

St. Johns Lutheran Church



Week Four: Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isaiah 25:9

INVOCATION

(Repeat after me) In the name of the Father,

In the name of the Father,

Rejoice in the Lord always!

Rejoice in the Lord always!

I will say it again, Rejoice! *(cup hands around mouth)*

I will say it again, Rejoice! *(cup hands around mouth)*

and of the Son,

and of the Son,

Rejoice in the Lord always!

Rejoice in the Lord always!

I will say it again, Rejoice! *(cup hands around mouth)*

I will say it again, Rejoice! *(cup hands around mouth)*

and of the Holy Spirit,

and of the Holy Spirit,

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again, Rejoice! *(cup hands around mouth)*

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again, Rejoice! *(cup hands around mouth)*

We rejoice that our Savior has come

We rejoice that our Savior has come

He will come again on the clouds with glory!

He will come again on the clouds with glory!

Amen.

Amen.

OPENING SONG ... The Advent of Our King LSB 331

(lower the Manger during the song)

**The advent of our King our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.**

**The everlasting Son incarnate deigns to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on to set his servants free.**

**O Zion's daughter, rise to meet thy lowly King,
Nor let thy faithless heart despise the peace he comes to bring.**

**As Judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come again
And his true members all unite with him in heav'n to reign.**

**Before the dawning day let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, the new self now put on.**

**All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one, through all eternity.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(Four candles are lit.)

We light the Advent wreath candles as we ponder waiting upon the Lord with rejoicing.

We wait for your coming with great joy in our hearts, O Lord!

Mary and Elizabeth greeted one another with gladness.

Now we wait for you with happiness, O Lord!

(Repeat after me) 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

We should be rejoicing today, and many of us are, but there are still so many things—the chances and changes of this world—that can so easily bring us down and cause us grief. We shouldn't be so fixed on this world that we forget to keep our eyes on Jesus. Let us confess this sin and all others before God our Almighty Father.

(Everyone puts their hand on their heart for a moment of silent reflection.)

(Repeat after me) Father in heaven,

Father in heaven,
I am a poor, miserable sinner,
I am a poor, miserable sinner,
My joy in you has failed.
My joy in you has failed.

I have not rejoiced in you as I should.
I have not rejoiced in you as I should.
Renew in me a right spirit,
Renew in me a right spirit,
and give me the joy of your salvation. Amen.
and give me the joy of your salvation. Amen.
Jesus loves you so much that he died for all those sins! He forgives
you! Have joy!
(saying loud) **Yes Jesus loves me. Thank you, Jesus! 3x**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, As we continue through this Advent season, and as our
schedules get more crowded, remind us to keep our eyes and our
hearts focused on you, so that we may truly rejoice. Amen.

HYMN O Lord, How Shall I Meet You LSB 334 st. 1,3,4

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me.
A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.

Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.

**Oh, love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace
In love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.**

SEEING THE WHOLE PICTURE Puzzles Pieces that talk

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 2:1-3 1 शमूएल 2:1-3
And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord; my
horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation. There is none holy like the
Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your
mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are
weighed.”

हन्नाले प्रार्थना गरिन्, “परमप्रभुमा, म खुशी छु। परमप्रभुमा म विजयको
अनुभव गर्छु। तपाईंको मुक्तिमा म खुशी छु, अनि मेरो शत्रुहरू माथि धाक
जमाउँछु।² परमप्रभु जस्तो पवित्र कोही छैन। तपाईं बाहेक कोही
परमेश्वर छैन। हामी परमेश्वर बाहेक यहाँ अरु कुनै आश्रय छैन।³ अब
अहंकार हुदैन! अहंकारपूर्ण वचनहरू अब छैन, कारण परमप्रभु परमेश्वर
सर्वज्ञानी हुनुहुन्छ। परमेश्वरले मानिसका कार्यहरू तौलनु हुन्छ।

This is the Word of God.

Thank you, God.

EPISTLE READING ... Romans 12:11-18 रोमी 12:11-18

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live
in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate
with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil
for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹¹ परमप्रभुको काममा अल्छी नहोऊ। आत्मिक रूपले इर्ष्यालु भएर उहाँको सेवा गर। ¹² खुशी होऊ किनभने तिमीहरूसँग आशा छ। दुःखमा धैर्य धारण गर। सधैं प्रार्थना गर। ¹³ परमेश्वरका मानिसहरूले सहायता खोजेको देखे आफूमा भएको कुरो बाँड र सहायता देऊ। अनि मानिसहरूलाई आफ्नो घरमा स्वागत गर। ¹⁴ ती जसले तिमीहरूलाई नराम्रो गर्छ उसित मीठो वचन बोल। तर तिनीहरूलाई नसराप। ¹⁵ जब अरूहरू खुशी हुँदछन् तिमी पनि तिनीहरूसँगै खुशी हुनुपर्छ। अनि जब अरूहरू रुन्छन् तिमीपनि तिनीहरूसँग रोऊ। ¹⁶ परस्परमा शान्तिपूर्वक मिलेर बस। अंकार नगर। निम्न पदका मानिसहरूसित मित्रता राख। अभिमानी नहोऊ। ¹⁷ यदि तिमीलाई कसैले चोट पुर्याउँछ भने तिमीले त्यसको बदला नलेऊ। सबै मानिसलाई राम्रो गर्ने प्रयास गर। ¹⁸ सबैसँग शान्तिसित बस्ने चेष्टा गर।

This is the Word of God.

Thank you, God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God had different people write his story; Tonight, we hear from Luke. The reading that I will read is from Luke 1:39-55.

Thank you, God, for giving us your story!

GOSPEL READING ... Luke 1:39-55 लूका 1:39-55 (Video)

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

³⁹ लगतै मरियम तयारी भइन् अनि यहूदिया गाउँको पहाडी शहरमा हतारिएर गईन्। ⁴⁰ तिनी जकरियाको घरमा गईन् अनि इलीशिबालाई शुभकामना दिईन्। ⁴¹ जब इलीशिबाले मरियमको शुभकामना सुनिन्, तब तिनको गर्भको नानी उफ्रियो। अनि इलीशिबा पवित्र आत्माद्वारा भरिपूर्ण भइन्। ⁴² तिनले जोरले चिच्याएर भनीन्, “अरू स्त्रीहरूलाई भन्दा परमेश्वरले तिमीलाई धेरै आशीर्वाद दिनुभएकोछ। अनि गर्भमा रहेको नानी पनि त्यस्तै अनुग्रहित छ। ⁴³ यस्तो कसरी हुन सक्थ्यो कि मेरा परमप्रभुकि आमा मेरोमा आउनु पर्यो? ⁴⁴ जब मैले तिम्रो अभिवादन सुने, मेरो गर्भमा भएको बालक हर्षले उफ्रियो। ⁴⁵ तिमीलाई आशीर्वाद छ किनभने परमप्रभुले तिमीलाई भन्नु भएको कुरा पूरा हुनेछ भन्ने तिमीमा विश्वास थियो।” ⁴⁶ त्यसपछि मरियमले भनीन्, ⁴⁷ “मेरो आत्माले परमप्रभुको प्रशंसा गर्दछ, अनि मेरो हृदय परमेश्वरमा आनन्दित हुँदछ जो मेरा मुक्तिदाता हुनुहुन्छ। ⁴⁸ किनभने उहाँले आफ्नो दीन दासी प्रति कृपा गर्नु भयो। अब उप्रान्त सबै मानसहरूले मलाई अनुग्रहित मान्नेछन्, ⁴⁹ किनभने सर्वशक्तिमान परमेश्वरले मेरो निम्ति ठूला कार्याहरू गर्नुभएको छ। उहाँको नाउँ पवित्र होस्। ⁵⁰ जसले परमेश्वरलाई उपासना गर्छ, उसको पुस्तौं सम्म उहाँ दयालु हुनुहुन्छ। ⁵¹ उहाँले आफ्नो बाहुबलद्वारा शक्ति प्रदर्शन गर्नु भएकोछ। उहाँले घमण्डीहरूलाई तिनीहरूको धनहरूको घमण्ड नष्ट गरिदिनु भएकोछ। ⁵² उहाँले शक्तिशाली शासकहरूलाई सिंहासनबाट हटाउनुभएको छ, अनि नम्रहरूलाई उचाल्नु भएकोछ। ⁵³ उहाँले भोकाहरूलाई असल खाद्यहरूले तृप्त पार्नु भएकोछ, तर स्वार्थी र धनीहरूलाई रिउँ हात पठाई दिनु भएकोछ। ⁵⁴ उहाँ आफ्नो दास इसाएललाई सहायता गर्न आउनु भएकोछ। उहाँले हामीलाई उहाँको कृपा दिनु भएकोछ। ⁵⁵ उहाँले अब्राहाम र उनका सन्तानलाई दया गर्न, हाम्रा पुर्खाहरूलाई दिएको वचन अनुसार सम्झनु भयो।”

GOSPEL RESPONSE

This story from Luke is called the Gospel. The word “Gospel” means good news.

Thank you for giving us the good news!

SONG ... Joy to the World LSB 387

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 nature sing.**

दुनियाँ रमाऊ, ग्रहण गर
ख्रीष्ट प्रभु राजालाई
तर मनमा होस् उहालाई घर
(संसार गरोस् बधाइ) २
संसार, संसार गरोस् बधाइ।
duniyaañ ramaau, grahaN gara
khrisT prabhu raajaa-laai
tar man-maa hos uhaaÑ-laai ghar
(sansaar garos badhaai) 2
sansaar, sansaar garos badhaai

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy.**

दुनियाँको ज्योति उनै हुन्
पाप क्षमा दिनेछन्
उनले हाम्रा दुःख दूर गर्छन्
(र आशिष् दिनेछन्) २
र आशिष्, र आशिष् दिनेछन्।
duniyaañ-ko jyoti unai hun
paap chyemaa dine-chan
un-le haamraa dukh dur garchan
(ra aashis dine-chan) 2
ra aashis, ra aashis dine-chan

**No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found.**

खुशी मनाऊ ख्रीष्ट राजा हुन्
सब जन र सबै प्राण
समुद्र, पहाड, खोला र मैदान
(गाऊ स्तुतिको गीत गान) २
गाऊ स्तुति, गाऊ स्तुतिको गीत गान।
khushi manaau khrist raajaa hun
sab jan ra sabai praan
samundra, pahaaD, kholaa ra maidaan
(gaau stuti-ko git gaan) 2
gaau stuti, gaau stuti-ko git gaan

**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 of His love.**

उनले विश्वास र दयाले
राज्य फैलाउँदछन्
आफ्नो दृढ सत्य विभवका बाटोले
(अमोल प्रेम गर्दछन्) २
अमोल, अमोल प्रेम गर्दछन्।
un-le bishwaas ra dayaa-le
raajye failaauñda-chan
aafno driDh satye bibhab-kaa baaTo-le
(amol prem garda-chan) 2
amol, amol prem garda-chan

MESSAGE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG ... God Loves Me Dearly LSB 392 st.1,3,5

**God loves me dearly, grants me salvation;
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

**He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

**Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

PRAYERS

Dear Father in heaven, We rejoice that you look down on us in love.

We rejoice in your unfailing love.

Dear Jesus, Make us always rejoice in the gift of your salvation, which you came to earth to win for us.

We rejoice in your unfailing love.

Dear Holy Spirit, you give all of your children the gift of joy. May we never neglect that gift or take it for granted, but be filled with it, that we may rejoice forevermore.

We rejoice in your unfailing love.

Lord, there are many who need your healing hand. Heal all in need. Fill them with the sure and certain hope and joy that come from you. We wait upon you, Lord God.

Lord, these and so many other things we bring before you, and there is so much more that only you know. Do your will in us, to us and through us.

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 दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्। किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।

आमिन्।

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Rejoice! *(raise hands in the air)*

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Rejoice! *(raise hands in the air)*

The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you his peace.

Rejoice! (*raise hands in the air*)

Amen.

CLOSING SONG ... Hark! The Herald Angels Sing LSB 380

**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 th'angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
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 the virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.
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 we no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”**

Preacher	Sam Shick
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Pastor Michael Tanney
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli

Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Parts of this worship folder are copyrighted. Permission for reprint has been received from Concordia Publishing House. The Fellowship Publications, and C.C.L.I copyright license #386077 & C.C.L.I Streaming license #20825510

By Jeremy Klaustermeier with crafts by Karin Klaustermeier. © 2021 Creative Communications for the Parish, a division of Bayard, Inc., 1564 Fencorp Dr., Fenton, MO 63026. 800-325-9414. www.creativecommunications.com. All rights reserved.