

# Imago Dei

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Sunday | February 1, 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  
[churchrez.org](http://churchrez.org)



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](http://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 meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm.

## YOUTH

RezYouth, for middle and high school students, meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8/8:30pm. Visit [churchrez.org/youth](http://churchrez.org/youth) to learn more.

## ADULTS

Rooted in Scripture, our adult Bible study, meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, in the Sanctuary.

## QUESTIONS?

- For general questions:  
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- Contact non-staff vestry (church board):  
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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.*

### At the Name of Jesus



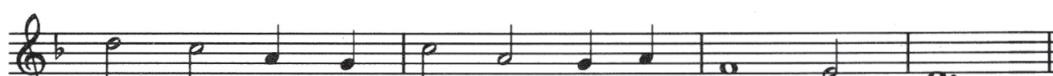
1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 Hum-bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
\*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
\*6 Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.

Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

# 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.*

*O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

### **1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (ESV)**

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 103:1-12 (BCP 2019)

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgives all your sin \*  
and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 Who saves your life from the pit \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, \*  
renewing your youth like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness and judgment \*  
for all those who are oppressed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways to Moses, \*  
his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always chide us, \*  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he set our sins from us.

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**Alleluia**

*Please stand.*

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

PEOPLE: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

**Matthew 19:3-12 (ESV)**

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

**Alleluia**

# The Sermon

## A Better Story of Sexuality

**—Fr. Will Chester, Executive Pastor**

**Ephesians 5:31-32 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

# 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: Fr. Peter & Rachel**

*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.*

Peter, Rachel, and their five children live and serve in the Middle East.

## 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.*

*If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:1-2).*

# 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	\$204,337	\$19,064

### GIVE ONLINE:

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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*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 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

### **Family Lent Workshop for Parents**

Sunday, Feb 8, 1–2pm, Gregory Room

Integrate the church year into your home.

### **Audition for Light & Lessons**

Sunday, Feb 8, 12:30–2pm

Calling middle schoolers through adults! Come prepared with a small speaking part. Children's auditions will be announced soon.

### **MORE**

#### **Ash Wednesday | Feb 18**

Services at 7am, 12pm, and 7pm. Confessions upstairs at 8:30am, 1:30pm, and 5pm.

#### **RezArts Festival Exhibit | Through Lent**

Enjoy the exhibit of original art and poetry by more than 50 Rez artists.

#### **RezYouth March for Life Update | Sunday, Feb 15, 12:30–1:45pm | Gregory Room**

Sharing stories and information on how to get involved with pro-life ministries at Rez.

#### **Join the VBS Team! | June 8–12, 2026 | [churchrez.org/vbs](http://churchrez.org/vbs)**

Volunteer with VBS. Interested? Email VBS Director [RJBoyle@churchrez.org](mailto:RJBoyle@churchrez.org)

#### **New Employment Opportunities | [churchrez.org/jobs](http://churchrez.org/jobs)**

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

#### **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](http://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 February 15.

#### **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](http://churchrez.org/rectorsearch)**

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A Better Story of Sexuality

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A Better Story of Our Destiny

