

Imago Dei

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Sunday | January 25, 2026

WELCOME TO RESURRECTION!

We're glad you're here! At Church of the Resurrection (Rez), we believe that you can be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus. Through this encounter, many people have received healing, become part of a community, and learned to serve others. Our vision is to invite everyone into this kind of transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church, whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or grew up attending church.

If you are visiting us for the first time or watching on livestream, we are so excited to have you with us. We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.



Mather Woodley

Fr. Matt Woodley

Interim Cathedral Dean
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Anglican Diocese
of the Upper Midwest

As the cathedral church, Resurrection is the headquarters for our regional family of churches, the Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest, as well as the home of Bishop Stewart Ruch. The mission of our Diocese is to plant a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit.

We are also a member of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).



Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III
Diocese of the Upper Midwest
midwestanglican.org



VISITING?

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CHILDREN

Children's ministry is available for infants through 5th grade. RezKids Midweek for grades 1 to 5 will resume on January 21. It meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm.

YOUTH

RezYouth, for middle and high school students, resumes on January 21. It meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8/8:30pm. Visit churchrez.org/youth to learn more.

ADULTS

Rooted in Scripture, our adult Bible study, is on break and will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 6:30-8pm, in the Sanctuary.

QUESTIONS?

- For general questions:
office@churchrez.org
- Set up a meeting with a pastor:
meghanrobins@churchrez.org
- Contact non-staff vestry (church board):
rezvestrymembers@gmail.com

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am & 10:30am



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THE WORD OF GOD

In the first half of the service, we encounter God by hearing and responding to his truth in the Bible.

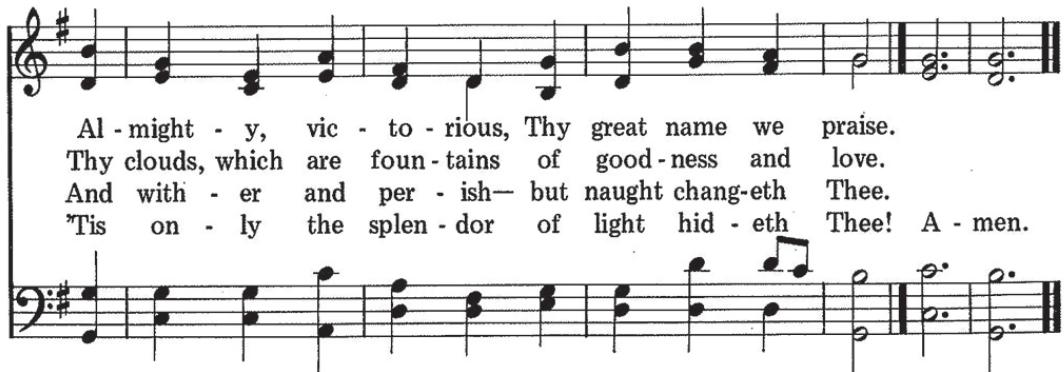
The Processional Hymn

Please stand.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
2. Unresting, unhastening, and silent as light,
3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small,
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou ruler of all might;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
Most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of Days,
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
We blos-som and flour-ish as leaves on the tree,
All praise we would render; O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee! A - men.

Words: Walter C. Smith, 1867

Music: ST. DENIO, traditional Welsh hymn melody

The Acclamation

CELEBRANT: *Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.*

ALL: Amen.

The Summary of the Law

CELEBRANT: *Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:37-40).

The Kyrie

CELEBRANT: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

PEOPLE: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

CELEBRANT: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Songs of Worship

The Gloria may be sung.

The Collect of the Day

A brief prayer on the theme of the day.

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

The Lessons

READER: *A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (ESV)

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139:1-18 (BCP 2019)

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you understand my thoughts from afar.
- ² You examine my path and my places of rest, *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You have enclosed me behind and before, *
and have laid your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, *
so excellent I cannot attain to it.

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6 Where shall I go then from your Spirit, *
or where shall I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make my bed in the Grave, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there shall your hand lead me, *
and your right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me," *
then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Even the darkness is not dark to you,
and the night is as clear as the day; *
the darkness and the light to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself made my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will give thanks to you,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; *
marvelous are your works, and my soul knows it very well.

14 My bones were not hidden from you *
when I was made in secret and fashioned
in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my substance, while I was yet unformed; *
and in your book were all my members written,

16 Which day by day were fashioned, *
when as yet there was none of them.

17 How dear to me are your thoughts, O God. *
How great is the sum of them!

18 If I were to count them,
they would be more in number than the sand. *
When I wake up, I am present with you.

Alleluia

Please stand.

READER: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*

PEOPLE: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Matthew 4:12–25 (ESV)

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Alleluia

The Sermon

The Better Story of Human Dependence

—Fr. Matt Woodley, Interim Cathedral Dean

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The Nicene Creed

*Please stand for the Creed and
the Prayers of the People.*

CELEBRANT: *Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

ALL: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy:*

ALL: *Hear our prayer.*

Global Partner Spotlight: Nathan & Devon

Each week, we pray for one of our global partners. Use this bio as a reminder to pray for them today and throughout the week. Due to safety concerns, we are often limited in how much we can share about the location and nature of this ministry.

Nathan, Devon, and their two young sons live and serve in Central Asia. They are currently on furlough in the US.

The Confession of Sin

DEACON: *Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.*

Please be seated or kneel. There will be a time of silence.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
Amen.

The Comfortable Words

CELEBRANT: *Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).

The Peace

CELEBRANT: *The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: *And with your spirit.*

Please use this time to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

Parents of nursery through kindergarten, please pick up your children from their classrooms before the announcements. Parents of grades 1-5, please stay in your seats. After the announcements, shepherds will bring children to the sanctuary center chute. Children will then find you.

The Offertory

GIVING SUMMARY:

Year to Date Income

July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Actual	Budget	Difference
\$1,279,763	\$1,336,610	(\$56,847)

Current Month Outlook

January Goal	January Giving	Difference
\$185,273	\$171,947	(\$13,326)

GIVE ONLINE:

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I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Most gra - cious Lord; No ten - der voice like
2. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Stay Thou near by; Temp - ta - tions lose their
3. I need Thee ev - ery hour In joy or pain; Come quick-ly and a-
4. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One; O make me Thine in-

Refrain

Thine Can peace af - ford.
pow'r When Thou art nigh.
bide Or life is vain. I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev - ery hour I
deed, Thou bless - ed Son!

need Thee; O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to Thee!

Words: Annie S. Hawks, 1872
Music: NEED, Robert Lowry, 1872

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*In the second part of the service,
we encounter God at his table.*

The Doxology

Please stand.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: *And with your spirit.*

CELEBRANT: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

CELEBRANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

CELEBRANT: *... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

“Holy, Holy, Holy,” by Richard Leonard, © 1997 Laudemont Ministries.

CELEBRANT: . . . *Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

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

CELEBRANT: . . . *By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.*

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

CELEBRANT: *The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

Please be seated. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are committed to following Jesus are welcome to receive Communion. Ushers will release you row by row. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the silver trays. Please dispose of used cups in the buckets available on tables in your section.

Songs of Worship

The Lord is My Light

Theme I

Calmly ♩ = 66

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-vation: in him I trust, in him I trust. The

Theme II

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-vation: in him I trust, in him I trust. The

"The Lord Is My Light," words and music by The Taizé Community, © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé.

Take, O Take Me As I Am

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Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

"Take, O Take Me As I Am," music by The Iona Community, © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Please stand.

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work
you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

CELEBRANT: *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.*

ALL: Amen.

The Dismissal

DEACON: *Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



RezNews

What's next at Resurrection

New? Come to First Step

Today & Sunday, Jan 25, 10:30am

A two-part intro to Rez, upstairs.

RezArts Festival Exhibit

Saturday, Jan 31, 2–5pm

Live music, homemade treats, and fun activities.

MORE

Join the VBS Team! | June 8-12, 2026 | churchrez.org/vbs

Volunteer with VBS. Interested? Email VBS Director RJBoyle@churchrez.org

New Employment Opportunities | churchrez.org/jobs

Part-time 25 hr/wk Communications Manager, full-time Children's Pastor

RezKids Midweek & RezYouth | Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Volunteers needed for RezKids Midweek! Email Director AngelaVahle@churchrez.org

Rooted in Scripture Evening Prayer & Adult Bible Study | Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm

Come for Evening Prayer and study the Gospel of John. Meets in the Sanctuary.

Alpha | Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm | churchrez.org/whatisalpha

Invite a friend. Sign up to bring a meal to Alpha participants.

Save the Date! Diocesan Women's Retreat | April 24-26 | Green Lake, WI

Registration opens in February.

Intercessory Prayer for the Church & the World | All Saints Prayer Chapel

Mondays at 7:30am, and first Saturdays, 8pm

NOTES

Rector Search Updates | churchrez.org/rectorsearch

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January 18, 2026

A Better Story of Dignity



January 25, 2026

A Better Story About Dependence



February 1, 2026

A Better Story of Sexuality

February 8, 2026

A Better Story of Community

February 15, 2026

A Better Story of Our Destiny

