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Grace Lutheran Church
Advent 2014

**& HE WILL
BE CALLED**

Wonderful Counselor,

MIGHTY GOD,

Everlasting Father,

PRINCE OF PEACE.

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Order of Advent Worship

Opening Prayer:

Opening Hymn:

Confession of Sins:.....With TLH 339: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

All: To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Sing [♫]: Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;

Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

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Pastor: Our Lord tells us, "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin." So let us confess our sins to God and find forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

All: Oh, Lord God, my heavenly Father, I fall before You, as my King, approaching Your divine majesty with a humble and contrite heart. I plead for Your grace and forgiveness, for I am a sinner. I confess that I have not honored You as my King as I should. I have followed my own sinful desires rather than bow before Your majestic authority and obey Your divine will. Be merciful to me and forgive me for Jesus' sake. Rule in my heart and lead me to be your royal subject. I ask all of this, trusting in Your Son, Jesus Christ, my only Savior, Redeemer and King, in whom I believe. Amen.

Sing [♫]: Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,

Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

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Pastor: The Apostle Paul says, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Therefore, upon this your confession and testimony of faith in Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, your Savior, I announce the grace of God unto you and assure you that all your sins are forgiven in His name. The Lord our God be praised!

Sing [♫]: Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the Fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

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Pastor: In Revelation we are told of the scene in Heaven in which living beings fall before the Lamb of God, saying:

All: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God."

Pastor: Then all the hosts of Heaven joined in giving praise to Christ the Lamb who was slain for us, saying with a loud voice:

All: "Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing! Amen." He is the King of kings and Lord of lords!

Sing [♫]: Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
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Scripture Reading:

☆ December 3 – Romans 5

☆ December 10 – Romans 3:21-Romans 4:8

Confession of Faith:Formula of Concord, Person of Christ (selected)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Announced by the Angels, Worshipped by the shepherds, Adored by the Wise Men, Who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, To free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, And by whose continuous work in my heart, I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love and live under Him as my King, Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Response: TLH 645: Behold, a Branch is Growing

Sing [♫]: Behold a branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sung, foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little Flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.

Isaiah hath foretold It
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold It,
A virgin meek and pure.
Thro' God's eternal will
This Child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.

O Savior, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
Savior, King of Glory.
Who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.



Sermon:

Isaiah's Royal Prophecies

This King Will Bring True Peace: Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of His government and peace *There will be no end,*
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (NKJV™)

Hymns: TLH 59; TLH 86; TLH 70

December 3, 2014

This King Will Bring Forth Justice: Isaiah 11:1-4

¹There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
²The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
³His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; ⁴But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (NKJV™)

Hymns: TLH 68; TLH 69; TLH 558

December 10, 2014

This King Will Raise the Fallen:.....Isaiah 42:1-3

¹"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom My soul delights!*
I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
²He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.
³A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench;
He will bring forth justice for truth." (NKJV™)

Candlelight Worship Service

December 17, 2014

This King Will Be "God with Us":.....Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (NKJV™)

Christmas Day Worship Service

December 25, 2014

Response: WS 712: What Child Is This

Sing [♩]: So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings Salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high; The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born. The babe the Son of Mary.

Hymn:

Offering, Prayer, Lord's Prayer, & Benediction:

Closing Hymn: