



Southwestern Minnesota Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

**In the midst of the final days of Advent, may God bless you as you make final preparations to celebrate the coming of Christ Jesus our Lord. As He laid in a feed box, may the Good News come and rest upon you and God's world.**

**Your synod staff wants to wish you a blessed Christmas. In the midst of these days may God surprise you with joy and new life.**

*Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!*

*Let earth receive its King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room*

*And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,*

*While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains*

*Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the groups;*

*He comes to make his blessings flow*

*Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove*

*The glories of his righteousness*

*And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love.*



***"Joy to the World" Acrylic by Robyn Sand Anderson for 2009 Christmas at Luther Concert***