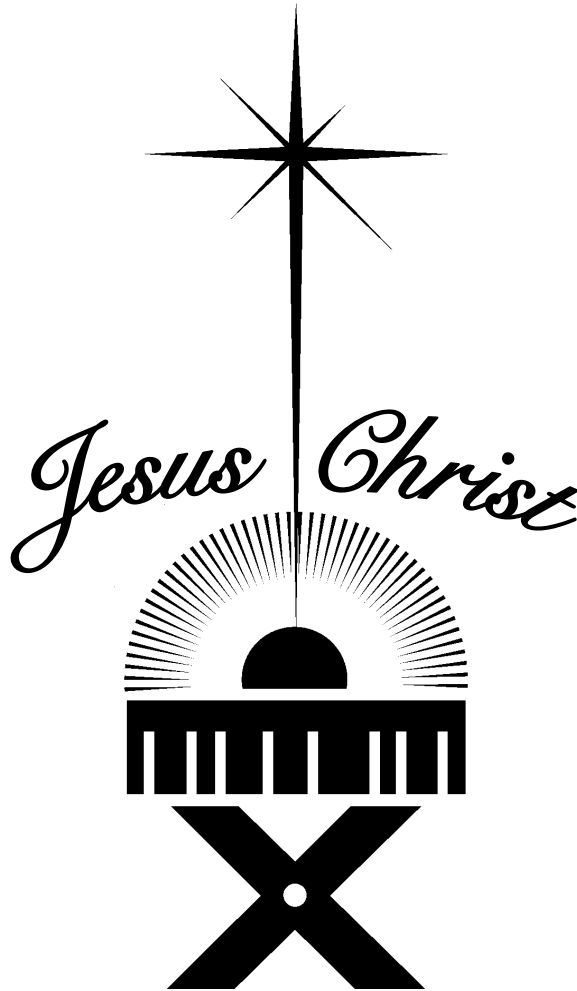

Grace Lutheran Church

Advent 2024



The Light of Our Christmas

Order of Advent Worship

Pre-Service Meditation: Psalm 27, TLH p. 129

Hymn:

Confession & Absolution: Selected Passages with TLH 88

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

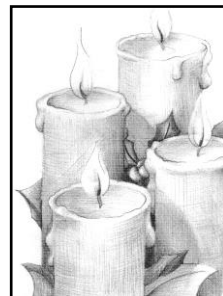
C: And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world,

P: and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

C: For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

P: But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

C: Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."



**Sing [♫]: This night a wondrous revelation Makes known to me God's love and grace;
The Child that merits adoration Brings light to our benighted race;
And though a thousand suns did shine, Still brighter were that Light divine.**

P: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

C: And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.

P: ... the Dayspring from on high has visited us;

C: To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.

P: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

C: That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

**Sing [♫]: The Sun of Grace for thee is beaming; Rejoice, my soul, in Jesus' birth!
The light from yonder manger streaming Sends forth its rays o'er all the earth.
It drives the night of sin away And turns our darkness into day.**

P: Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

C: ... I did not come to judge the world but to save the world."

P: ... if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, ...

C: and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness,

C: and let us put on the armor of light.

P: For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness,

C: who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Sing [♫]: This light, which all thy gloom can banish, The bliss of heaven glorifies;
When sun and moon and stars shall vanish, Its rays shall still illumine the skies.
This light through all eternity Thy heaven and all to thee shall be.**



P: ... you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
C: His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
P: For you were once darkness,
C: but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
P: Let your light so shine before men,
C: that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Sing [♫]: O Jesus, precious Sun of Gladness, Fill Thou my soul with light, I pray.
 Dispel the gloomy night of sadness And teach Thou me this Christmas Day
 How I a child of light may be, Aglow with light that comes from Thee.

Scripture Reading:Selected Readings: Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:39-56; Matthew 1:18-25

Confession of Faith:.....Luther’s Explanation to the 2nd Article

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.



Hymn:

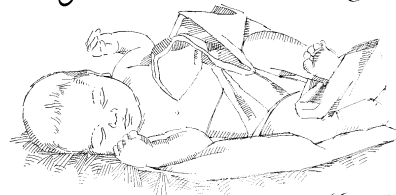
Sermon:.....Jesus Christ: The Light of Our Christmas

Note: Texts and themes for each week on back of bulletin

Response:.....TLH 95, st. 6

Sing [♫]: Brightly doth Thy manger shine,
 Glorious is its light divine.
 Let not sin o’ercloud this light;
 Ever be our faith thus bright.

And he will be their peace



Micah 5:5

Hymn:

Offering & Prayer:

Benediction:

Closing Hymn:.....Tune of TLH 85: From Heaven Above

Sing [♫]: Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
 Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Thy holy face.
 O Christ, my true and only Light Be with me, Lord, as it is night;
 Keep me in ever peaceful sleep, Thou, as my Light, my soul will keep.

Note: Please return bulletins for repeated use during the Mid-Week Advent services.



JESUS CHRIST: The Light of Our Christmas

The Light of Exposure:.....Ephesians 5:13-14

(13) But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. (14) Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”

Hymns: TLH 62; WS 703; TLH 106:1,4-7

December 4, 2024

The Light of Our Salvation:John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Hymns: TLH 66; WS 709; TLH 359

December 11, 2024

The Light of Peace:Luke 1:78b-79

(78b) “... the Dayspring from on high has visited us; (79) To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Candlelight Service

December 18, 2005

The Light of Promise and Hope:.....Isaiah 49:6

Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

Hymns: TLH 64; TLH 91; TLH 92

December 22, 2024

The Light of Life:.....John 1:4-5, 9

(4) In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (5) And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ... (9) That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

Christmas Day Service

December 25, 2024

