



Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Advent 3 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: Be patient. Jesus, the least in the Kingdom, comes to have compassion upon you saving you from sin and death.

The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit *Psalm 71.14-18; ant Philippians 4.4*

Rejoice in the Lord always;

Again I will say, Rejoice.

I will hope continually

And will praise you yet more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,

For their number is past my knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have taught me,

And I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

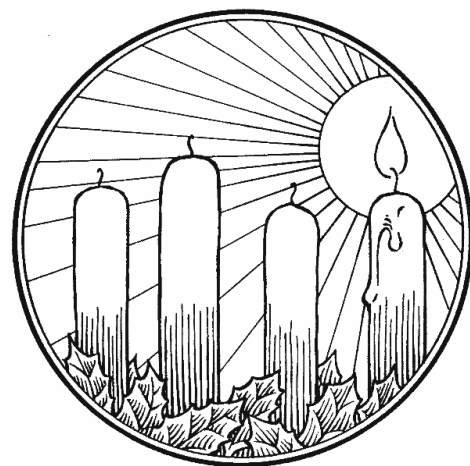
Until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord always; Again I will say, Rejoice.



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual *Zechariah 9.9, Psalm 118.26*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

Righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Psalm for Advent 3 A may be read (Psalm 146) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	24	122	33	50	18.1-20	102	90
Evening	25; 110	40; 67	85; 91	14; 16	126; 62	130; 16	80; 72

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

Sunday	Isaiah 10.12-27a, 33-34	2 Peter 1.1-21
Monday	Isaiah 11.1-12.6	2 Peter 2.1-22
Tuesday	Isaiah 14.1-23	2 Peter 3.1-18
Wednesday	Isaiah 24.1-13	1 John 1.1-2.14
Thursday	Isaiah 24.14-25.12 (Obadiah 1-21)	1 John 2.15-29
Friday	Isaiah 26.1-19	1 John 3.1-24
Saturday	Isaiah 26.20-27.13	1 John 4.1-21

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10

Isaiah describes the wilderness blossoming. Why does creation rejoice?

Why do the weak and sick rejoice?

Looking at this text as a whole; what does Isaiah see?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: James 5.7-11

How does this theme of patience fit with this Sunday?

What example of suffering and patience does James give? Is this example still useful today?

Why is it important to trust in the compassion and mercy of the Lord amid suffering?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.2-15

Does John the Baptizer doubt that Jesus is the Christ?

What does John want his disciples to see in Jesus?

Who is this one who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

The Lord's Prayer Continued

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.