

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 4, 2022—8:30am**



**Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”  
*arr. Polly Besakova*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

ELW #253 verses 1-2

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.  
**Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of new beginnings, **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

You are holy (You are holy)  
You are mighty (You are mighty)  
You are worthy (You are worthy)  
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)  
I will follow (I will follow)  
I will listen (I will listen)  
I will love You (I will love You)  
All of my days (all of my days)

**Refrain A:**

I will sing to  
and worship  
The King who  
is worthy.  
And I will love and  
adore Him,  
and I will bow down  
before Him.  
And I will sing to  
and worship  
The King who  
is worthy.  
And I will love and  
adore Him,  
And I will bow down  
before Him  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You.

**Refrain B:**

You are Lord of lords,  
You are King of kings,  
You are mighty God,  
Lord of ev'rything.  
You're Emmanuel,  
You're the Great I Am,  
You're the Prince of Peace  
who is the Lamb.  
You're the living God,  
You're my saving grace.  
You will reign forever;  
You are Ancient of Days.  
You are Alpha Omega,  
Beginning and End.  
You're my Savior; Messiah,  
Redeemer and Friend.  
You're my Prince of Peace,  
And I will live my life for You.

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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**+ Word +**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**Bell Choir**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
arr. by Mitchell Eithun & Sandra Eithun

**First Reading**

Isaiah 11:1-10

**Second Reading**

Romans 15:4-13

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world.  
Those who follow me will not walk in darkness.  
Those who follow me will have the light of life.

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**+ Gospel Reading**

Matthew 3:1-12

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick

**+ Song of the Day**

“Build Up”

**Refrain:** Build up, prepare the way.  
Remove obstructions from my people's way.  
Build up, prepare the way.  
God is near, God is here today.

Break the chains of injustice.  
Let the oppressed go free.  
Share our homes with the homeless, and our bread with the hungry.

God sees all our destruction; how we get in love's way.  
Still God comes and meets us, with a steady healing embrace.

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will break  
into song.

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**+ Nicene Creed**

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

sung refrain: “Come by Here” TFF #43

Come by here, my Lord, come by here;  
come by here, my Lord, come by here;  
come by here, my Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

Traditional

**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Offering**

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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer (sins)**

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

**Communion Song**

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word

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**+Sending+**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“Days of Elijah”

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord; And these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored; And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword; Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

**Refrain:** Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call; Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh; And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise; And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world; And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord.

There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah,  
there is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah.

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**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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