

A woman with blonde hair is looking out of a window. The window is decorated with Christmas ornaments, including a red and white striped stocking and a white ball. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an evening or indoor lighting.

COMPANY'S COMING

Resurrection
LUTHERAN CHURCH



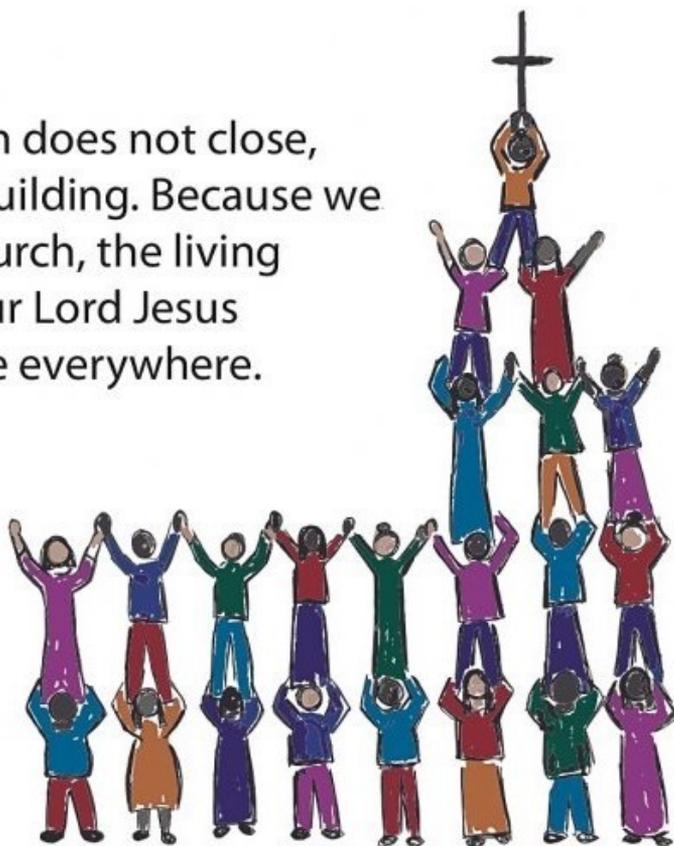
Living the Celebration

Ephesians 1:3-14

- January 3, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule
10:00 am– Streaming Worship Service

The church does not close,
only the building. Because we
are the church, the living
body of our Lord Jesus
and we are everywhere.



Office Hours: By Appointment Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm
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**January 3, 2021
10:00 am Service**

PRELUDE

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” (*Choral and Variation*) ... S. Scheidt

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn” *LSB 391*

Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn,
A Savior unto us is born,
The Christ, the Lord of glory!
His lowly birth in Bethlehem
The angels from on high proclaim
And sing redemption's story!
My soul, extol
God's great favor;
Bless Him ever
For salvation;
Give Him praise and adoration!

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” *LSB 395 verses 5, 6*

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way –
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation! Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of glory!

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What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
A-men! A-men!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of new seasons, new life, and new mercies, we take in the new with You. We trust You as You do new things. We look forward to the new hearts, the new lives that will see You, and a world where You'll make all things new. You hold our world in Your hands and spin it on its axis every day with a new sunrise and a new sunset. God, You are the same yesterday, today, and forevermore, and You have a tradition of doing new things to and in us. We offer ourselves to You, again, this year. Take us into the new with You, living the celebration of Your Gospel!

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: O Lord,

C: We read in Ephesians that we were chosen by God before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before God in love. Such a privilege... Such a responsibility.... God chose us...to be holy and blameless. We do try, but being holy all the time is not easy. Forgive us Lord, when we fail. We also read that we are destined for adoption as God's children through Jesus Christ... Such a privilege... Such a responsibility....Our identity as members of God's family should be apparent to others...That means being recognizable as Christians through our words and deeds. Forgive us Lord, when we fail.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Hear again the good news: Because of the riches of God's grace: in Jesus we have redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of our trespasses in His name, His Father's and + the Holy Spirit. Rejoice and go forth living the celebration with all of the gifts of God's generous and amazing grace.

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

“Come, Saviour of the Gentiles” ... *A. N. Vetter*

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come” *LSB 332 verses 1, 6-8*

Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the victory won.
By Your mighty power make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

SERMON

Living the Celebration

Ephesians 1:3-14

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

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"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-icms.org*

PRAISE SONGS

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) “

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

In the bleak mid-winter
All creation groans
For a world in darkness
Frozen like a stone
Light is breaking
In a stable for a throne

Chorus

(And) He shall reign forevermore forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore forevermore
Unto us a Child is born
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore forevermore

If I were a wise man
I would travel far
If I were a shepherd
I would do my part
But poor as I am
I will give to Him my heart

Bridge

Here within a manger lies the One
Who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice
Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears
The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years
Christ the Messiah

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

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
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen!

CLOSING SONG

“Living Hope”

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written

Jesus Christ my living hope
Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo ... *F. W. Zachow*



CELEBRATE JESUS CHRIST
JESUS - FOR ALL PEOPLE!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs:	Dale & Suzy Lindeke
Elder:	Andy Andrew
Organist:	Carl Kishline
Reader:	Suzy Lindeke
Worship Team:	Chris Linderman

- **We give thanks for all the blessings of the past year. You have helped us in the past, and there is no end to your mercy.** In these difficult times, protect your church from the assaults of the evil one. Keep all pastors from false teaching, and keep your flock from indifference and shame.

In Our Prayers:

- **We lift up all those who are having a hard time living your celebration because of grief, loss of employment, who struggle with COVID restrictions, or anything else that wears people down.** May your presence surround them and may your gentle Spirit rest upon them and dwell with them. We also pray we could be people of love and care, who are present and listen in these tough times.
- **Bless the nations of the earth with leaders who are wise and just, with public servants who are compassionate and patient, and with citizens who are honorable and respectful.** Bless all the lawful actions taken by our country. Do not let us grow weary in well-doing.
- **Remember with compassion all those who call to you in any time of need.** At this time we pray especially for all those who are sick, struggling, and in need of healing. Surround them with your mercy, defend them against every danger, and keep them steadfast in the faith. Bring your peace and comfort to them in all ways.
- **We continue to lift up the families of Joan Wolfe and Skip Griffith as they mourn them.** Continue to sustain them with your love, comfort, and Gospel soul care. May your Gospel love surround them and may we continue to hold hands with them. We especially lift up the Wolfe family and the celebration of life we will have for Joan, that your presence would be felt.
- **And now we take a moment of silence to lift up all the other prayers and people who are on our hearts.**

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS Living the Celebration

Share you are looking forward to the most in 2021. How do you think your answer to this might have been different a year ago? What does this make you realize?

Read Ephesians 1:3-14. In verse 3 we read we are blessed. Let's now work through the rest of the passage and make a list of all the ways that God blesses us and reminds us who we are in him. Then throughout the week and year look at this list over and over to remind you of how Emmanuel is always blessing you!

Which of these speak most deeply to you as you seek to live the celebration of the company who have come?

What are obstacles that keep us from living the celebration?

How might you live in celebration of the hope we have in Christ this coming year?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Closed Tomorrow

With New Year's Day falling on a day the office is closed, it will be observed tomorrow. We will be back in the office on Tuesday if you need anything. God's Blessings and Happy New Year!

New Series Starting Next Week—Follow Me!

The season of Epiphany has always been about seeing the light that is Jesus the Christ breaking forth into the world in which we live. While there is beauty in the presence of Christ, it is a beauty that calls forth a response. There are many ways to respond to the presence of Christ. In this series, we focus on the invitation to follow. It is the mission of the church to make disciples, even as we are being made disciples. It is an ongoing process to follow Jesus; a transformation that continues through every stage of our lives.

What's Coming Up

Next week we begin our new series "Follow me!" We survived 2020, and so it is time to embrace a new possibility, a new hope. The heavens have been torn open. But this isn't a threat; it's a promise of something new, something better. Let the waters of baptism renew us and cleanse us for our mission and ministry as followers of Jesus. Join us on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 10 am on Jan. 10th to explore how we follow Jesus into 2021! We look forward to seeing you!

January Service Announcement

January 10th's service will be livestream only. Following that the leadership is working on an idea of having one in-person service by reservation and following safety procedures sometime during the month of January. We are still working on the details of when that service will be and what it will look like. We will let you know the details of it as soon as we have them worked out. Please continue to pray for healing and wisdom for all through this.

Our 2021 Tri-Annual Giving Partners Oder

As lift these ministries in our prayers that they would continue to be a blessing of the Lord to our community here is the order in which we will be giving to them in 2021.

January-April 2021: Des Moines Food Bank

May-August 2021: Des Moines Police Chaplains' Fund

Sept.-Dec. 2021: Lighthouse Family Ministries NW

Zoom Bible Study Starts Back Up Jan. 6th

Join us either at 10 am or 7 pm for Bible Study. We will be looking at how we live the celebration of Emmanuel and shine out his light as we meet on Epiphany! We look forward to seeing you there!

Joan Wolfe's Celebration of Life-Livestreamed Jan. 9th at 2:30 PM

Because of COVID restrictions Joan Wolfe's Celebration of Life will be limited in person to family members and invited guests only. We will be livestreaming the service on YouTube and will send out the link for the service later this week. Please continue to keep Joan's family in your prayers as they prepare for this service.