



CROSS OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent (Expanded) - Year A – November 22, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. Online
Assembly Home Worship Resource

CANDLE LIGHTING

*We light a candle as a sign of God's loving presence
holding us together in the Body of Christ.*

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Advent 3 – Ruler of Nations

Leader: As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches--and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come. Listen to these words from the Revelation to John: "And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: 'Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. all nations will come and worship before you, for your judgments have been revealed.'" (Revelation 15:2-4)

Candle is lit while All sing:

**O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one;
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Leader: Let us pray... **God of power and love, you raised Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation. Free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.** (from the *Book of Common Worship*)

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HYMN *O God beyond All Praising* ELW 880

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
2. The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown –

though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us
free, and we through him are given the final victory.

3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we
bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our
King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you
still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways.
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God of power and might, your Son shows us the
way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of
your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right
and the strength to serve the world you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

SONG

Jesus Friend of Sinners

Jesus, Friend of sinners, we have strayed so far away.
We cut down people in Your name, but the sword was
never ours to swing. Jesus, Friend of sinners; the truth's
become so hard to see. The world is on their way to You,
but they're tripping over me. Always looking around, but
never looking up; I'm so double minded.
A plank-eyed saint with dirty hands, and a heart divided.

Chorus Oh, Jesus, Friend of sinners, open our eyes to
the world at the end of our pointing fingers. Let our hearts
be led by mercy; help us reach with open hearts, and
open doors. Oh, Jesus, Friend of sinners,
break our hearts for what breaks Yours.

Jesus, Friend of sinners, the One whose writing in the
sand made the righteous turn away and the stones fall
from their hands. Help us to remember we are all the
least of these; let the mem'ry of Your mercy bring Your
people to their knees. Nobody knows what we're for, only
what we're against, when we judge the wounded. What if
we put down our signs, crossed over the lines, and loved
like You did? **Chorus**

You love ev'ry lost cause, You reach for the outcast, for
the leper and the lame;
they're the reason that You came. Lord, I was that lost
cause, and I was the outcast, but You died for sinners
just like me, A grateful leper at Your feet

'Cause You are good, You are good, and Your love endures forever. You are good, You are good, and Your love endures forever. You are good, You are good, and Your love endures forever. (repeat) **Chorus**

And I was the lost cause, and I was the outcast.
Hey! You died for sinners just like me,
a grateful leper at Your feet.

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READINGS Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON Pastor Adam Berndt
Worship Series:
Come Lord Jesus - You are Ruler of the Nations

SONG *Only King Forever*

Our God and firm foundation, our Rock the only solid ground, the nations rise and fall. Kingdoms once strong, now shaken, we trust forever in Your name, the name of Jesus. We trust the name of Jesus.

Chorus: You are the only King forever. Almighty God, we lift You higher. You are the only King forever.
Forevermore You are victorious. (repeat)

Unmatched in all your wisdom, in love and justice You will reign, and ev'ry knee will bow. We bring our expectations. Our hope is anchored in Your name, the name of Jesus. We trust the name of Jesus. **Chorus**
Interlude

We lift our banner high; we lift the name of Jesus. From age to age You reign; Your kingdom has no end. (repeat)

Chorus

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PRAYERS *Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.*

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SONG *How Sweet the Sound*

Yea though I walk through the valley I know that You are always right beside me and I will fear no evil, You're my rock and my strength You comfort me

Chorus Amazing grace how sweet the sound I hear
You singing over me I once was lost but now I'm found
and it's beautiful, Amazing grace how sweet the sound it
covers every part of me, My soul is silent I am found and
it's a beautiful sound, It's a beautiful beautiful sound

Carry me through the waters where Your peace clears
away all my sorrow And nothing can separate us from
Your love oh Your love it will always be **Chorus**

Bridge You were healing in the pain You were shelter in
the storm
Hallelujah You restore my soul (REPEAT)
Chorus

A beautiful beautiful sound a beautiful beautiful sound

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NOTES ON CONTINUED JOURNEY

BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, + now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG *All the People Said Amen*

You are not alone if you are lonely. When you feel afraid,
you're not the only. We are all the same, in need of
mercy, to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

Chorus And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa.
And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall, and He so loved the
world, He sent His Son to save us all. **Chorus**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God **Chorus 2X**

And all the people said, "Amen."

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COMMUNION

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the world, from the earth You give us bread to eat.

He broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, through your goodness you give us the fruit of the vine.

He gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION *There Was Jesus*

Ev'ry time I tried to make it on my own, Ev'ry time I tried to stand and start to fall, And all those lonely roads that I have travelled on, there was Jesus.

When the life I built came crashing to the ground, When the friends I had were nowhere to be found, I couldn't see it then but I can see it now, there was Jesus.

Chorus In the waiting, in the searching, in the healing and the hurting, like a blessing buried in the broken pieces. Ev'ry minute, ev'ry moment of where I've been and where I'm going, even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it, there was Jesus.

For this man who needs amazing kind of grace,
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay
I'm not perfect, so I thank God ev'ry day
there was Jesus (*there was Jesus*) **Chorus**

Bridge On the mountain, in the valleys.
There was Jesus, In the shadows of the alleys.
There was Jesus, In the fire, in the flood.
There was Jesus, Always is and always was.
No, I never walk alone. (*Never walk alone*)
You are always there. **Chorus**

There was Jesus.
There was Jesus
There was Jesus.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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