

AUGUSTANA

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Welcome to worship. ... *Saskatoon ELCIC churches: Good Shepherd, Redeemer, Trinity, Zion, Resurrection and King of Glory.*

Thanks just like on a Sunday morning when we worship together there are many who make it possible for us to worship together. Look at the end of the video for all those names.

This is the third Sunday of Advent. As we wait and get ready, we are thankful that God promises to come and be with us. We light the third candle in joy for the promises of God.

The third candle is lit. The song is sung

Let us pray: Faithful God, we are glad for your promises to us. We trust that the time is coming when all people will experience comfort, wholeness and liberty. May we do our part to bring your good news of great joy to all. Amen.

Bidding prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dear People of God: in this Advent Season of preparation, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of our hope that comes to us through the coming of the Messiah.

As we prepare to welcome the Christ child into our lives let us hear, once again, the story of God's loving purpose that comes to us through the words of the scriptures.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against our Creator until the glorious redemption brought to us by the Messiah Jesus; and let us make our time together glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all the world.

Faith: We give thanks for the communion of faith that goes beyond the walls of our church building, for the love of God that is embodied in the Christ child Jesus and for all gifts of healing and forgiveness, especially we thank you for those who use their gifts to help us through this pandemic: medical staff, caregivers, cleaners, grocery workers, truckers, and all those who work in essential services. *[brief pause]* Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We give thanks for the gift of relationship with others. During this time of physical distancing help us find ways to support and care for one another. Thank you for those whose technical abilities help us maintain our sense of community. *[brief pause]* Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We give thanks for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction. Let us not be distracted by our current crisis from the work that is needed to keep our world healthy. *[brief pause]* Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for those who govern during challenging times and for all people in countries ravaged by strife, warfare or illness. For all who are most vulnerable during this pandemic: refugees, the Iqbal and Alhamad/Wahid families; people living in poverty or crowded conditions, the elderly, those who already struggle with health issues. *[brief pause]* Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for families challenged to live and learn in new ways. Grant patience and humor to parents and children. *[brief pause]* Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for all who grieve. Give comfort and strength for the days ahead and, when the time is right, remind all who grieve of the hope we have in the resurrection. *[brief pause]* Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are imprisoned and for those who care for them. *[brief pause]* Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for all who call upon your healing name. Walk with all who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and those in need of healing in body and spirit especially: Elsie, Audrey, Orville and Carol, Hannah, Bruce, Gloria, Logan, William, Marcus, Bishop Gomez, Brodie, Karin, Anthony, Robert, Curtis, Linda, Marci, Gayle, Evelyn, Lisa, Danielle, Inger, Anne Jane, Deanna, Ron, Marlene, Martha, and all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts*(a pause to offer time to name others)*.

gather all people in your healing embrace..... Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Finally, let us remember before God Jesus' pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

Pastor Marilyn: And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Children's time: wrapping a gift Unwrapping a gift That is what we are doing today:

As we hear the Word this day may we receive the blessing of Almighty God. *Amen.*

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Lesson 1 Exodus 6:2-7

following a brief silence for prayer and meditation

We wait for the Lord. **We will hope in God who saves us.**

Carol: congregation:

266 ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL, verses 1 & 2

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
This, the labor of people who struggle to see
How God's truth and justice set ev'ry-body free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
She conceived him, "God with us", our brother, whose birth
Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Lesson 2 Psalm 51

following a brief silence for prayer and meditation

We wait for the Lord. **We will hope in God who saves us.**

Carol: choir: Lost in the night

Lesson 3 Jeremiah 31:31-34

following a brief silence for prayer and meditation

We wait for the Lord. **We will hope in God who saves us.**

Carol: Congregation & Choir: Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near
Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart verses

Lesson 4 Isaiah 40:1-11

following a brief silence for prayer and meditation

We wait for the Lord. **We will hope in God who saves us.**

Carol: congregation:

264 PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY, verses 1 & 4

Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
Foretold in sacred story;

Refrain:

Hosanna to the Lord,
For he fulfills God's Word!

His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness to abounding. **(Refrain)**

Lesson 5 Isaiah 11:1-9

following a brief silence for prayer and meditation

We wait for the Lord. **We will hope in God who saves us.**

Carol: Choir: Alleluia for Advent

Lesson 6 Luke 1:26-35, 38

following a brief silence for prayer and meditation

We wait for the Lord. **We will hope in God who saves us.**

Carol: Bells "Away in a Manger"

Lesson 7 Matthew 1:18-23

following a brief silence for prayer and meditation

We wait for the Lord. **We will hope in God who saves us.**

Carol: Congregation:

257 *O come, O Come Emmanuel verses 1 & 2*

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 you,
O Israel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay:
Teach us your will and guide our way. **(Refrain)**

Responsive Prayer

O Lord our God, be gracious to us;
we wait for you.

Dispel the darkness,
that all nations may come to your light.

Establish your peace on the earth;
join our voices to sing your praise.

Comfort the sick and the weary;
renew their strength and power.

O Lord our God, come to us,
that the earth may behold your glory. Amen

Blessing

SENDING HYMN: "Joy to the World", #267 verses 1 & 4

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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