

# RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Welcoming and Worshipping Community*



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## First Sunday in Advent

December 3rd, 2023 || 8:00AM

### WELCOME & MISSION STATEMENT

*(Please stand)*

OPENING HYMN 357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (sts. 1-3)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

LORD HAVE MERCY *(Kyrie LSB 168)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64: 1-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*(Please stand)*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:24-37

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*(Please be seated)*

HYMN 355 "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" (sts. 1, 4-5)

SERMON

OFFERING AND RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

*(Please stand)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

PREFACE *(LSB 177)*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(LSB 178)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

*(Please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 542 "When I Behold Jesus Christ"

*(Please stand)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

*(Please be seated)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please stand)*

CLOSING HYMN 349 "Hark the Glad Sound"

**WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS!!!**

*"We are inspired by the Word of God to be a welcoming and worshipping community, equipping people to live out and share their faith in love."*

## This week @ RSLC

### SUNDAY December 3rd

8:00am || Traditional Worship Service  
9:15am || Bible Study- All Ages  
10:30am || Contemporary Worship Service  
11:45am || Voters Assembly- DCE Call  
4:00pm-5:00pm || Confirmation  
6:00pm-8:00pm || Advent By Candlelight

### TUESDAY December 5th

5:30pm-6:30pm || Youth Handbells

### WEDNESDAY December 6th

8:30am || Men's Bible Study  
9:30am-11:00am || Women's Bible Study  
12:00pm-2:00pm || GO Committee  
5:30pm || Advent Meal  
6:30pm || Advent Service  
7:30pm || Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY December 7th

9:00am-11:00am || Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm || Praise Team Rehearsal

### FRIDAY December 8th

10:00am-11:30am || Mustard Seed Connect  
1:00pm-3:00pm || Mahjong Group



**Youth Wreath  
Fundraiser**  
Select items still  
available

## Next week @ RSLC

### SUNDAY December 10th

8:00am || Traditional Worship Service  
9:15am || Bible Study- All Ages  
10:30am || Contemporary Worship Service  
11:45am || Youth Band  
11:45am-1:00pm || Live Nativity Rehearsal  
4:00pm-5:00pm || Confirmation

### MONDAY December 11th

6:30pm-8:00pm || Board of Elders Meeting

### TUESDAY December 12th

5:30pm-6:30pm || Youth Handbells  
6:30pm-8:30pm || Board of Directors Meeting

### WEDNESDAY December 13th

8:30am || Men's Bible Study  
9:30am-11:00am || Women's Bible Study  
12:00pm-2:00pm || GO Committee  
5:30pm || Advent Meal  
6:30pm || Advent Service  
7:30pm || Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY December 14th

9:00am-11:00am || Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm || Praise Team Rehearsal

### FRIDAY December 15th

10:00am-11:30am || Mustard Seed Connect  
12:30pm-1:30pm || Mission Action Meeting

### SATURDAY December 16th

7:00am-10:00pm || Cornerstone Ministry



JOIN US FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL

# LIVE NATIVITY

Friday December 22nd  
5-8pm

Shows every hour, 5:15, 6:15, & 7:15

Live Music, Kids Crafts, Face Painting,  
Photobooth, Free Drinks and Cookies



## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **DCE CALL COMMITTEE VOTERS MEETING- TODAY**

**TODAY** December 3rd, immediately following the 10:30am service, we will have a special voters assembly to hear the recommendation of the DCE Call Committee. You can join online on Zoom if you are unable to attend in person.

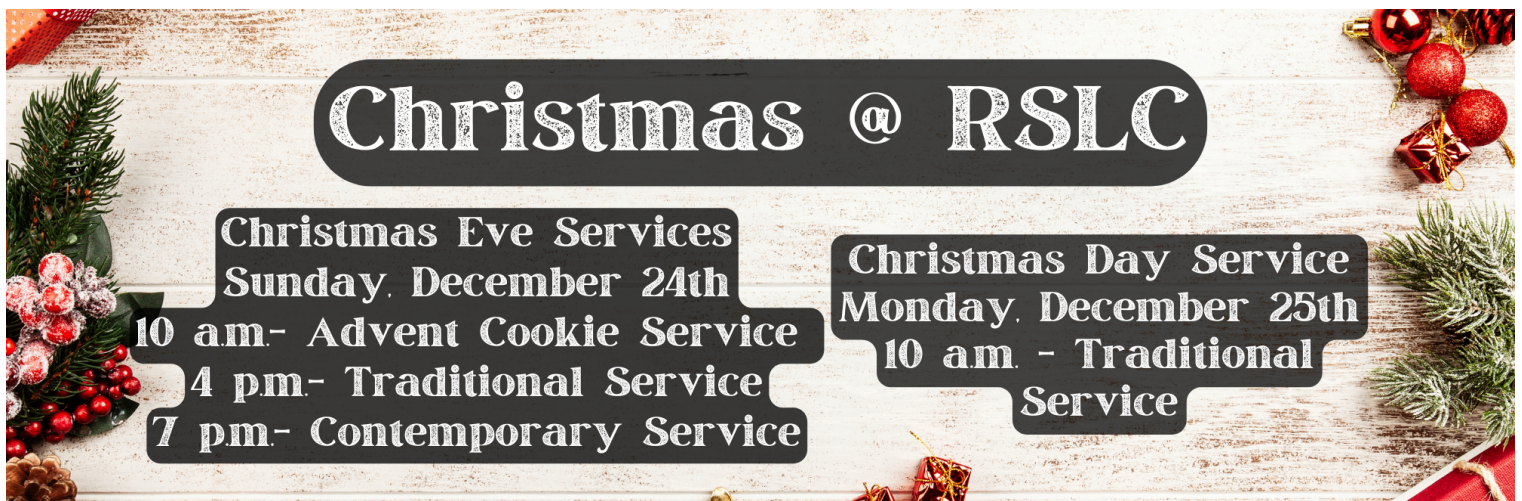


### **LIVE NATIVITY COOKIES AND TREATS NEEDED**

We are seeking donations for the cookies and treats the night of the Live Nativity, Friday December 22nd. You can bring donations to the church starting Sunday December 17th, and anytime that week up to the start of the event. If you have questions, contact the office.

### **LIVE NATIVITY HELPERS NEEDED**

You can find a sign up sheet in the Narthex for help on Friday December 22nd. We are in need of Parking Attendants, Show Ushers, Kids Crafts and Kitchen Helpers. You can sign up for a time slot the night of the event and you will receive an email reminder a few days before the event. Help us make this community outreach a success, and help us share the story of Christmas with our neighbors and friends.





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## SALVATION ARMY RED BELL RINGERS

The RSLC family members have the opportunity to ring bells for Salvation Army starting in November. This program aids Salvation Army in getting donations to help children and community members. Make it a family time together of doing good. In order to register and schedule bell ringing slots, go to:

- [registertoring.com](http://registertoring.com) (information)
- Click on "I'm ringing with a group"
- The website will ask you to create an account and once you do, you will be able to reserve and cancel shifts and see how much your group raised throughout the Christmas Season.
- Enter group code (**RisenSavior23**) and click submit
- Access to all the available shifts at the the group location.
- View and register carefully. You can always cancel your scheduled event and let others participate.

## F.I.S.H.- Fellowship In Serving Humanity

Your generosity through church provides for family needs through this local food bank. Donations can be dropped off in the FISH baskets in the hallway at church. Suggested donations for the upcoming months:

- December: canned vegetables, crackers, dry pasta, cooking oil, juice.

Any and all other non-perishable good donations are also welcome and appreciated! For additional information, please contact Al Lonon through the [church office](#).

## END OF YEAR GIVING REMINDERS

To ensure your gifts intended for 2023 are tax deductible for 2023, please observe the following guidelines.

-Gifts via check or cash must be placed in the offering plate no later than Sunday, 12/31/2023, the last worship service of the year.

-Checks mailed to the church must have a postmark of 12/31/2023 or earlier.

-Submit credit card gifts by the end of day on 12/30/2023 to ensure processing by 12/31/2023.

-Disbursements from IRAs or other investment accounts must include your have to ensure inclusion in your giving record and be disbursed by 12/31/2023. The last business day of the year is 12/29/2023.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Lord's work at Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Please contact Don Stoeher, Financial Secretary, through the church office with any questions.

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*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

## **WAYS TO GIVE:**

- Cash or check: offering taken during service
- **Realm:** set up giving through your Member login
- Text Giving: text our church's keyword "LOVE2GIVE2RSLC" TO 73256
- More giving options available at [www.rslc.org](http://www.rslc.org)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**