

A woman with blonde hair and a red headband looks out a window. The window is decorated with Christmas ornaments, including a white and red striped one, and lights. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an evening or night setting.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



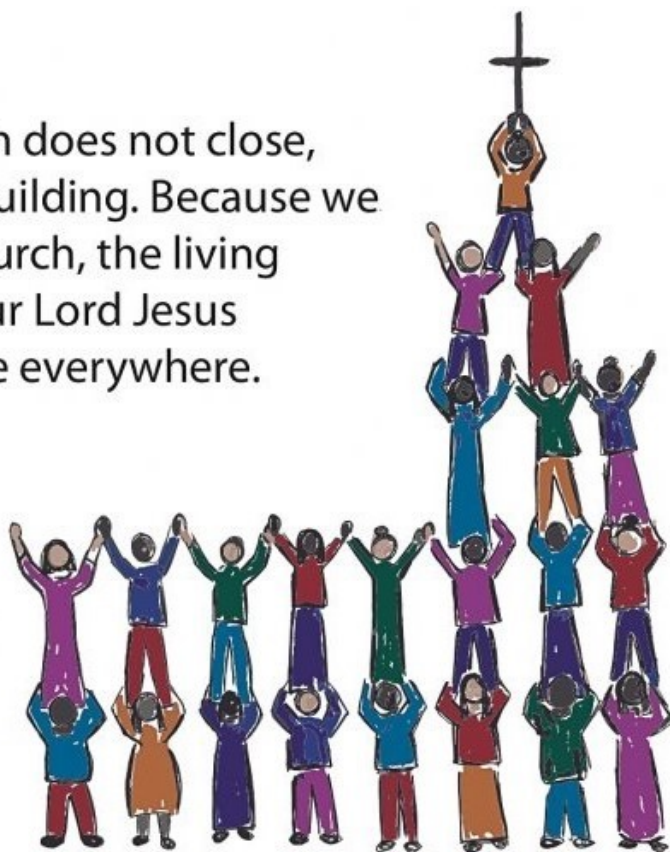
*Waiting on the Threshold*

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

- December 20, 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.



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**December 20, 2020**  
**10:00 am Service**

**PRELUDE**

**Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 599, J.S. Bach**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

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

**OPENING HYMN**

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful” LSB 379 verses 1, 2**

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him  
Born the king of angels;

**Refrain**

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy,  
Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing!

**Refrain**

## CANDLE LIGHTING

P: We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see God's presence and messengers in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

**C: Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.**

P: We light this candle with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath.

*(Light the Candle of Peace)*

P: This light of Emmanuel shines in a confused and confusing world and is a peace that passes all understanding.

**C: It is the peace that knows that company is coming.**

## RESPONSIVE VERSE

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful" LSB 379 verse 3**

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest:

### Refrain

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

# ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Lord,

**C: You know that the time we've spent away from You has been filled with turmoil, disappointment, frustration, heartache, and despair. We have forgotten all about being blameless and turning the other cheek. We gave in to urges to be petty, spiteful, and hurtful. And while "telling it like it is" sure felt good at the time, we now find ourselves empty, confused, and ashamed. Today, we come here for Sabbath, for rest, refreshment, and renewal. Lord, we want to be sanctified and holy; we do. We want to be kind, to hold on to the good and encourage and greet each other in love, but You're going to have to help us – a lot. Fill our mouths with praise and laughter, our hearts with joy and peace and our souls with quiet satisfaction.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: The good news is that the grace of our Lord is all over us, no matter what comes or what goes. Whether there are floods, earthquakes, overdue bills, disease, hardheaded children, unresponsive parents, betrayal, unfaithfulness – it doesn't matter because God is bigger than all the things that perplex us. May our hearts and minds be filled with confidence and peace because we are forgiven all our sins in the name of the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit

**C: Amen!**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

**Magnificat (excerpt), Opus 41, no.2a, A. Guilman**

## GOSPEL READING

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:26-38

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

### **"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" LSB 366**

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats  
O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

All you, beneath your heavy load,  
By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way  
With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
Of Him the angels sing.

For lo, the days have come to pass  
By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years  
Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth  
God's ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear  
The song the angels sing.

## SERMON

### **Waiting on the Threshold**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

*Pastor Matthew Mantey*

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the  
"Give to RLC" button at [resurrection-lcms.org](http://resurrection-lcms.org)*

## PRAISE SONGS

### **“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground) ”**

What hope we hold this starlit night  
A King is born in Bethlehem  
Our journey long we seek the light  
That leads to the hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age  
Four-hundred years can He be found  
But broken by a baby's cry  
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

#### **Chorus**

Emmanuel Emmanuel  
God incarnate here to dwell  
Emmanuel Emmanuel  
Praise His name Emmanuel

The Son of God here born to bleed  
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow  
And we beheld this offering  
Exalted now the King of kings  
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground

#### **Chorus**

### **“What a Beautiful Name”**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

#### **Chorus 1**

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

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You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

### **Chorus 2**

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

### **Bridge 1**

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

### **Bridge 2**

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

### **Chorus 3**

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

### **Ending**

What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## **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

### “Days of Elijah”

These are the days of Elijah Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored And though these are days  
Of great trials Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

### Chorus

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard Declaring the Word of the Lord

### Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

## POSTLUDE

**Christmas Jig, Wendy Pixner**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

<b>Pastor:</b>	Matthew Mantey
<b>A/V Techs:</b>	Alex Lindeke, Robin Thomas
<b>Elder:</b>	Jim Pagenkopf
<b>Organist:</b>	Carl Kishline
<b>Reader:</b>	Robin Thomas
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Dale & Suzy Lindeke

## SERMON NOTES

### Waiting on the Threshold—2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

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## PRAYERS & PRAISES

### Praise God:

- **As we wait on the threshold, thank you for coming to us! We praise you for making our homes and lives your dwelling place.** As you dwell with us may we carry Emmanuel into all our interactions both in-person and online this week of Christmas!
- **Just as Mary heard your word, trusted you, and bore the fruit of your Spirit, lead us to hear your word and trust you, so that we may live fruitful lives, filled with the joy of your Holy Spirit.**
- **While they might look different we thank you for all the celebrations we will partake in for Christmas!** We give thanks for the times we will be able to meet with others safely and also give thanks for the gift of technology that allows us to come together with friends and family in this season! We also ask for the utmost travel safety for those that are going place
- **We give thanks for all those who work in places, that have been hard hit by restrictions, such as those in the service industry.** May they continue to be supported, appreciated, and cared for. We also thank you for all those who are working in-person in retail this time of year. Thank you for their assistance and please keep them safe and healthy as they fulfill their vocations.

- **We give thanks that even as we face our shortest days, and their isn't much daylight as we change seasons in to winter, that your faithful to us in all seasons and that your light still shines.** Break the darkness, O Emmanuel!
- **We give praise for the wisdom and research that allowed the COVID-19 vaccines to be developed.** May they be produced in a quick manner, and distributed just as fast so we might be able to come back together as communities and in events we so desperately miss.

### In Our Prayers:

- **We ask your peace be with all in this world who are waiting on the threshold for things other than you to satisfy their lives.** May your peace enter their chaos and bring new life and the fire of the Holy Spirit into them!
- **We pray for all churches as they make preparations for Christmas services.** Give all churches your wisdom and Gospel clarity as they proclaim the birth of Immanuel! We also pray that all churches would be safe and kept from all sickness and harm as they worship.
- **We continue to lift up the family of Joan Wolfe as they mourn her passing.** Dear Joan was such a beautiful sister in Christ and we pray for her family and everyone in the church who will miss her. As we celebrate Emmanuel, God with us, we cling to the hope that Joan is with Our Savior forever as they decorate the heavenly halls with praise and beauty.
- **We pray for all those who are suffering from illness and need your healing power to restore them.** We especially pray for Millie Lott's granddaughter Jenee and her unborn child. Bring healing and full development to the baby she is carrying, O healer of all! As we lift these prayers up now let us take a moment of silence to lift up all the other prayers on our hearts...

### BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS Waiting on the Threshold

Share where you have encountered God this Advent season.

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16. When does David realize the situation of where he lives versus where God's "home" is? What does David propose to do about this situation? How do you think David reacted when Nathan announced that instead of David building God a house, God would be building David a house or lineage?

What do we learn about God from this passage?

Read Luke 1:26-38. Who was more surprised in these two stories, David or Mary? Why?

Why is part of the Christmas message that nothing is impossible for God?

Imagine salvation is like a house. Where are you in relationship to the house? Still outside? On the porch about to come in? In the doorway? In the hallway headed deeper in the house? In the living room by the fire? In an upstairs bedroom?

What are your hopes for this Christmas?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **What's Coming Up**

This week of Christmas we welcome our company. Once he is here though, what do we do? The day after Christmas it seems like the world just moves on to the next thing. Having Emmanuel with us in our homes don't move on, rather enjoy the company! Instead of having a post-Christmas let down, join us on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 10 am on Dec. 27th to continue to celebrate the birth of our Messiah! We look forward to seeing you!

## **Livestream Only Services Through Jan. 3rd**

With the latest extension of the restrictions in the state of Washington and with COVID cases rising, the council felt the best option for RLC's services was to keep them in the livestream format through Jan. 3rd. We will reevaluate this after that date. Please keep us in prayer for continued wisdom and strength, just as we do all of you!

## **Our 2021 Tri-Annual Giving Partners**

We have tallied all the votes and our three Tri-Annual Giving Partners are Lighthouse Family Ministries NW, The Des Moines Police Chaplains' Fund, and the Des Moines Area Food Bank. Let us lift these ministries in our prayers that they would continue to be a blessing of the Lord to our community! We will let you know the order of giving next week!

## **Christmas Services**

### **5:00 PM Multimedia Candlelight Service**

Because of the restrictions on congregational singing we were brainstorming a way to still have a Christmas Eve Service in person. The idea that we came up with is having a service where instead of having live music, we will have performances of choirs and other groups on video in place of the singing. Everything else in the service will be the same. This service will follow social distancing and masking guidelines, so you will have to call the office to reserve your spot as we only will be able to hold 45 people in service. Even with the changes we are looking forward to being together with some of you for Christmas.

### **7:00 PM Livestream Candlelight Service**

We will also be having a livestream only candlelight service with live music by Karen Tiffany Burgess and the Lindekes at 7:00 PM. To help this service be interactive we suggest you have a candle ready to use in the candlelight portion or if you need one we will have sanitized candles available for pick-up on a table by the front door during normal office hours.

### **Christmas Carol Sing-Along Replay will Premier on Christmas Day**

If you weren't able to watch our Christmas Carol Sing-Along it will be re-premiering on RLC's Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> on Christmas Day. So with plans looking different take time with the Christmas tree lit to celebrate the birth of our Savior and sing along to songs proclaiming his birth once again. Finally, please share it with a friend online, so you can spread Christmas cheer this year!