



Zion
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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday In-person Worship at 10:30 AM

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Song Leader – Elaine D.

Worship Leader – Matt D.

Pianist – Carla P.

Advent 2 -- Dare to imagine God's embrace!

**Imagine the wideness of God's embrace
of all creatures and creation! It will widen our hearts
to do the things that make for peace.**

Prelude

Gathering Song VT #227 *Here I Am to Worship*

Welcome

Call to Worship

In the quietness of our winter season, God breathes.

God comes close, open-armed.

We are held: tightly, gently, tenderly.

God's embrace is wide.

A voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord",
and God pulls the cries close.

God is already here.

Prayer

Candle Litany

We light a candle of peace. And we imagine:

God's tender mercy, God's compassion.

We light the candle of peace to feel God's embrace,

God's nearness, God's breath.

Imagine that ... we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Song SJ #31 *He came down*

Praise Songs VT #125 *Shout to the Lord*

HWB #182 *Oh, how shall I receive thee?*

Opportunities, Offering and Sharing Prayer

Scripture Hosea 11:1-4; Isaiah 40:9-11; Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:76-79

Message *Not much of a Hugger*

Lois Bukar

Response Song HWB #174 *Bless 'd be the God of Israel*

Benediction

Sending Song SS #16 *Peace before us*

Postlude

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Thursday at 12 noon **Advent service** at St. Olaf Lutheran Church
sponsored by the Ministerial, in-person and live streamed

Next Sunday at 11 am **Radio Broadcast**

Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- those recovering, those still struggling, and those facing new challenges
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Swift Current: Trailview Alliance Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Rosthern Mennonite Church, pastor Andrea Enns-Gooding
- perseverance in the struggle against COVID
- Peace on Earth

December 18 Church Christmas banquet at the **Modern** at **5 pm**.

Purchase **tickets** before December 12, they are \$20 from Margaret Dyck. The **Giving Project** is for touchless soap dispensers and faucets for each of the 4 washrooms in the new building for Canadian Mental Health Association. Each item is approximately \$200, for a total of \$1600.

Bd of Ed Advent Giving Project

Bd of Ed would like to take 3 Sundays **November 28 to December 12** to focus on the need for food items in our community and offer to you the opportunity to give your coins and/or non-perishable food. Both can be dropped off in the foyer; hear your **coins** drop into a red container and put **food** items onto a shelf in the green tree. Rowan and Board members will deliver the offerings to Mental Health mid December.

Financial Update: donations for November \$12,320.