

St. Johns Lutheran Church



Week 2:
Wait Upon the Lord with Hope

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. Psalm 130:5

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father,

In the name of the Father,

We hope in his creating love (*point to yourself*)

We hope in his creating love (*point to yourself*)

and of the Son,

and of the Son,

We hope in his redeeming love (*make a cross with your fingers*)

We hope in his redeeming love (*make a cross with your fingers*)

and of the Holy Spirit,

and of the Holy Spirit,

We hope in his sanctifying love (*give yourself a hug*)

We hope in his sanctifying love (*give yourself a hug*)

We worship as we wait in hope for Christmas and for Jesus to come again.

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Amen.

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OPENING SONG ... Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332

(The manger is being lower during the song)

Savior of the nations, come, virgin's Son, make here your home!

Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God,

Was the Word of God made flesh—woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child, yet remained a virgin mild.

In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon his throne.

**Then stepped forth the Lord of all from his pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, his heroic course began.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(The first and second blue candles are lit.)

We light the first and second candles on the Advent wreath as we ponder waiting upon the Lord with hope.

We wait for your coming, O Lord of hope!

The prophet Isaiah said those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

Now we wait for you with hope and strength, O Lord!

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

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

(hold index finger high up in the air)

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(hold index finger high up in the air)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God wants us to put all our hope and trust in him and not in things here on earth, but sometimes we have more hope in things that may disappoint us like food and clothes and friends. When we do that, God calls it sin, and he wants us to admit that we are wrong and go to him for forgiveness. Let's do that right now.

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

Lord, I haven't always trusted in you. Instead I've put my hope in things that don't matter and things that disappoint me. Please forgive me for all those times I haven't hoped in you.

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)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear Jesus, I know that you love me, and because I know, I am sure that you will keep me close to you. My hope is in you. Remind me how much you love me every day. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE ...Jesus, Name Above All Names (*Sung together*)

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us blessed Redeemer, living Word. (2x)

**येशु सर्वोत्तम नाउँ छ,
शान्तिदाता प्रतापी प्रभु
इम्मानुएल ईश्वर हामीसँग,
धन्य उद्धारक, जिउँदो वचन ।**

yeshu sarvottam naauñ cha,
shaanti-daataa prataapi prabhu,
immaanuel, ishwor haami-saṅga,
dhanye uddhaarak, jiuñdo bacana

SEEING THE WHOLE PICTURE Puzzles Pieces that talk

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:27-31 यशैया 40:27-31
Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

27 हे याकूबका मानिसहरू! यो सत्य हो। इस्राएल यसलाई तिमीहरूले विश्वास गर्ने पर्छ। यसैले तिमी किन भन्छौ, “मेरो जीवन शैली परमप्रभुले देख्न सक्नुहुन्न। परमेश्वरले मलाई भेट्न सक्नुहुन्न र दण्ड दिन सक्नुहुन्न।” 28 निःसन्देह तिमी जान्दछौ र सुनेकाछौ कि परमप्रभु परमेश्वर अत्यन्तै बुद्धिमानी हुनुहुन्छ। मानिसहरूले प्रत्येक कुरा सिक्नु सक्तैनन्, उहाँले जान्नु हुन्छ। परमप्रभु थाक्नु हुन्न र आरामको खाँचो पनि पर्दैन। परमप्रभुले पृथ्वीमा सुदूर स्थानहरू बनाउनु भयो परमप्रभु सनातनका परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्छ। 29 परमप्रभुले दुर्बल मानिसहरूलाई बलियो पार्न सहयोग गर्नु भयो। उहाँले नै दुर्बल मानिसहरूलाई शक्तिशाली बनाउनु हुन्छ। 30 जवान मानिसहरू थाक्छन् र आरामको खाँचो पर्दछ, तन्देरी केटाहरू पनि दुन्मुनिदै लड्छन्। 31 तर तिनीहरू जसले परमप्रभुमाथि भरोसा गर्दछ ऊ अझ बलियो हुन्छ अनि चीलहरू जस्तै आकासिन्छ। ती मानिसहरू दुर्बल नभई दगुछन्। ती मानिसहरू थकित नभई हिँड्छन्।

This is the Word of God.

Thank you, God.

SONG Thank You, Thank You Jesus (Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung together, Nepali only 3-5)

Thank you, thank you Jesus

Thank you, thank you Jesus in my heart

Thank you, thank you Jesus

Thank you, thank you Jesus

Thank you, thank you Jesus in my heart

(धवाद येशू) ३ मेरो मनदेख [हेलूयाह] (धवाद येशू) ३ मेरो मनदेख

Love you, Love you Jesus

Love you, Love you Jesus in my heart

Love you, Love you Jesus

Love you, Love you Jesus

Love you, Love you Jesus in my heart

(उत होस्भु) ३ मेरो मनदेख [हेलूयाह] (उत होस्भु) ३ मेरो मनदेख

(हेलूयाह येश) ३ मेरो मनदेख [हेलूयाह] (हेलूयाह येश) ३ मेरो मनदेख

(शंसा होस्भु) ३ मेरो मनदेख [हेलूयाह] (शंसा होस्भु) ३ मेरो मनदेख

(जयजयकार होस्भु) ३ मेरो मनदेख [हेलूयाह] (जयजयकार होस्भु) ३ मेरो मनदेख

EPISTLE READING ... Romans 8:22-25 रोमी 8:22-25

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²² हामी जान्दछौं सारा संसार सृष्टि गरिएको प्रसव-वेदनाले तडपिरहेकी एउटी स्त्रीले झैं आज सम्म उत्सुकतापूर्वक पर्खिरहेकै छन्। ²³ यो संसारले मात्र होइन, हामीले पनि आन्तरिक पीडा बोकेर पर्खिरहेकाछौं। हामीमा परमेश्वरको प्रतिज्ञाको प्रथम अंश सरह आत्मा छ। यसैले हामीलाई उहाँले आफ्ना सन्तान कहिले बनाउनु हुने हो भनेर उत्सुकतापूर्वक पर्खिरहेकाछौं। मेरो भन्नुको तात्पर्य, हामीलाई उहाँले हाम्रा शरीरहरूबाट कहिले मुक्ति दिनुहुनेछ भनेर पर्खिरहेकाछौं। ²⁴ हामीहरू बचाईयौं र हामीमा यो आशा छ। यदि हामीले पर्खिरहेका कुरा देख्न सके त्यो साँचिकै आशा हुने छैन। मानिसहरूले त्यस कुराको आशा गर्दैनन् जुन तिनीहरूले पहिल्यै पाइसकेका हुन्छन्। ²⁵ तर हामी केही चीजको आशा गरिरहेछौं जुन हामीले अहिले सम्म पाएका छैनौं। हामीले ठूलो धैर्यसित त्यो पर्खिरहेका छौं।

This is the Word of God.

Thank you, God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God had different people write his story; last week we heard from Matthew's story. Today we hear from Jesus' good friend John. The reading that I will read is from John 1.

Thank you, God, for giving us your story!

GOSPEL READING ... John 1:1-15 यूहन्ना 1:1-15

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")

संसार सृष्टि हुन पहिल्यै त्यहाँ वचन थियो। त्यो वचन परमेश्वरसँग थियो, अनि वचननै परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्थ्यो। ² उहाँको वचन शुरूमा परमेश्वरसँग हुनुहुन्थ्यो। ³ र उहाँकै माध्यमबाट विश्व सृजना हुन सक्यो। उहाँ बिना केही सृजना हुन सकेन। ⁴ उहाँ स्वयं जीवन हुनुहुन्थ्यो। त्यो जीवन मानिसहरूको निम्ति ज्योति थियो। ⁵ त्यो ज्योति अँध्यारोमा चम्कन्छ। अनि अन्धकारले ज्योतिलाई जित्न सक्दैन। ⁶ परमेश्वरद्वारा पठाइएको यूहन्ना नाउँका एकजना मानिस थिए। ⁷ यूहन्ना त्यही ज्योतिको विषयमा साक्षी दिन आएका थिए। उनकै माध्यमद्वारा

मानिसहरूले ज्योति र विश्वासबारे जान्न-सुन्न पाए।⁸ यूहन्ना ज्योति थिएनन्, तर उनी ज्योतिको बारेमा साक्षी दिन आएका थिए।⁹ सत्य-ज्योति संसारमा आइरहकाछन् भनेर उनले बताई दिए। त्यो ज्योतिले सम्पूर्ण मानिसहरूलाई ज्योति दिनेछ।¹⁰ उहाँ संसारका हुनुहुन्थ्यो, संसार उहाँद्वारा हुन आयो, तर संसारले उहाँलाई चिनेन।¹¹ उहाँ स्वयंले सृजना गरेको संसारमा आउनु भयो तर उहाँको आफ्नो मानिसहरूले उहाँलाई स्वीकार गरेनन्।¹² केही मानिसहरूले मात्र उहाँलाई स्वीकार गरे। ज-जसले उहाँलाई स्वीकार गरे उनीहरूलाई मात्र परमेश्वरको सन्तान हुने अधिकार उहाले दिनुभयो।¹³ ती बालकहरू प्राकृतिक तवरबाट जन्मेका थिएनन्। तिनीहरू आफ्नो आमा-बाबुको शारीरिक इच्छा अथवा निर्णयबाट जन्मेका थिएनन्। बदलामा तिनीहरू परमेश्वरबाट जन्मेका थिए।¹⁴ वचन शरीर हुन आए र हामी माझ बसे। हामीले उहाँको महिमा देख्यौं, अनि हामीले पिताका एकमात्र पुत्रको महिमा जस्तो उहाँको महिमा देख्यौं। वचन अनुग्रह र सत्यताले पूर्ण थियो।¹⁵ यूहन्नाले ख्रीष्टकै सम्बन्धमा मानिसहरूलाई भने, “उहाँ एकजना हुनुहुन्छ जसका विषयमा म भनिरहेको थिएँ, ‘जो म पछि आउनु हुन्छ, उहाँ मभन्दा महान हुनुहुन्छ। किनभने उहाँ मभन्दा पहिल्यै आउनु भएको थियो।’”

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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

Thank you for giving us the good news!

SONG ... Once He Came in Blessing LSB 333

**Once he came in blessing, all our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; hope and freedom gave us.**

**Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, that we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess you till in heav’n we bless you.**

MESSAGE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG ... Jesus Loves Me (*Sung together*)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

येशू मलाई गर्छन् प्यार,
यो हो सब बाइबलको सार
बालक उनका हुन् वरदान,
ती निर्बल उनी बलवान्।
प्यार गर्छन् मलाई,
प्यार गर्छन् मलाई,
प्यार गर्छन् मलाई,
येशूले गर्छन् प्यार

yeshu malaai garchan pyaar,
yo ho sab baaibal-ko saar
baalak un-kaa hun bardaan,
ti nirbal uni balwaan.
pyaar garchan malaai,
pyaar garchan malaai,
pyaar garchan malaai,
yeshu-le garchan pyaar

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

येशू मलाई गर्छन् प्यार,
प्राण दिई खोले स्वर्गको द्वार
मेरो पाप सब धुनेछन्,
बालकलाई बोलाउँदछन्।
प्यार गर्छन् मलाई,
प्यार गर्छन् मलाई,
प्यार गर्छन् मलाई,
येशूले गर्छन् प्यार

yeshu malaai garchan pyaar,
praaN dii khole sworga-ko dwaara
mero paap sab dhune-chan,
baalak-laai bolaaun-dachan.
pyaar garchan malaai,
pyaar garchan malaai,
pyaar garchan malaai,
yeshu-le garchan pyaar

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

Dear Father in heaven, thank you for giving us your Word,
Dear Father in heaven, thank you for giving us your Word,
so that we have something in which to put our hope.
so that we have something in which to put our hope.

Jesus. I wait for you

Jesus. I wait for you

In you I put my hope.

In you I put my hope.

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us yourself.

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us yourself.

Our hope is in you,

Our hope is in you,

I wait for you,

I wait for you,

In you I put my hope.

In you I put my hope.

Dear Holy Spirit, you fill us with your love
Dear Holy Spirit, you fill us with your love
Thank you for making us certain of our salvation.
Thank you for making us certain of our salvation.
Jesus. I wait for you
Jesus. I wait for you
In you I put my hope.
In you I put my hope.
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.

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.

In his Word I put my hope! Amen.

CLOSING SONG ... Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus LSB 338

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver: born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

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Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy

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