

10am, March 19, 2023
4th Sunday in Lent
Service of Word and Prayer



Sounds of the Season



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PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Rodina Couling)

L: What do we expect to happen here today? Same old, same old- nothing really new? Do we remember that Christ has promised to return? Do we expect him to be with us today? Are we ready for when he does?

C: As we come to worship God of our lives, we rekindle the flame of optimistic expectation that Christ will return to be with us, in the here and now and every day.

SOUND OF THE DAY

OPENING HYMN: ELW 523 – Let Us Go Now To the Banquet

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Lamp-lighter,

C: when we have run out of patience and find ourselves unprepared, may you rekindle the light of faith and reorient us towards the ways of the kingdom. That we may find a different rhythm to life that lives in the waiting and anticipation, a waiting shaped by passion and held by generous living.

P: Lamp-lighter, relight the lamp of expectation, of seeing beyond this journey that takes to closer to the cross. See beyond the gathering darkness and relight the hope that the promises will be fulfilled, the vision of life renewed, that death can be overcome with the dawn. Lamp-lighter, hear us as we pray and wait and long for this season to slip away unheard.

C: So be it. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: ACS 1031 - In God Alone (2x)

Mon â - me se re - po - se, en paix sur Dieu seul: de
In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in

lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se, en paix.
soul can find its rest, . . . find its rest and peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Where the church in the past has closed doors,

C: may we open them. Where prejudice and fear have narrowed the gospel, may we broaden it again. Where culture has told us who is acceptable and who is not, may we live by the culture of your kingdom instead. May we open doors, may we broaden your kingdom, may we live in a different culture, where all are welcome. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV 615 – Return To the Lord

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord your God, who is
gra-cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:1-13, 14-30

(Kirstin Veugelers)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he

went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Give Me Oil in My Lamp

D D7 G 1 | A D

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing, give me oil
oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing,

E7 A 2 | D

in my lamp, I pray; give me keep me burn-ing till the

A7 D G E7

break of day. Sing ho-san-nah! sing ho-san-

A 1 | G A 2 | D

-nah! Sing ho-san-nah to the Ser-vant King. let us sing!

- 2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising...
- 3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving...
- 4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving...

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC: Hosanna Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 642 – Ubi Caritas et Amor
(Latin, English, Latin)

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Rodina Couling)

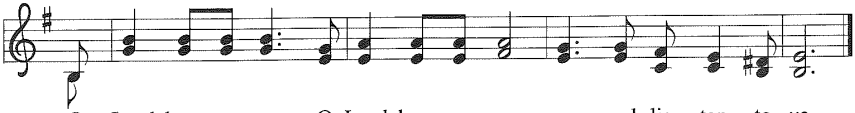
L: We offer you the gift of our lives, O God, devoted to your work of justice and mercy. Receive these offerings given in love and gratitude toward you, the creator of all. For the sake of our Lord Jesus we pray.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAYER: ELW 751 – O Lord, Hear Our Prayer (1x)



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: when we call, an - swer us.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: come and lis - ten to us.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Rodina Couling)

L: Listening for God’s Word at work in us and the world, today we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Our petitions will end with “Hear us, O God.” The congregation is invited to respond: **“your mercy is great.”**

A brief silence.

O God, we hear you knocking and are called to respond. Embolden us to live, act, and speak as signs of your presence and love in the world. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for all places of conflict, may we be ready to live lives of peace. So, hear us as we pray for Ukraine, and all places of conflict. We pray for places of hunger, may we be prepared to live lives that share justice with each other. We pray for places of fear, may we be ready to live generously, affirming diversity and loving the stranger. So, hear us as we pray for all your children in need. May we be light in the world. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

May we be ready, O God, in our prayers for others, to turn them from words into acts of the kingdom. Today we bring prayers for those we know who are in need, including: **Marcus Busch, the family and friends of Const. Brett Ryan and Const. Travis Jordan**, the people listed in the bulletin, and for those we now name silently or aloud. – (10 seconds of silence) – Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

<p>EXTENDED PRAYER LIST: Al Wende, Emily Stebner, Bennett/Stawnichy Family, Liz Wise, Gladys Hansen, Tammy Massa, Shirley Newsom, Jim Jarvis, Brian Dofka, Holly Armstrong, Lorelei Campbell, Darlene Brown, Marilyn Beebe, Debbie Simpson, Dianne Begert, Dale Grinde, Elaine McKinlay, Saruro and family, George Kubinski, Chelsea Sloan, Don Vinge, Millie Dofka, Wes Baines, Dave Tate, Bob Ritz, Edith Preiksaitis, Hilda Lindae, Al Wende, Owen Wiig, John Sims</p>
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We come with prayers for our siblings in the faith, near and far, including: Bishop Sid and the people of the Saskatchewan Synod. All Area council members and Hosanna's council members. The pastors of Hosanna: James and Anna. The synod council as they gather for their spring meeting and retreat. Ascension Lutheran and Lord of Life Lutheran, Edmonton. Divine Redeemer, San Miguel. The University of Alberta – Augustana Campus, Camrose. The Right Rev. Bishop Sidney Black, Indigenous Bishop of Treaty 7 Territory. The Anglican Diocese of Calgary. The Pentecostal Churches of Canada. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We remember these members of Hosanna's congregation as they celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week: Doris Allan, James Hendricksen, Terrie Schaerer, and Martha Miller. Bless them on their day and in the year to come. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your servants, O God. We are blessed to have known and loved them. Let us be inspired by their witness until you call us home to join them gathered around your throne. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

P: As we pray for our families, friends, community, and world, may we be ready to live lives that live lovingly to each of those with whom we share life. May we be light in the world. **C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAYER: ELW 751 – O Lord, Hear Our Prayer (1x)

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.**

SENDING

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P: As we have worshipped, so we take our worship into the world. When we are able to make preparations, we will be ready. Where we are able work and develop, we will use our talents. When we are able to be faithful servants, we will work for good. God of readiness, Son of goodness, Spirit of nurture, bless us, this day and always.

C: Amen.

SOUND OF THE DAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN: ELW 436 – Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Permission to livestream the music in this service obtained from OneLicense with license "A-733297".

<i>With thanks to those serving today:</i>	
Reader	Kirstin Veugelers
Lay Leader	Rodina Couling
Special Music	Hosanna Choir
Greeters	Ralph & Hertha Trippel
A/V Technology	Helena Hendricksen, Timothy V.

TODAY

10am Service of the Word

11am Sunday School

11am Adult Forum

12pm Confirmation



You are invited to join us in celebrating Holy Communion on March 26th at 10am. Please prepare in advance by having bread or a gluten-free option, and wine or grape juice available to be shared. You are also invited to make your worship space special as you join us in worship. **Communion supplies are available at the church.**

- ❖ **Campus Ministry Cookie Sunday Today!** It will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the university year. Please bring homemade or bought cookies. It is for the students that visit with Pastor Richard Reimer in his office or at Martin Luther House. *See Orest Myroon for more info.*

- ❖ **ADULT FORUM this morning after worship service: Linda Hut**, who volunteers weekly with “**Basically Babies: Outfitting Newborns in Need.**” will introduce their work and her role dedicated to serving extreme need families of newborns by providing a year’s worth of both new and gently used baby clothes and essentials.

You may attend (and participate in discussion) in person at Hosanna or join in online through Zoom. Here’s how you can access Zoom at 11am:

Topic: Adult Forum Time: March 19, at 11am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3wi11IR>

Meeting ID: 853 0634 1571 **Passcode:** 817062

Dial by your location: +1 587 328 1099 Canada

THIS WEEK: March 20th – March 26th

MONDAY 8pm AlAnon

TUESDAY 1pm Staff Meeting /7pm JRF Church

WEDNESDAY 10am Painters/ 11am Quilters/

7pm Lenten Service (Rio Terrace)/ 7pm Spiritoso! /
7:15pm Council

THURSDAY 10am Bible Study/ 2pm Food Bank/ 5pm Handbells/
6pm JRF Church/ 6pm Scouts/ 7pm Choir

FRIDAY 6pm JRF Church

SATURDAY 8am 12 Step Group/ 9am Greenwood Singers/
2:30pm JRF Church

SUNDAY 10am Holy Communion / 11am Sunday School/
12pm Confirmation/ 2pm JRF Church



Purdy’s Chocolate Fundraiser 2023

Hosanna Youth is pleased to announce that we will again be offering a pre-Easter Purdy’s Chocolates fundraiser from **March 5 – March 19**. If you buy Easter chocolate, why not consider getting the good stuff and purchasing it through our youth group to help us in our continuing fundraising efforts? Look for the glossy fliers with pictures of beautiful chocolate beginning on February 26 and speak to Nina Tanti if you need help ordering.

- ❖ The **LENT/ EASTER UPDATE “Notes from Hosanna” Newsletter** is in your inbox, on our website, and at the church on the Black Counter.
- ❖ **NEW ARRIVALS! - DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** are on the Black Counter. Pick up your copy today!
- ❖ As a response to the rising numbers of respiratory infections, we are **encouraging the wearing of masks** at events at Hosanna.

- ❖ **BIBLE STUDIES: Thursday Morning Bible Study** at 10am. Join us weekly or as often as you are able – new people are welcome any time! **Women’s Bible Study** is the 2nd Friday of the month, at 7:30pm. *Contact Sonja for details.*
- ❖ **MUSIC: Handbell rehearsals** are Thursdays, at 5:00pm. **Choir rehearsals** are Thursdays, at 7:00pm. *If you have any questions, please contact Isabela.*
- ❖ The **HOSANNA QUILTERS** are continuing to quilt every Wednesday from 11am – 2pm in the Peace Hall. We invite you to view completed quilts online. Go to: hosannalutheran.ab.ca and click on the “Quilts for Sale” screen. After ordering, Karen Moore will make arrangements for the quilt to be picked up.
- ❖ You can drop off your loose change in **MELANIE THE OWL**, who is roosting on the Black Counter; the money will be used for bus tickets for people using Food Bank and those at the Jasper Place Wellness Centre.

DONATIONS:

We want you to know how you can make donations to Hosanna. Our operations and expenses continue even though we are meeting in a variety of ways.

 If you are on PAR, everything will proceed like normal – thank you.	 You may email transfer us: donations@hosannalutheran.ab.ca	 You can mail/ drop off your donations
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Donate Online
You can also donate online via credit card: <http://hosannalutheran.ab.ca/>

Please join us for coffee and a time for fellowship :

Hosanna has 7pm Lenten services on **March 15th and 29th**, and we would like to invite you to bring donuts, cookies, or other treats to share for after the services.

Thank you—we will see you soon!





LENTEN CALENDAR

During Lent we are invited to join St. Timothy's Anglican and Rio Terrace Moravian for midweek Lenten services. The services will happen at 7pm

Locations are as follows:

March 1—Hosanna
(in-person & livestream)

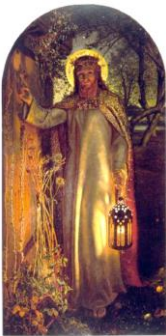
March 8— Rio Terrace Moravian
(15108-76Ave) (in-person &
livestream TBA)

March 15— Hosanna
(in-person & livestream)

March 22— Rio Terrace Moravian
(15108-76Ave) (in-person &
livestream TBA)

March 29— Hosanna
(in-person & livestream)

Wednesday
Lenten
SERVICES
7pm 



Take Home Ideas

Reflect on the famous picture of “Christ, the Light of the World” by the artist William Holman Hunt (images of which are readily available online). How does this allegorical picture, illustrating Revelation 3:20, help or hinder your understanding of the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids? Shut doors are involved in both. What is stopping the doors being opened?

The wise and foolish bridesmaids parable is also about expectation and being prepared. Our culture is increasingly designed around recharging the batteries on this, that or the other device. How would you go about recharging yourself on a regular basis so as to feel ever ready and energized to work God’s will in the world?