

# St. Johns Lutheran Church



## Wait Upon the Lord with Faith

*Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." Galatians 3:8*

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father who created us, *(point to yourself)*

**In the name of the Father who created us,** *(point to yourself)*

And of the Son, who came to earth for us,

*(point to heaven and then down)*

**And of the Son, who came to earth for us,**

*(point to heaven and then down)*

And of the Holy Spirit, who fills us with his love. *(give yourself a hug)*

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We worship as we wait in patient faith

*(tap wrist with index finger like tapping a watch)*

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for Christmas and for Jesus to come again.

**for Christmas and for Jesus to come again.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

**OPENING SONG ... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*(The manger is lowered during the song)*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,**

**That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**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.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;**

**Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*(The first blue candle is lit.)*

We light the first candle on the Advent wreath as we ponder  
waiting upon the Lord with faith.

**We wait for your coming, O faithful Lord!**

Abraham and Sarah waited for their son, Isaac, long ago.

**Now we wait for you, O Lord!**

Jesus is the light of the world. *(hold index finger high up in the air)*

**Jesus is the light of the world.** *(hold index finger high up in the air)*

No one can put out that light! It will last forever!

*(hold index finger high up in the air)*

**No one can put out that light! It will last forever!**

*(hold index finger high up in the air)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Because we are human beings, we sin every day. When we do, the best thing we can do is go to God and tell him that we are very sorry. Let's do that right now.

*(Everyone closes their eyes and puts their hand on their heart for a moment of silent reflection.)*

**Lord, I have done bad things. I have had bad thoughts. I have said bad words. I haven't done the good things you want me to do either. I'm so, so sorry. Please forgive me.**

Open your eyes! Look up! Smile! Laugh! Jesus loves you so much that He died for all those sins! He forgives you! Have joy!

**Yay! Jesus loves me. Thank you, Jesus. *(saying loud)* Yay! Jesus loves me. Thank you, Jesus. *(saying louder)* Yay! Jesus loves me. Thank you, Jesus. *(saying loudest)***

**SONG** Rejoice in the Lord Always *(Sung together with the Nepalese)*

**Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice**

**Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice**

**Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice**

**Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice**

(प्रभुमा सधैं आनन्द गर,

फेरि पनि भन्दछु) २

(आनन्द, आनन्द,

फेरि पनि भन्दछु) २

(prabhu-maa sadhain aanand gara,

feri pani bhan-dachu) 2

(aanand, aanand,

feri pani bhan-dachu) 2

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Dear Jesus, you promised that you'd come, and you always keep your promises. Give me the faith I need to remember that every day. When I am anxious or scared, keep reminding me, so that I may grow in faith every day. Amen.

### **SEEING THE WHOLE PICTURE** Puzzles Pieces that talk

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Genesis 17:1-9**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God." And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations."

This is the Word of God.

**Thank you, God.**

**SONG** The Joy of the Lord is my strength

(Verse 1 will be sung by the Congregation, then the Nepalese will sing verse 1. The Congregation will then finish with the remaining verses)

**The joy of the Lord is my strength;  
The joy of the Lord is my strength;  
The joy of the Lord is my strength;  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.**

(प्रभुको आनन्द  
मेरी बल हो) ४  
*(prabhu-ko aanand  
mero bal ho) 4*

**If you want joy you must sing for it,  
If you want joy you must shout for it;  
If you want joy you must jump for it;  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.**

**He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more,  
He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more;  
He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more;  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.**

#### **EPISTLE READING ... Romans 4:13-21**

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith

when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

This is the Word of God.

**Thank you, God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

God had different people write his story, and Matthew was one of them. The reading that I will read is from Matthew 1.

**Thank you, God, for giving us your story!**

### **GOSPEL READING ... Matthew 1:1-25**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ... and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon ... And after the deportation to Babylon: Zerubbabel ... and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

### **GOSPEL RESPONSE**

This story from Matthew is called the Gospel. The word "Gospel" means good news.

**Thank you for giving us the good news!**

### **MESSAGE**

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG ... Hark the Herald Angels Sing LSB 380**  
(Sung together with the Nepalese)

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

*Refrain:*

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! *[Refrain]***

*Refrain:*

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,**

**Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. [Refrain]**

सुन स्वर्गदूतको गान,  
होस् अवतारी ख्रीष्टको मान  
पृथ्वीमाथि भो मिलाप,  
गरे माफ ईश्वरले पाप  
सबै देशका लोग रमाऊ,  
दुतसंग-संगै जयजय गाऊ  
सबैपट्टि होस् प्रचार,  
बेथलेहेममा ख्रीष्टको मान  
suna sworga-dut-ko gaan,  
hos awtaari khrist-ko maan  
prith'vi-maathi bho milaap,  
gare maaf ishwor-le paap  
sabai desh-kaa log ramaau,  
dut-saṅg-saṅgai jaijai gaau  
sabai-paTTi hos pracaar,  
beThlehem-maa khrist-ko maan

Chorus:

सुन स्वर्गदूतको गान,  
होस् अवतारी ख्रीष्टको मान  
suna sworga-dut-ko gaan,  
hos awtaari khrist-ko maan

ख्रीष्ट सब स्वर्गले पुजेको,  
ख्रीष्ट प्रभु जो सधैंको  
पूरो समय आयो जब  
कन्येदेखि जन्मे तब  
ईश्वर जीउधारी भो  
धन्य अवतार ईश्वरको  
धन्य ख्रीष्ट गराउने मेल,  
धन्य ख्रीष्ट इम्मानुएल  
khrist sab sworg-le pujeko  
khrist prabhu jo sadhaiñ-ko



puro samai aayo jab  
kanye-dekhi janme tab  
ishwor jiu-dhaari bho  
dhanye awtaar ishwor-ko  
dhanye khristT garaaune mel,  
dhanye khristT immaanuyel

धन्य कुशलको प्रधान,  
धर्मका सूर्यलाई प्रणाम्  
ज्योति, जिवन जगत्लाई  
दिन हुनुभो उदय  
छोडौ आफ्नो स्वर्गीय स्थान  
अवतार भई गरे काम  
मान्छे जात नमर्नलाई,  
जीवन नयाँ जन्म पाई

dhanye kushal-ko pradhaan,  
dharn-kaa surye-laai pranaam  
jyoti, jivan jagat-laai  
dinu hunu-bho udai  
choRi aafno swargiye sthaan  
awtaar bhai gare kaam  
maanche jaat na-marna-laai  
jivan nayaañ janma paai

Chorus:

सुन स्वर्गदूतको गान,  
होस् अवतारी ख्रीष्टको मान  
suna sworga-dut-ko gaan,  
hos awtaari khristT-ko maan

**PRAYERS** (*spoken as an echo prayer between the leader and the congregation*)

Dear Jesus,

**Dear Jesus,**

thank you for giving us all we have.

**thank you for giving us all we have.**

Remind us to be thankful every day.

**Remind us to be thankful every day.**

Help us to do all the things you want us to do

**Help us to do all the things you want us to do**

and to love who you want us to love.

**and to love who you want us to love.**

remind us to forgive those who hurt us

**remind us to forgive those who hurt us**

as much and as often as you forgive us.

**as much and as often as you forgive us.**

Lord God,

**Lord God,**

you have promised that you will come again

**you have promised that you will come again**

and that you will make everything

**and that you will make everything**

new and perfect when you do.

**new and perfect when you do.**

Give us the faith we need

**Give us the faith we need**

so we don't get down or discouraged,

**so we don't get down or discouraged,**

and so we can spread your joy to everyone.

**and so we can spread your joy to everyone.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Said together with Nepalese)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मती ६:९-१३)  
 हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुन्छ, तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।  
 तपाईंको राज्य आओस्, तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस  
 पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।  
 हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्। हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा  
 गर्नुहोस्,  
 जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं। हामीलाई  
 परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,  
 तर दृष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्। किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा  
 तपाईंकै हुन्।  
 आमिन्।

## **BENEDICTION**

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 his favor and give you his peace.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG ... Abide, O Dearest Jesus LSB 919**

**Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace**

**That Satan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your Word,**

**And thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.**

**Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light;**

**Your truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your love;**

**Grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.**

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