

# **INTEGRATIVE PROJECT**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**FALL 2004**

**“Advent in July Family Camp”  
Based on the Prophetic Texts of Isaiah**

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# **Section 1: Introductory Materials**

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*There is still room to join us for a fun filled week AS A FAMILY at Camp Mount Luther.  
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## FAMILY CAMP 2005

### “Advent in July”



There will be fun for the whole family! For a half-week each summer, Camp Mount Luther opens its doors to all ages and invites everyone to join in the fun, fellowship and excitement of Outdoor Ministries. Singles, couples, grandparents and anyone who wants to get away from it all should attend!

Time is set aside for adult Bible Study, children's activities and family time. You may take advantage of activities such as crafts, swimming, canoeing, singing, hiking, volleyball, and nature walks. If you feel like being alone or taking a nap, you can do that. We try to make this the most relaxing and inspirational vacation you will ever spend.

Are you afraid of camp food? Well don't be. Camp Mount Luther has a certified chef preparing all of the delicious food. You'll feel like you are in a five star restaurant while you dine. Don't plan on losing weight while you are here. The desserts are "sinfully delicious."

This year's program theme for Family Camp is **ADVENT IN JULY**. We'll be celebrating the season of preparation and anticipation, only at a different time of year. During our Bible Studies, we'll be looking at the prophetic texts of Isaiah and how they foretold the coming of Christ and how we can use them in our lives today.

For more information or a registration form, please contact Camp Mount Luther. You just cannot pass up on the wonderful value of Family Camp. Sign up today!!!!



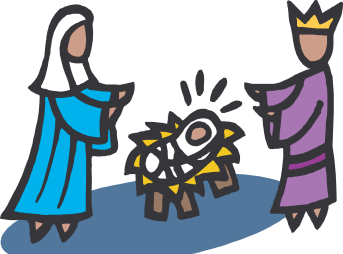

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<p align="center"><b>Family Camp 2005</b></p> <p align="center"><b>“Advent in July”</b></p> 	<p>8:15- Breakfast and First Light</p> <p>9:15- Morning Main Event: The Waiting Game</p> <p>10:30- Bible Study: “God’s Chosen One and the Servant’s Mission”</p>	<p>8:15- Breakfast and First Light</p> <p>9:15- Morning Main Event: At the Crossroads</p> <p>10:30- Bible Study: “The Righteous Servant”</p>	<p>8:30- First Light</p> <p>8:45- Bible Study: “The Doubter’s Chapter”</p> <p>10:00- “Love” Feast/Brunch</p> <p>11:15 Closing Worship: ”The Healing of Advent”</p>
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# WELCOME TO FAMILY CAMP!

The staff here at Camp Mount Luther are all ready to experience ADVENT IN JULY with you and your family. Advent is a time of anticipation and waiting. We hope that by celebrating Advent during this season of the year, that you will be renewed in faith and get to experience this church season in a new way!

We have the following scheduled for today:

**2:45- Registration**

Get settled into your cabin and then you can go to the pool for swim tests for children. Our lifeguard will be anxiously awaiting you!

**5:15- Supper in the Dining Room of the Evergreen Center**

The first of your exquisite meals for the week prepared by Chef Carol. Immediately following supper, we will take our group photo which is available for purchase.

**6:30- Opening Worship**

We will kick off our time together in worship, with the theme “What’s in a Name?” Worship will be held at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, located east of the bottom of the field. Staff will be available to lead you there.

**7:30- Evening Entertainment**

Each night, we will have entertainment for you in the evening. Tonight, we will make homemade ice cream complete with a bunch of toppings! You can also spend time getting to know other families.

All this week, we will be providing for you a wide assortment of activities for you to do. Please read over the schedule and participate as you wish. Please make yourself at home and if you have any questions, ask your host for the week. Welcome to Camp Mount Luther!

## ADVENT IN JULY FAMILY CAMP WORSHIP

### Sunday Night: “What’s In a Name?”

**Opening Song:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Call to Worship:** “In the Name of the Father” (call and response)

*In the Name of the Father  
In the Name of the Son  
In the Name of the Spirit  
All Three in One*

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 1:1

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1: 1-4

**Homily/Activity**

**Litany:** from the Mount Luther Prayer service

**Prayer of The Day**

*As we gather this week, Father, we praise you for your goodness. We thank you that we can gather in a place such as this, to worship you, to learn about you, and to be together in Christian fellowship. As we look at the prophecies of Isaiah this week, allow us to open our hearts and minds to see you, and to apply what we learn to our lives today.*

*We especially thank you for each one gathered for this Family Camp. We thank you for... (read each individual name; that person responds with the meaning of their name)*

*In thanksgiving and joy, we pray all these things in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray....*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Sending:** “May the Lord Bless and Keep Us” (call and response)

*May the Lord Bless and Keep Us  
May His Face Shine Upon Us  
May His Spirit Go With Us  
And give us peace*

**Closing Song:** “I’ve Got the Joy”

## Sunday Worship- Homily/Activity

What are you doing this summer?

You've probably been asked that question earlier this season- hopefully your laundry list of activities included this Family Camp. You may have explained what Family Camp is all about and what you were anticipating to happen at this particular event in your life. You would have been talking about the future.

And while I would not suggest that you are a prophet, you were doing something prophets do- foretell. The difference between you and a prophet is that prophets were people in history who spoke for God. Their job was two-fold, to forthtell, or tell forth the Word of God, and to foretell, peer into the future.

You've probably heard the different names of the prophets before. The one we will deal with this week is ISAIAH. Isaiah, as we heard in the first reading tonight, is the son of Amoz. He is considered to be one of the Major Prophets in the Old Testament because of the large volume of his writings.

The book of Isaiah is the second most quoted in the New Testament, after Psalms.

The book is divided into two sections: Chapters 1-39 mirrors the Old Testament (which has 39 books, equal to the number of chapters in this section) and depicts man's need for salvation. Chapters 40-66 (which has 27 chapters equal to the number of chapters in this section) mirror the New Testament and gives God's gracious provisions of salvation.

In the first Chapter of Isaiah, the first verse, we see that God mediated his message through Isaiah to Judah, the people of the Southern kingdom. The nation of Israel at this time was in two parts. The two tribes of Judah and Benjamin inhabited the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Jerusalem was the capital of the Southern Kingdom.

We are studying Isaiah this week in the context of the liturgical season of Advent. Advent is usually the four Sundays preceding Christmas. It is a time of anticipating and waiting for the Christ child. It is a time of getting ready.

But we, as Lutheran Christians, do not just celebrate Advent in December. We are truly ADVENT people. We await the second coming of Christ, when he will return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to rule over all the earth. We anticipate that coming, not as a babe in Bethlehem but as the ruler of all.

As we look at the book of Isaiah this week, remember that we can look at the foretelling of the prophet in two areas. We can look at his predications of Christ coming on earth to live among the people. As we hear in the gospel reading this evening, *Luke tell us about "those things which have been fulfilled among us."* We see that what the prophets foretold indeed came to pass in Jesus' arrival on earth. That's some of what we will look at this week- the prophetic scripture and how it was fulfilled.

We can look at these prophetic scriptures foretelling us of Christ's second coming to rule over the people. Many of the passages we'll read this week deal with Christ's future reign on earth.

We can also apply this scripture to us. A practical application of how this scripture affects us in our daily lives is in order. As we go through our morning first light devotions, our Bible Studies, and our worships during our time together, think about how the texts talk to you. What do you hear God saying to you?

As we get a feel tonight for who Isaiah was a figure in scripture and history, it is interesting to note his name. Isaiah means "Salvation of Jehovah." If we look at names of Biblical figures we also can learn a lot. In our passage tonight from Isaiah, we hear of four kings of Judah. Here are their names and their meanings:

Uzziah- "Jehovah is Strong"

Jotham- "Jehovah supports"

Ahaz- "He holds"

Hezekiah- "Jehovah is Strength"

Do you know what your name means? If you don't, you will in a few minutes. What we are going to do is look up our names in these name books to find out what our names really mean. You then will write it on a piece of paper and when we do the prayers in a few minutes we will use them.

Jehovah is our Salvation. Isaiah. Let us give thanks for his words to the people of Israel. Let us give thanks to his words to us, the people of God.

Amen.

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# Monday First Light: Isaiah's Call, Cleansing, and Commissioning

*Last night in worship, we learned about Isaiah and his occupation. But how did Isaiah get there? For our first light morning devotions today, we look at Isaiah's call, cleansing, and commissioning and view the historical Isaiah.*

## **READ: Isaiah 6**

### **Outline of the Text:**

- Verse 1: The historical setting of Isaiah's call
- Verses 2-4: Isaiah's stunning vision of God (*Note: seraphim celebrate the holiness of God and require that God's servants be cleansed before serving him. In verse three, the phrase "Holy, Holy, Holy" is used. This reminds us of the trinity, God as three in one!*)
- Verse 5: His new insight into himself
- Verse 6-8: His call
- Verse 9-13: His commission (*Note: in verse 13, it talks about the holy seed. In Genesis 3:15, it states that the woman's seed would defeat the serpent. The seed of the woman is the Promised One. Seed is used throughout the Bible as a messianic term. The woman's seed would defeat the serpent, which Christ does.*)

### **RELATE:**

After reading the text, think about yourself and answer these questions:

1. What have been called to do in my life?
2. Isaiah was cleansed after his call. What act of cleansing have I been a part of?
3. What have been commissioned to do in my life as a Christian? What is God calling me to do that I many not have been doing so far?

### **RESPOND**

Read John 12: 39-41. Think about people who you know who may not know Christ. What can you do to help the unchurched? What can you do to help the oppressed? How will you respond to the call, cleansing, and commissioning in your own life?

Close your devotional time with prayer.

# The Waiting Game

Advent is a time of preparation. During the weeks before Christmas we are getting ready, awaiting the birth of Christ. This morning, you will be getting ready for Christ's arrival by doing several activities generally associated with Christmas. You will go to the following locations and do the activities listed. Once you have done all five activities, report back to the Evergreen Center with your items.

**1. GIFT WRAPPING at Pine Lodge**

*Each family will wrap a shoebox with newspaper to put under Christmas tree in the Evergreen Dining Room*

**2. CHRISTMAS COOKIES at the Pavilion**

*Each person must cut out a dozen Christmas cookies out of paper that your family will share with another family.*

**3. STOCKING STUFFING at the A-Center**

*Each family member must go back to his or her cabin, get a sock, and return to the A-Center where they will stuff their sock with newspaper. Socks should be brought to hang next to the fireplace in the Evergreen Dining Room.*

**4. TREE DECORATING at Maple Hall**

*Each family must make a string of popcorn to put on the Christmas tree.*

**5. CHRISTMAS CARDS in the Evergreen Activity Room**

*Each person must make a card for someone who is here at camp. You will use construction paper and markers and other assorted craft items.*

## Monday Bible Study: God's Chosen One and the Servant's Mission

### Questions for Review

1. Why is it important that we study names in scripture?
2. How do people's names relate to their mission and call?
3. What happened to Isaiah once he was called to serve God?

### Getting Ready

Explain to the participants that during Bible Study time this week, we'll be looking at the Servant Songs of Isaiah, investigating how they are used to prophesize Jesus' coming. Today's two song texts deal with Christ and Christ's mission. Also talk a little bit about the season of Advent. What is it all about? What do they remember about the season? Why is it important in the life of our Church?

### READ: Isaiah 42: 1-9 and Isaiah 49: 1-13

#### Possible Questions for Discussion:

1. Isaiah 42: 1-9 is the first of Isaiah's "servant songs," which describe the ministry of a special, ideal servant who accomplishes God's purposes for Israel and the nations. Who is it foretelling?
2. What is the character of that servant? *Blameless, sinless, not pretentious*
3. Why would this king be so successful? *He will bring forth justice, restoration and righteousness.*
4. How would the Jews know when this time of restoration and righteousness begins? Look at some other prophetic Isaiah texts and their fulfillment in NT:  
Isaiah 7:14- To be born in Bethlehem to a virgin: Luke 1: 26-27  
Isaiah 8:8- Bestows the name of the promised child (Emmanuel)
5. Isaiah, in other passages, tells us that news that this person is here would be sent out via a messenger (not CNN!) How would the news get out to everyone?  
Isaiah 40: 3-5- The Way prepared: Luke 3: 3-6
6. What did Isaiah tell them about this child?  
Isaiah 9:6-7- Successor to the throne of David: Luke 1: 32-33, 2:11, Matthew 2:23
7. Where would this servant's mission take place?  
Isaiah 9: 1-2- Galilean Ministry: Matthew 4: 13-16
8. Knowing what you do, what is Jesus' mission? Pick out points from Isaiah 49 (*to establish justice on earth, by being the new covenant and light*) and point out that it is WORLD WIDE in scope, not just for that time or place.
9. In what manner did Jesus accomplish His mission? *By speaking the truth, doing what was right, with perseverance, through the Holy Spirit, depending on God*
10. Why should we get excited about this prophecy?
11. In Isaiah 49:3 it says, "He said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.'" What does this mean to you?

### RE-READ THE TEXTS ALOUD AGAIN, this time from another translation.

### RELATE TO US:

How are we chosen? What is our mission? What can we learn from Jesus' mission/ministry to help us?

### PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

Do this activity- have the group write a commission for the entire group- what do they want to promise to do? Review Isaiah 6: 9-10, and use it in terms of not describing the good, but the result. Reflect as we do this: As we are advent people and await, what do we do in our call, commission and ministry?

### CLOSE WITH PRAYER

# MENU for Monday Mystery Lunch

**Directions:** Below are twelve items based on Isaiah 6, our First Light text from this morning. You will pick when you would like to receive these items during lunch. What you do not know is what the items really are. It's a mystery. So pick your courses and give this paper to your server to get started!

For the sake of the project, actual food items are in red

1. Robe (LICORICE)
2. Seraphim (SANDWICH)
3. Smoke (MILK)
4. Live Coal (SOUP)
5. Lips (NAPKIN)
6. Tree (FORK)
7. Seed (CRACKERS)
8. Throne (PUDDING)
9. Doorposts (KNIFE)
10. Altar (MINT)
11. Cities (CELERY)
12. Houses (SPOON)

## FIRST COURSE

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND COURSE

- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. \_\_\_\_\_
- H. \_\_\_\_\_

## THIRD COURSE

- I. \_\_\_\_\_
- J. \_\_\_\_\_
- K. \_\_\_\_\_
- L. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

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**ADVENT IN JULY FAMILY CAMP  
WORSHIP**

**Monday Night: “The Righteous Child”**

**Opening Song:** What Child is This?

**Call to Worship:** I Will Call Upon the Lord  
*I Will Call Upon the Lord  
Who is worthy to be praised  
So shall I be saved from my enemies  
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock  
And may the God of my salvation be exalted*

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 8: 2

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21: 12-17

**Homily:** *Skit done by the children which they have prepared as part of their Bible study today*

**Litany:** Read responsively, (odd and even verses), Isaiah 9: 1-7

**Prayer of The Day**

*Almighty God, as we prepare for the coming of the King, help us to see you as though we were truly a little child. Help us to feel the spirit of giving, the spirit of friendship and family, and the spirit of believing in your son who came to us. Help us to prepare with anticipation for that babe who gave to earth to rescue us from sin; the babe who would die on a cross for us; the babe who would give us eternal life; the babe who will come back again to reign as king of kings and Lord of lords. In his name we pray, Amen.*

**Sending:** “Go Now in Peace”

*Go Now in Peace  
Go Now in Peace  
May the Love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go*

**Closing Song:** “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

# Peace Cranes: The Sadako Story

The paper crane has become an international symbol of peace in recent years as a result of its connection to the story of a young Japanese girl named Sadako Sasaki born in 1943. Sadako was two years old when the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. As she grew up, Sadako was a strong, courageous and athletic girl. In 1955, at age 11, while practicing for a big race, she became dizzy and fell to the ground. Sadako was diagnosed with Leukemia, "the atom bomb" disease. Sadako's best friend told her of an old Japanese legend which said that anyone who folds a thousand paper cranes would be granted a wish. Sadako hoped that the gods would grant her a wish to get well so that she could run again. She started to work on the paper cranes and completed over 1000 before dying on October 25, 1955 at the age of twelve.

The point is that she never gave up. She continued to make paper cranes until she died. Inspired by her courage and strength, Sadako's friends and classmates put together a book of her letters and published it. They began to dream of building a monument to Sadako and all of the children killed by the atom bomb. Young people all over Japan helped collect money for the project.

In 1958, a statue of Sadako holding a golden crane was unveiled in Hiroshima Peace Park. The children also made a wish which is inscribed at the bottom of the statue and reads:

**"This is our cry, This is our prayer, Peace in the world".**

Today, people all over the world fold paper cranes and send them to Sadako's monument in Hiroshima.

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## **Tuesday First Light: A Messenger and Comforter**

*Last night in worship, we talked about seeing Jesus through the eyes of children, being young and blameless. Today in Bible Study, we will start to talk about Isaiah's prophecies of the terrible rejection our Lord would face. But even in the midst of that, Isaiah also foretold that we would be comforted by this Messiah. For our first light morning devotions today, we look at the famous text of Isaiah which tells us that God's people are comforted.*

### **READ: Isaiah 40: 1-8**

#### **Outline of the Text:**

- This prophecy consists of addresses by three heavenly heralds.
- Verse 1-2      Calls upon the others to comfort the exiles because their time of servitude has ended
  - Verse 3-5      Calls for building a highway so that all may see the coming of the Lord
  - Verse 6-8      Guarantees the vision

#### **RELATE:**

After reading the text, think about yourself and answer these questions:

4. How has God comforted me in times of rejection or oppression?
5. How have I been a "voice crying out in the wilderness?"
6. What have I done to make sure others know that "the word of the Lord stands forever?"

#### **RESPOND**

Read Luke 3: 1-20. Think about people who you would go to prison for. Would it be for your faith beliefs? Do you "go out on a limb" for God? How can you be like John, the Baptist, preparing a way for Christ?

Close your devotional time with prayer.

## **TUESDAY MORNING MAIN EVENT: AT THE CROSSROADS**

### **TO BE READ TO THE FAMILIES AT THE START:**

**YOUR MISSION:** To take a journey through the Holy Lands, tracing the life and times of Jesus Christ. You will travel with your family. At each stop, you will be at a crossroads, where you will receive a token and have to decide what road to take next. Depending on your choices, you will earn more tokens, based on the roads you take. The object of the game is to be the team who has the most tokens.

**TO RECEIVE YOUR TOKEN:** You will be asked three Biblical trivia questions. You may take your Bible with you on your journey. Once you have received your token, you can proceed to the next station. Each station character will tell you where the roads lead to the next stop.

### **GOOD LUCK!**

- Eight Stations:
- A. Birth- Mary, the Mother of Jesus- Well House
  - B. Baptism- John, the Baptist- Lagoon
  - C. Healing- Lazarus- Maple Village Sign
  - D. Last Supper- Peter- Curve in Pond Road
  - E. Arrest- Pilate- Pine Village Turn
  - F. Crucifixion- Jesus- Pine Path Intersection
  - G. Resurrection- Joseph of Arimethia- Pine Lodge
  - H. Ascension- Mary Magdalene- Adirondack (Path)
  - I. FINISH- Pond

### **STRAIGHT PATHS:**

Maple Path to the Pond- 4 tokens  
Road to Pond- 5 tokens  
Pine Path to the Pond- 5 tokens

## Tuesday Bible Study: The Righteous Servant

### Questions for Review

4. Why do think it was important for Jesus to come to earth as a child?
5. How is God a comforter and a messenger in your life?
6. What have you been able to see about Isaiah's foretelling and how it actually happened?

### Getting Ready

Explain to the participants that during today's Bible Study, we'll look at the third Servant Song of Isaiah that deals with the Righteous Servant. This depicts the career of the Lord's special servant, envisioned as an ideal Israel who rescues the exiles and fulfills God's purposes for the world. Here the servant eludes to opposition but also expresses his determination to persevere with the Lord's help. While the prophecies we've look at so far have dealt with the joy of Jesus coming to earth, we can also see through Isaiah the anguish of the crucifixion and how Jesus was treated during his time on earth and at the time of his death.

### READ: Isaiah 50: 4-11

### Possible Questions for Discussion:

1. How does this relate to Israel's original calling? (ref. Isaiah 41: 8-9)
2. How obedient would this chosen servant be? (ref. Isaiah 50: 4-7)
3. Isaiah 50:6 foretells a bit about the shame and suffering that Jesus would bear. How does it do that? (ref. Matthew 26: 67, 27: 30)
4. While the Jews misunderstood what Isaiah was describing, how well did Isaiah understand? (ref. I Peter 1: 10-12)
5. In Isaiah 50: 7 we see that the Lord is the Servant's only source of help. How was God helpful to Jesus during his suffering? How is God helpful to you during your suffering?
6. Isaiah 50: 10-11 talks about two classes of people. How would you describe them? (A. *Those who walk in dependence on the Lord. They confess their own need for guidance. God's advice is to trust in the name of the Lord.* B. *Those who try to manufacture their own guidance, feeling no need of divine direction.*)
7. What does it means to be righteous?
8. What does it mean to be a servant?
9. How can the two go hand in hand?

### RE-READ THE TEXTS ALOUD AGAIN, this time from another translation.

**RELATE TO US:** How are we obedient to God? How do we relate to God when we are suffering? Are there times when we are like the Jews in Jesus' day, blind to what we see?

### PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

Have the group work together to create a large mural that portrays Christ as the “Righteous Servant.” Try to incorporate images from the text that was read today, both in Bible Study and First Light.

**CLOSE WITH PRAYER**

**ADVENT IN JULY FAMILY CAMP  
WORSHIP**

**Tuesday Night: “The Traveling Magi”**

**Opening Song:** We Three Kings

**Call to Worship:** Come Let Us Worship God

*Come Let Us Worship God*

*Come Let Us Worship God*

*Welcome Everyone*

*To the love of God*

*Hope for the weary*

*Food for the hungry*

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 60:6

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2: 1-12

**Homily:** Presentation on Christmas from Herod’s Viewpoint

**Litany:** from Mount Luther Prayer service

**Prayer of The Day/Benediction**

*Dear God, the season of Advent is usually a time of hustle and bustle, of last minute preparations and fast paced traveling. Help this year not to forget what this season is all about- the birth of a savior, in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger- Emmanuel, God with us. May we always be guided by you like you guided the wisemen who followed a star so long ago. In the newborn King’s name we pray- Amen.*

**Closing Song:** Listen to Peter, Paul and Mary’s “The Magi”

**Sending:** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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## **Wednesday First Light: The Righteous King**

*Last night in worship, we talked about the Magi, the wisemen, who went on a journey to see the Christ child bringing gifts. We, too are on a journey. Our faith journey is one that is individual, with twists and turns along the way. As you go on your journey, what gifts do you bring to Christ? How do you serve your King as you await His return?*

### **READ: Isaiah 11: 1-12**

#### **Outline of the Text:**

This celebrated salvation oracle about the King of Peace consists of three sections:

Verse 1-2	His endowment
Verse 3-5	His righteous rule
Verse 6-8	His kingdom of peace

#### **RELATE:**

After reading the text, think about yourself and answer these questions:

1. What kind of king would this child become? (*Note: W.E. Vine comments on the three areas mentioned in verse 2: wisdom and understanding is powers of the mind; counsel and might is our practical activity; and knowledge and fear...is fellowship with God*)
2. What would this great king mean for Israel?
3. How peaceful would things be under this king?

#### **RESPOND**

What do you think of the images of the peaceful kingdom presented in this text? Can you do something to help achieve that type of atmosphere on the earth today? How can you instill peace in your own family?

Close your devotional time with prayer.

## Wednesday Bible Study: The Doubter's Chapter

### Questions for Review

7. Why have you learned this week?
8. How have you encountered Christ through Family Camp?
9. What do you plan to use when you go home?

### Getting Ready

Explain to the participants that during today's Bible Study, we'll look at the fourth Servant Song of Isaiah- the Doubter's Chapter. It is the chapter of Isaiah that can convince Jews that Jesus is the promised Messiah. We will read this chapter a little differently, going verse by verse, looking at what it tells us and then looking at where the prophecy is fulfilled in the New Testament.

### READ: Isaiah 52: 13- 53: 12

52:13-	He will be exalted	Phillipians 2:9
52:14-	He will be disfigured by suffering	Mark 15:17, 19, 29-32
52:15-	The king will save the whole world	I Peter 1:2
53:1-57	Rejected by his own people	Luke 23:18, Matthew 13: 54-
53:2-	He will be disfigured by suffering	Mark 15:17, 19, 29-32
53:3-	Rejected by his own people	John 1:11, John 12: 37-38

Jesus suffered all five kinds of wounds known to science:

1. Contusions- blows by a rod
2. Lacerations- scourging
3. Penetrating wounds- crown of thorns
4. Perforating wounds- nails
5. Incised wounds- the spear

53:4-16-17	He will bear our sins and sorrows	I Peter 2: 24-25, Matthew 8:
53:5-34, 36	Vicarious Sacrifice	Romans 3:25, John 19: 33-
53:6-2: 24-25	He will be our substitute	2 Corinthians 5: 21, I Peter
53:7-Matthew 27: 12-14	Silent to Accusations	Matthew 15: 4-5, John 10: 11,
53:8-	He will be our substitute	2 Corinthians 5: 21
53:9-38-42	Buried with the rich	Matthew 27: 57-60, John 19:
53:10-11	He will justify many from their sin	Romans 5: 15-19
53:12-27-28, Luke 22: 37	Crucified with evil men	Mark 15: 27-28, Matthew 15:

**RE-READ THE TEXTS ALOUD AGAIN, this time from another translation.**

**RELATE TO US:**

How does this chapter make us feel? How can we use it to make Christ known to others?

**PUTTING IT TOGETHER:**

Look at the mural that we made yesterday. After reading today's text, are there things we would like to add to it? After it is finished, cut the mural into small bookmark pieces, allowing each participant to take a part of the mural home with them to remind them of their journey this week.

**CLOSE WITH PRAYER**

## **ADVENT IN JULY FAMILY CAMP WORSHIP**

**Wednesday Morning: “The Healing of Advent”**

**Opening Song:** “Holy Mountain”

**Call to Worship:** “Worship the Lord” from Mount Luther Prayer service

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-4

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 4: 16-21

**Homily/Activity:** *Advent is a time of new beginnings. As you go from this place, perhaps you need to start anew. Jesus came to heal the broken-hearted. At this time, you can come forward to receive an anointing and laying on of hands as we do a portion of the Lutheran healing service. When all have come forward who wish to, we'll pray in unison, the prayer of the day.*

### **Prayer of The Day**

*Merciful Father, we know you are the source of all healing. Come to us this day and make us whole and help us as we minister to others. Keep us safe in our travels as we leave this place and mend all those things in our lives which are broken. We ask this in Jesus' name... Amen.*

**Song:** Low How a Rose is Blooming

**Communion: Words of Institution, Distribution and Prayer**

### **Benediction**

#### **Sending:**

L: The book of Isaiah is great prophecy and poetry. It is historical. But it is also for us today. Let us all apply what we have learned this week to our daily lives and practice God's good pleasure. Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song “Love, Love, Love”