

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Reign of Christ November 21, 2021

Morning Worship, 8 and 10 a.m.

PASTOR:.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MINISTERS:.....Members of the Congregation
MUSIC DIRECTOR:.....Colin Welford
SECRETARY:.....Diane Kirkland

Serving the Community Since 1853

Call to Worship: Ringing of the Church Bell
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 93: Revelation 1: 4b – 8
Hymn #407 “Name of All Majesty”
Sermon: Infusing the Mundane with Grandeur

Congregational Response: Page 112 – 113
Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction
Postlude

Thought for the Day

Life must have its sacred moments and holy places. We need the infinite, the limitless, the uttermost — all that can give the heart a deep and strengthening peace. We need religion with its faith and purpose; we need it as experience. We need the touch of beauty, bringing back to life its luster and its loveliness. We need the unutterable communion of our spirits with the spirit of the highest—all that joins the soul with what it yearns for, all that can raise the frailty of our incomplete humanity toward the level of the spirit’s aspirations—that our earthly dust may meet and mingle with the majesty and mystery of God.

- A. Powell Davies, 1902 – 1957

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” - Revelation 1:8

MONDAY:

Pastor’s Sabbath

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery
10:00 a.m. Worship/1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. You are invited to stay after service for a time of refreshments and fellowship (weather permitting). Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH is the ‘Church of the Open Door. We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH: In Essentials, Unity, In Non-Essentials, Liberty, In All Things, Love

WATCHWORD FOR 2021: The Lord said, ‘I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go.’

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS to Guest Organist, Barbara Classen; Lay Reader, Kathleen Harris; Song Leader, Linda Carey and all who work ‘behind the scenes’!

CHRISTMAS EVE: Both the 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. services are filled up. There is still room in our 7:00 p.m. service. Please sign up today!

PLEASE READ the back of our bulletins each week for some inspirational messages. Feel free to bring your bulletin home.

ADVENT-URE is coming up on Saturday, December 4, from 1 – 3 p.m. It will again be a parking lot affair. Please remember to order your sugar cake and craft kits. There will be a donation basket for Secret Santa. We’ll also be selling some lovely items posted on our Facebook page. If you don’t have Facebook, we’ll try to send some photos through email.

Music: Chorale Prelude on “Gott sei Dank” by Freylinghausen
Chorale Postlude by Bach

A Red Delicious Apple

Pastor Dan G. Olson

I was a King once. Yes, I really was! I was ten years old, and it was time for the Children's Christmas program at First Lutheran Church in Humboldt, Iowa. That was the night of my coronation. All was going well except when the woman helping with my costume, placed the crown on my head by threading the needle through my scalp! Undaunted, I proudly marched down the aisle singing "We Three Kings" with gusto. My prize was one of those great big Red Delicious Apples.

What on earth made me think of this? It's because this is "The Feast of Christ the King", the last Sunday of the church year.

Psalm 93 Proclaims: "The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty". As much as we shout for joy about Jesus our King, it is the human condition to try to dethrone him. We are too pious to say such a thing out loud. But think of how we follow dangerous ideologies which beckon us, or revere money, which has been awarded sainthood. You get the point. So much for Christ the King! We are, therefore, doomed to failure.

But what about those Red Delicious Apples? They remind us that the One, the King, born at Christmas, will shed his blood to forgive us the sin of attempting to make ourselves the rulers.

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, who is, who was, and who is to come – The Everlasting King!