

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 it might be nighttime.

COMPANY'S COMING

Resurrection
LUTHERAN CHURCH



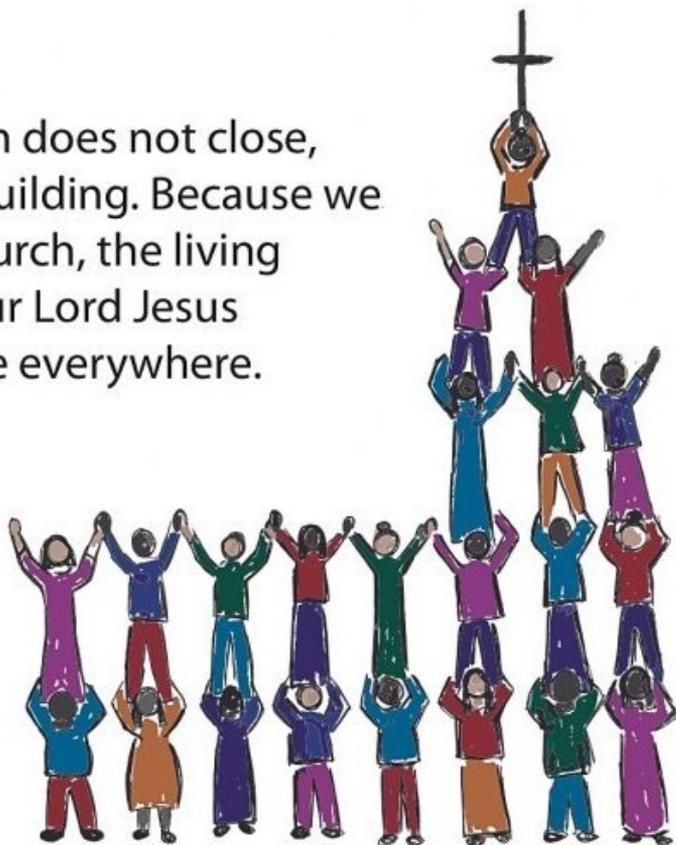
This Place Is a Mess!

Isaiah 64:1-9

- November 29, 2020 -

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
Email: secretary@resurrection-lcms.org

November 29, 2020
10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” – *arr. Ruth Elaine Schram*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

OPENING HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *LSB 357 verses 1, 4, 6*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Israel!

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

CANDLE LIGHTING

P: If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

C: The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence.” So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be Your people, a people of hope.

P: We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that You can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that You still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

(Light the Candle of Hope)

C: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

RESPONSIVE VERSE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” LSB 357 verses 7

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Israel!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Patient, Everlasting source of Life,

C: We know that You are present with those who gladly do what’s right; we know that You remember those who remember You; we know that Your judgment is just. We hunger for the assurance of Your love, but in our hearts we feel unclean. We fear that the acts we think so righteous are more like filthy bits of cloth, unfit to dress a wound or to clothe the naked. Do not be angry beyond measure, O holy and loving champion of the forgotten. Do not remember our sins forever, but embrace us with Your love, for we are all Your people, even though we so often forget.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Fear not, for our Creator is the loving maker of everything. We are the clay; each one of us is being formed by God’s all-loving hand, crafted for a purpose and cherished as a vessel made for love. In the name of the Father, Jesus, who is the Christ, + and the Holy Spirit you are forgiven all your sins.

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

“Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying” – *arr. Edward Broughton*

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-27

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

“Lo, He Come With Cloud Descending” TCH 754

Lo, He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in dreadful majesty!
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.

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Now the Savior, long-expected,
See in solemn pomp appear.
All His saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the day of God appear.

Yea, amen! let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne.
Savior, take the pow'r and glory;
Claim the kingdom for Thine own.
O come quickly! O come quickly!
Everlasting God, come down!

SERMON

This Place Is a Mess!

Isaiah 64:1-9

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

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

PRAISE SONG

"God With Us"

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be Light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Chorus

Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us
You are God with us

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world
For Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Bridge x2

You are here
You are holy
We are standing in Your glory (Lord)

Ending

Oh God with us
You are God with us

“Speak O Lord”

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

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Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

POSTLUDE

“Advent Joy!” – *Steven Scott*



THIS PLACE IS A MESS!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs:	Dale & Suzy Lindeke
Elder:	Joe Thomas
Organist:	Karen Tiffany Burgess
Worship Team:	Chris Linderman

In Our Prayers:

- **We pray over all the messes of this world.** There are so many we hear about constantly that it can overwhelm us. Fear, panic, anger, frustration, and pain can cause so many of these messes, so we pray that you would come Lord Jesus quickly to bring restoration and recovery from them.
- **Lord Jesus Christ our God, You traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”** At Your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of this virus, that we may experience Your healing love. Heal those O Lord who are suffering with this pandemic's illness. May they regain their strength and health through medical care.
- **Heal us from our fears, which prevent nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.** Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all and physician of our souls and bodies, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.
- **We lift up to you all who need your healing hand that you would bring full recovery.** Be their comfort and compassionate God. Give us chances to reach out and be encouragers, even if by mail or phone. We also pray for all who are struggling with anxiety or loneliness because of the new restrictions, bring your presence to them and allow us to hold hands with them in creative ways!
- **And now we take some time of silence to type out or lift up all the prayers on our hearts this day that the Lord has made.**

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

This Place is a Mess!

Share an experience of being in a messy room or house.

Read Isaiah 64:1-9. How did God say he was going to clean up the mess in this passage? Where in this passage did the Israelites realize they were part of the mess? What is their response? How should their response inform our lives and the messes in them?

Reading through this passage how does God respond to the mess, in other words, where do we see Isaiah affirm that even when things seem to be falling apart around us that God is faithful? How does he respond to our messes and to things when they are falling apart?

Share a time you prepared for something? How is Advent a time of spiritual preparation? What (and Who) are we preparing for?

How has all that has happened in 2020 shaken off a sense of complacency and normalcy? How is the season of Advent a reminder that God is with us in the chaos?

How might this season of Advent be a time when you can prepare yourself to experience God's presence more fully?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Coming Up

As we continue our Advent series Company's Coming, next week we will see the clean-up crew God sends to clean up the mess. We will also be reminded that we are part of that crew, and so we have to ask, "What can we commit to do to help prepare the way for the Lord?" Join us on facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rldesmoineswa> at 10 am to find out.

Moving to Livestream Only Services Through Dec. 13th

While we know this is not ideal for anyone, we do feel it is the best compromise for everyone in the congregation. The reason for this is that while I was collecting responses from everyone, the unifying theme is that we are a worshiping and singing church. With the new requests from the government that we limit or remove singing from our service, we are trying to find a balance that feels safe for the service volunteers as well as you, our congregation members, during this time of escalating COVID cases.

The Office Is Closed, Call to Set Up an Appointment to Stop By

Office visitations will be by appointment only. We are happy to have you come by, but we want to make sure all staff is aware of your visit ahead of time and can prepare accordingly. Rachel will still be in the office for her normal hours, and will also continue to be available via email and phone.

Zoom Bible Study Restarts on Wednesday for Advent at 10 am and 7 PM

Join us on zoom this Wednesday at 10 am or 7 pm for our first Advent Bible Study! We hope to see you all there as it is a great time of fellowship. Also if you need help with zoom please let us know!

Voters' Meeting on Youtube after Service on Dec. 13th.

Because of the restrictions still in place we will be having everyone use a private link on Youtube to take part in this years Voters' Meeting to approve the 2021 budget. This will take place after service on Dec. 13th. We will send the link out via email closer to the date of the meeting.

Take the Survey for the Triannual Giving Partners

On Wednesday a survey to determine our Triannual giving partners for 2021 was sent out. Please respond with your 3 choices for our giving partners. Finally, if you are having any issues with the survey please email the office and we will work to get you a secondary ballot.

It's Not Too Late to Help with Angel Tree!

At our last meeting the Executive Council allocated \$300 from the Social Action Fund to purchase gift cards for the Angel Tree Ministry. If you had wanted to give to this ministry, but were not able to get a card, you can make a check out to Resurrection with Social Action in the memo line. This will help offset the cost of the cards and can go toward future giving in the community!