethlehem Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38 Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 Hymn: Away In A Manger (ELW 277)

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Hymn: Angels, From The Realms Of Glory (ELW 275)

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11 Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

Hymn: What Child Is This (ELW 296)

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Peace Of Christ

Offering

Offertory Prayer (Please Rise)

Blessing

Sending Hymn: Joy to the World (ELW 267)

Dismissal: Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

# **PRAYER LIST**

We pray for healing and wholeness for Emily Harper; Alannah Harper; Rose Schmid; Zoey Zalizniak; Linda Lee Paulson; Norm Ouelette for healing; Carrie Kiehn for healing; Kristen Weingartner for healing and strength; Irmgard Litwin for healing; Rebecca Gmeinweser for healing; Lorraine Cowan for healing; Carol Rathgeber for healing; Terry Dizon for healing; Bob Semenoff for healing; Jim Rathgeber for healing; Connie Walters for healing.

We also remember in our prayers:

- Missing and murdered Indigenous Women in Canada, the children and people buried in unmarked graves at Residential Schools and First Nations lands, all who have suffered the trauma of residential Schools.
- Those around the world impacted by the trauma of war, natural disasters, food insecurity, racism and those seeking refuge.
- World leaders, as well as those leading us in our own country, province and city.

### **GIVING AND EXPENSES**

December Givings to date: \$11,300 (Monthly budget is \$12,065.57) 2025 Total Givings: \$154,648.40 (2025 YTD budget is \$144,786.40)

December Income to date: \$17,238.78; Total 2025 YTD Income: \$227,069.47

December Expenses to date: \$4,857.45; Total 2025 Expenses: \$235,240.97

Chequing Account Balance December 26th: \$13,370.06

If you would like to make your offering by Pre-Authorized Remittance directly from your bank account (PAR), forms are available on the back counter or you can speak to Elaine.

Those who prefer e-transfer can send your offering to: resurrectionchurch@sasktel.net

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday 7 – 8 pm	AlAnon (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday 10 am – 3 pm	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday 7 pm – 9 pm	Cantare Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm	Artist Group (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday 5:45 – 8:00 pm	TOPS (Fellowship Hall)
Friday 8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Smitty's Restaurant
(Lawson Heights Mall)	

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Minister Matthew is helping in January. Please sign up to help where
  you can. If you have any questions, please talk to Elaine Leite. Anyone
  from any team is invited to help. There is a sign-up sheet for Musicians
  and Worship Assistants as well for you to volunteer your help.
- Thank you for your donations to the Mitten Tree. Eight gift bags were collected and distributed before Christmas to the Haven House (formerly called the Crisis Nursery), the YWCA Crisis Shelter, Egadz Youth Centre and the Mustard Seed organization that gives out onations to all their warming centres. All your donations were gratefully accepted and will be put to good use.

# Thank you to those helping with today's service:

Worship Leader: Kara Zapf; Worship Assistant: Brady Witt; Musician: Dory Harder; Reader: Betty Harper; Greeter: Fran Newell; Ushers: Betty Harper & Elaine Leite; Refreshments: Adri Booth; Tech Support: David Kirton, Bob Berikoff and Akimwale Akinsete.

# Please join us for Refreshments after service in the Fellowship Hall!

