

WELCOME!

Thanks for joining us for worship today! We're glad you're here. Please make yourself at home! If you have questions, feel free to ask any leaders or helpers. We hope and pray that God's Word comforts and challenges you through our worship today

IF YOU'RE VISITING US FOR THE FIRST TIME, we would love to get to know you better. We strive to be a welcoming place that supports and challenges people to learn about God and work to serve God in our everyday lives. We would love to have you join us in this journey!

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP. In fact, we love having them among us. If your child makes a little noise, it won't bother us! If you'd be more comfortable taking them out for a break, please feel free to use the gathering space. Child care is not available per CDC guidelines.

OFFERINGS should be placed in the offering plates as you enter church. We cannot "pass the plate" during this season of COVID.

COMMUNION will be served by pre-packaged communion that you may pick up before the service begins **or** you may come forward for gluten-free bread and wine. Wine will be in glasses rather than by intinction. All who trust in the presence of Christ are welcome to participate, regardless of age, membership, or denomination.

JOIN US for refreshments, conversation, and good company from after first service to 10:30 Sundays.

RESTROOMS are located in the northeast corner of the building (same wall as the kitchen, but the other corner). The DRINKING FOUNTAIN is available to fill containers or glasses..

HYMN HELPS (with melody lines) are available at the Ushers' stand..

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME We follow CDC guidelines. We will continue recording the 8:30 service.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday in the new church year. May the **Love** of Christ fill our hearts this Advent season.

BAPTIZED ON THANKSGIVING was Quinton Alexander Plasa, son of Hannah Van Roekel and Alexander Plasa and great grandson of Pastor John and Fran Meyer. Quinton was born Sept. 24, 2021. Great Grampa officiated!

GROUPS MEETING WEEKLY:

- Family Sunday School, 9:40 a.m.
- Adult Forum, Sunday 9:30 a.m.
- Premise Keepers, Monday 8 a.m.
- Agape Prayer, Tuesday 9 a.m.
- Laugh Out Loud, Wednesday at 9 a.m. (BYOC)
- WYN (5th to 12th grades) 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
- and Men's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday

ADVENT. Additional worship and service opportunities with our Advent ministry partners (Houses into Homes, North Liberty Food Pantry and Closet, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Safe Families) are soon to be announced.as we prepare to remember that God, who loved us so much, came to live among us.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT Registrations are now open and needed by December 1 for a Southeastern Iowa Synod confirmation retreat led by the church leaders in the Iowa City area. The retreat begins January 14th and concludes on Sunday, the 16th. There is no cost, but donations are requested for the personal care kits to be made and donated to Lutheran World Relief.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	8:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
WELCOME STATION	TBA	
USHERS	Groves/Stumme Family	Steve Roland
LECTOR	Carol Severino	Ben Meyer
FELLOWSHIP	TBA	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jack Fratzke	Please volunteer

NOTES

KEEP IN TOUCH



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Sunday Worship
8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship/Sunday School
9:30 a.m.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Awake, Awake

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD

Jeremiah 33:14-16,

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13, Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Come, O Come, Emanuel

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

SHARING THE PEACE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

COMMUNION

Maranatha, Lord Messiah

Warm the Time of Winter

SENDING SONG

God of All People

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NRSV)

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 (NRSV)

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our

God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21:25-36 (The Message)

²⁵⁻²⁶ "It will seem like all hell has broken loose—sun, moon, stars, earth, sea, in an uproar and everyone all over the world in a panic, the wind knocked out of them by the threat of doom, the powers-that-be quaking.

²⁷⁻²⁸ "And then—then!—they'll see the Son of Man welcomed in grand style—a glorious welcome! When all this starts to happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high. Help is on the way!"

²⁹⁻³³ He told them a story. "Look at a fig tree. Any tree for that matter. When the leaves begin to show, one look tells you that summer is right around the corner. The same here—when you see these things happen, you know God's kingdom is about here. Don't brush this off: I'm not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too—these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won't wear out.

³⁴⁻³⁶ "But be on your guard. Don't let the sharp edge of your expectation get dulled by parties and drinking and shopping. Otherwise, that Day is going to take you by complete surprise, spring on you suddenly like a trap, for it's going to come on everyone, everywhere, at once. So, whatever you do, don't fall asleep at the wheel. Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that's coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man."

L: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God!

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