



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# LAMPLIGHTER

Friends in Christ,

A new year is approaching! Not just a new calendar year, but even more important is the beginning of a new CHURCH year, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. The Church year is a different sort of calendar- a yearly repeated pattern of living in which we revolve our lives around the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and then the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which gives God's people power to continue His work. There is much more than can be said about the beauty of the Church's yearly cycle and pattern, but that will be for a different time.

For now, I want to highlight something new we're going to try. We are going to have a yearly theme! A theme that will take us through the Church calendar year from Advent, through Easter, to Pentecost, until we start all over again with Advent in 2023, and a different theme. This year's theme will coincide with our Mission Statement- "Gathering and Equipping Fully Engaged Disciples through Worship, Fellowship, and Service"... So, without further ado... our theme for the 2022-2023 Church year is.... Drumroll.....

"Fully Human" --- Riveting, I know!!

In particular, our congregation and staff will focus on sometimes overlooked aspects of what make us "fully human" disciples of Jesus, people created in the image and likeness of a "CREATIVE" God (Genesis 1). We are made to be creative mini-creators by God the Father. We can and should appreciate the creations of other humans like us. So, we will be focusing on Music, Art, and Story (think novels and poems, or even movies), and how those creative acts, and our appreciation of them, are part of what make us "fully human" as we are created to be.

In Advent, our mid-week series will focus on music, in Lent mid-week we'll look at art, and in the LONG season of Pentecost we will have a sermon series revolving around stories. I hope we all will see how music, art, and story each point us back to the grace of God and the way He designed the world. I pray we will see how music, art, and story EQUIP us in unique ways to live out Jesus' truth in the world.

There will be other points of emphasis and integration beyond sermons, stay tuned!

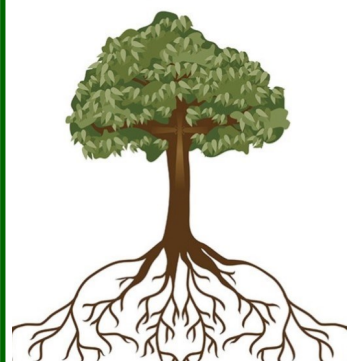
So, as we look ahead to the beginning of a new year November 27, and a yearly theme, I'd leave you with this question to ponder...

"When has music, art, or a story, communicated emotion, truth, or God's love, in a more powerful way than you would otherwise have experienced it?"

*Pastor Gruenwald*

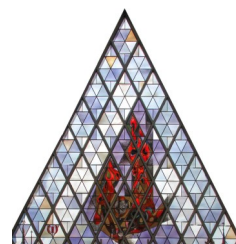


## ROOTED WEDNESDAYS at RESURRECTION



5:30 - 6 p.m. Children's Music - Grades 1-5  
5:30 - 7 p.m. Confirmation - Grades 6-8  
6 - 7 p.m. JAM (Jesus And Me) - Grades K-2  
6 - 7 p.m. Jesus Company - Grades 3-5  
6 - 7 p.m. Handbells  
7 - 8 p.m. Choir

Want more info?  
Call the church office 314-843-6633



Join Us for Worship on Sundays In  
Person or through our YouTube  
Channel. Find our channel easily by  
going to our website [www.lcrstl.org](http://www.lcrstl.org)  
or search **lcrstl** on YouTube

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**Advent Midweek Worship**  
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
In the Sanctuary  
November 30•December 7•December 14



**Festival of Sacred Christmas Music**  
Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m.



**Family Christmas Event**  
Friday, December 16  
6 p.m.  
Cookie decorating, snacks, family games and crafts. Sign up required by December 1st at [www.lcrstl.org](http://www.lcrstl.org)



**Longest Night Worship**  
Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.  
A service of loss and hope



**Christmas Eve Traditional Services**  
Saturday, December 24  
2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day Service**  
Sunday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.



**Adopt-a-Family for Christmas!**  
Adopt-a-Family and Adopt-a-Child distribution begins November 12 & 13. We will have 50 families from Feed My People and children from Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Feed My People will again be collecting gift cards. All gifts will need to be brought to church by Saturday, December 10. Watch for Hearts of Servants volunteers in the Narthex with family information starting on November 12th! Questions? Contact Carol DeGuire or the church office



**Your year-end giving helps us finish strong!**  
Thank you all for your time, effort and monetary donations this past year. We thank God for all of you and the open handed spirit of love you have with the ministries here and in the world!

Members will be sent via USPS 2022 contribution statements at the end of January 2023. To receive an email statement, or if there's a concern, contact Carolyn at 314.756.2956 or [Carolyn@lcrstl.org](mailto:Carolyn@lcrstl.org).

## WAYS TO GIVE

### GIFTS OF CASH or CHECKS

Cash and checks made out to LCR can be placed in the offering baskets on Sunday mornings, mailed, or dropped off in the church office. Some financial institutions will mail checks to us at your direction. Checks dated on or before Dec. 31, 2022 and mailed via U.S. Postal Service with a postmark on or before Dec. 31, 2022 will be counted for 2022 even if received in 2023. **Please do not mail cash.**

### ONLINE GIVING

We offer Vanco Payment Solutions for electronic offerings. The gift date is recorded as the date the funds are taken out of your bank account or are charged to your credit card. Gifts can be given at [www.lcrstl.org](http://www.lcrstl.org). Select the donate tab across the top menu. The green Vanco button will take you to Vanco's website. Vanco offers recurring gifts for your convenience. If you need assistance call us and we can help you set this up.

### GIFTS FROM IRAS, RETIREMENT PLANS and/or DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Gifts from can be dropped off or mailed to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 9907 Sappington Road, St Louis MO 63128. Please ask your plan administrator to include your name and ministry designations with the gift. We will always send you an acknowledgement letter. Please contact us if you do not receive one. Resurrection's Tax Identification Number is 43-0792295.

If the transfer will be made using stock, contact John Gower at 314.961.2092 for transfer instructions.

### GIFTS OF SECURITIES

The gift date is recorded as the date on which the stock is transferred into Resurrection's account. Please request the transfer and notify the office by Dec. 26, 2022. It often takes a few days to verify transfers, particularly during the holidays, and we want to make sure your transfer is complete before we close on Dec. 30. If you are planning to make a transfer, contact the church office so we can check on it. Transfer stock directly into Resurrection's brokerage account by contacting **John Gower 314.961.2092**

**TD Ameritrade Institutional**  
**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection**  
**Account # 902-063258 DTC#0188**

### THRIVENT MEMBERS

Thrivent members can designate **Resurrection—ID# 505367325** as the recipient of their Thrivent Choice Dollars. We received almost \$3,500 from Thrivent last year. **Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Resurrection.** To donate call 1.800.847.4836 and say Thrivent Choice.

**ALSO** Thrivent members are eligible to obtain two \$250 Action Team Cards per calendar year. These help fund ministries like Adopt A Family, Robotics, Shut In Baskets, Trunk or Treat, VBS and more! To find out more about using Action Team cards here at Resurrection contact Jamie at 314.843.6633.