

There's a Psalm for This

In the midst of Holy Week last time around, I missed an interesting milestone: a year ago last week, these weekly newsletters and devotions started! It's almost hard to believe it's been a year, but it's been such a year! And yet things are moving along and the end is in sight. Case counts in Utah are still low; vaccines are rolling out fast. But we still have a way to go, and even with all these wonderful tools to help us fight this pandemic, even as we take the responsible steps to love our neighbor, God is still the one we trust most. God gives wisdom to medical professionals and researchers and helps us through the hard time this year has been. Psalm 33 is a praise of God for the things God has done.

Psalm 33 (CEB)

All you who are righteous, shout joyfully to the Lord!

It's right for those who do right to praise God.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre!

Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!

Sing to him a new song! Play your best with joyful shouts!

Because the Lord's word is right, his every act is done in good faith.

He loves righteousness and justice; the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.

The skies were made by the Lord's word,

all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.

He gathered the ocean waters into a heap; he put the deep seas into storerooms.

All the earth honors the Lord; all the earth's inhabitants stand in awe of him.

Because when he spoke, it happened! When he commanded, there it was!

The Lord overrules what the nations plan; he frustrates what the peoples intend to do.

But the Lord's plan stands forever;

what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.

The nation whose God is the Lord,

the people whom God has chosen as his possession, is truly happy!

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees every human being.

From his dwelling place God observes all who live on earth.

God is the one who made all their hearts, the one who knows everything they do.

Kings aren't saved by the strength of their armies;

warriors aren't rescued by how much power they have.

A warhorse is a bad bet for victory; it can't save despite its great strength.

But look here: the Lord's eyes watch all who honor him,

all who wait for his faithful love, to deliver their lives from death
and keep them alive during a famine.

We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield.

Our heart rejoices in God because we trust his holy name.

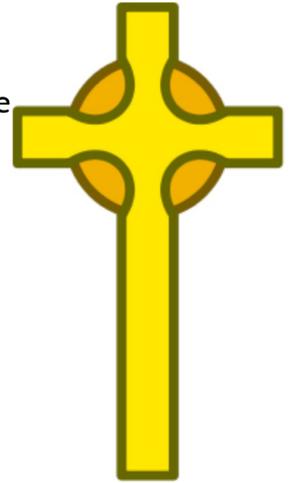
Lord, let your faithful love surround us because we wait for you.

We praise God for all God has done for us. We wait for the things God is yet to do. We rest in God when we need to rest; for God is our Lord – may we find peace in God.

Pastor Mike Galica

Holy Cross Announcements

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! We are now in the **season of Easter**, in which we celebrate the most important event in history: the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ showed his defeat of sin, death, and the devil by rising from the grave. Rejoice with us in the resurrection of our Lord! Our paraments are white during this season to reflect our celebration.



The **Bear River Health Department** has begun COVID-19 for all those over 16! For more information and to check availability, visit <https://brhd.org/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

Our state and local health departments' COVID-19 Transmission Level for our county is "Medium". This means that we will be now offering in-person worship again! Please review the Holy Cross COVID-19 plan on our website to review the requests and requirements for meeting together. Most importantly, wear a mask and please remember that available space is limited due to social distancing! Please let Pastor Mike know if you are planning to attend in-person.

If you're a Thrivent member, you may have **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to distribute! Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you are eligible.

If you want to give an offering to the church but are either unable to or don't feel comfortable with attending in person, you can mail it to PO Box 732, Brigham City UT, 84302. The post office box gets checked regularly and your giving will be secure.

Sunday School for children and adults is recessed.

Holy Cross Quilters will continue refraining from meeting.

This Week's Readings:

2nd Sunday of Easter – *Emmaus Road* – Psalm 30; Luke 24:23-35

Next Week's Readings:

3rd Sunday of Easter – *Stephen's Witness* – Acts 6:1-7:2a,44-60; Luke 12:1-12

Prayer List

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — Phil 4:6

Keep the following in your prayers

Tyson, Michelle's dad's friend's son, for mental health.

Sharon, for a successful surgery and swift recovery.

Jeff & Darlene Hoedt, for safe travels to visit family.

Brian Hohn, friend of Bob Kosbab, with esophageal cancer.

Our vulnerable populations, especially those with underlying health conditions, the homeless, and those lacking access to proper medical care in this time.

Nora Greer, for healing.

Trudee Klein, friend of Deborah Kay, for healing from cancer.

Tom & Jeanette Croft, friend of Kosbabs, for healing.

Abby Rasmussen and family, friends of Kosbabs, as she struggles with cystic fibrosis.

John Buist, our custodian, for continued health problems.

Lynne, Robert Quick's wife, with health issues.

Aleasa, Robert Quick's daughter, with health issues.

Mark Sparkman, Quick's son-in-law, recurring health problems.

Gloria Perry, for healing from health problems.

Box Elder County Jail Ministry, that the inmates may respond to the Gospel.

Deborah Kay Hansen, prayers for healing from recurring health problems.

Give thanks to God

Chris, Ashley, and family, Jeff Hoedt's son and daughter-in-law, and newborn **Adelynn!**

Bryce and Emily Herman and newborn daughter, nephew & family of the Kosbabs, have recovered well.

Claudia Long, Andrea's mom, is doing much better but still needs prayer for strength and health.

Tripp, newborn son of Lexa and Kyler, is off oxygen and doing much better.

Keep those in prayer who are in harm's way

Medical professionals and all who are continuing to work during this pandemic.

Braxton Jeppsen, serving in the US Navy.

Let Pastor Mike know if there are any petitions you wish to add to our Prayer List. If you added someone to the prayer list, please update us on how they are doing! We love to celebrate praises as well as petitions. Out of concern for people's privacy, we no longer speak people's names in the worship service, but we continue to pray for all their needs and concerns.