



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

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Church Office Hours: M-F 8a.m.-4pm

As we gather today, our hope is that through this time of hearing and reflecting on God's Word, your faith is strengthened for service in Christ's name. Our mission is to Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known.

We pray that you will feel comfortable and at home during your worship experience. If you are here for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex. There you will find information about the church and ministry activities. Please fill out the welcome book located in the welcome center, so we may acknowledge your visit with us.

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an important part of Christian worship. At Prince of Peace, we practice "Communion Fellowship" which means that those communing at the altar have the following four beliefs in common.

1. I am baptized in the name of the Triune God - Matthew 28:19
2. I am a sinner and seek God's forgiveness through Christ.-1 Corinthians 11:29
3. I recognize the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.-1 Corinthians 11:29
4. I have a desire to live a God-pleasing life.-1 Thessalonians 4:12

If you are a first time visitor, please speak with the Pastor or Elder prior to communing. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it. *We request that those who join us in worship after the confession and absolution refrain from coming to the Lord's Supper until they have had opportunity to examine themselves. Please see pastor after service and he will commune you.*

To limit contact, our offering envelopes are available as you enter the sanctuary and may be left in the plate. We appreciate your support.

Thank you for joining us today as we worship our Lord and Savior.
May you be richly blessed by our Prince of Peace!

Worship Today - 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Advent has long been a time of preparation, preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Yet the road to Christmas is anything but easy. It twists, it turns, and we meet many strange figures along the way. Prophets cry out in visions. John the Baptist preaches in the desert. Angels appear whether you are asleep or awake. The voices are varied, the places are strange, but one thing is certain: in each encounter, God is preparing us for the celebration of the greatest encounter of all, the birth of Jesus, his Son, our Savior, the Redeemer of the world.

Today we hear from John the Baptist who calls us to repent!

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Voices from the Edge: John the Baptist and a terrible wonder

Opening Hymn 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

1 “Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;
“Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over.”

2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many_a day, Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.

3 Hark, the herald’s voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4 Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places
plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o’er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P We gather around God's Word and His Sacrament

C **as children of the light through God's grace given in Baptism.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P As we wait for the fullness of Christ's coming, we are called to re-
pentance. We confess our sin to our heavenly Father.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Lord God, so often we take You for granted and fail to take seriously Your coming again on the Last Day.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Our desire frequently is to control everything in our lives including You, our Creator.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P In the noise and nervousness of our busy lives, we often fail to notice Your presence among us, especially in the poor, homeless, lonely, and forgotten.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Our poor stewardship of Your creation is evidenced by the way we fail to care for it and preserve it for those who will come after us.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P We confess that we are hesitant to proclaim with all our might the life-saving Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P These and all other sins we confess to You.

C **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, and His suffering, death, and resurrection, forgive us.**

P In the mercy of almighty God and for the sake of the suffering and death of His Son, Jesus, on the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit of God prepare us and make us ready for our Savior's coming.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

C **Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

- P** I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- C** **But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.**
- P** Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Hymn of Praise 349 Hark the Glad Sound

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Malachi 3:1–7b*

A A reading from the book of Malachi, chapter three.

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 66:1–12 To the Tune of LSB 802 Immortal Invisible*

O shout with great joy unto God, all the earth!
And sing out the praise of His glory and worth!
Proclaim unto God, “O how awesome Your deeds!
Your pow’r makes Your enemies cringe before Thee!

“All those on the earth bow down, praising Your name.
They sing praise to You, they sing unto Your name.”
Come, see all the works that the Lord God has done;
How awesome His works which for man He has done!

Come, let us rejoice—He turned sea into land;
They passed through the waters, on foot they could stand.
Forever He rules by His power and might;
His eyes watch the nations—they’re all in His sight. Selah

Don't let the rebellious against Him arise;
Bless our God, O peoples, let praise fill the skies.
For He has preserved us, and kept our feet sure;
For You, God, did test us, like silver most pure.

You put us in prison, bound us in the net;
Laid burdens upon us, oppressing us yet.
You let men ride o'er us; great fire we went through;
Through fire and through water, but You brought us through.

Epistle *Philippians 1:2–11*

A A reading from the book of Philippians, chapter one.

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *LSB 190*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Luke 3:1–20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

G **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his

hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.
¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

What We Believe Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Praise 346 When All the World Was Cursed

1 When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.

2 Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:

3 Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John, Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him In His eternal day.

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Sermon

Offertory *LSB 192*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from
me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy
free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

Hymn 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Hymn 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Re-
frain

4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn 333 Once He Came in Blessing

1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.

2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.

3 Soon will come that hour When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Peace Notes

MidWeek Advent Worship Services are ongoing. Join us on Wednesday for worship at Noon with a lunch following and then again at 6:30pm for dinner and worship at 6:45pm. Take a break from cooking and join us for this time of rest and preparation and we await Him.

On Sunday, December 15, the Novi Choralaires will present their holiday concert, The Gift of Innocence, beginning at 4 pm. Please join them and sing-a-long with holiday favorites like Silent Night and O Little Town of Bethlehem. Tickets are available at the door. \$15 (Children under 12 and Seniors \$10). Becky Staab will also have tickets available during service on Sunday.

Poinsettia orders have begun! Plants are \$15 each and orders must be received by Sunday, December 15. Be sure to place your orders on Sunday morning. Envelopes on the ledge of the church office!

Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 19, when AWPC will host their "Christmas Blessing" here at Prince of Peace for their many clients. It is an opportunity for you to be a light and share the joy of Christmas as blessings of diapers, clothing, children's books, toys, etc. are given out. Check the pregnancy center website on how you can participate. Event goes 3-6 p.m. and our Community Center will be filled with smiles and happy families!

Movie Night is coming up on December 27 at 5pm. Join us for a showing of *Secondhand Lions*- this movie tells the story of fourteen-year-old Walter Caldwell who's irresponsible mother Mae sends him to live with his bachelor uncles, Hub and Garth. Starring Haley Joel Osment, Michael Caine and Robert Duvall, this movie is sure to entertain! Join us for a free dinner and a great time. Be sure to note, there is no movie night in the month of November.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

Bible Study 8:30am
Worship at 9:30am
Bible Study 10:30am

Monday, December 9

Elder 7:30pm

Tuesday, December 10

ESL Tutoring 1-7pm
Prayer Team 7:15pm
NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11

Advent Worship at Noon
Luncheon to follow
Advent dinner @6pm
Advent Worship to 6:45pm

Thursday, December 12

Bible Study 7pm

Friday, December 13

NA meeting 11 a.m.
AA Meeting 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 14

Women's Bible study 10am
MEM Christmas 5:30pm

Sunday, December 15

Bible Study 8:30am
Worship at 9:30am
Bible Study 10:30am
Novi Choralaires 4pm

COMING UP

Thursday, December 19

AWPC Christmas blessings
3-6:30pm

Keep in Prayer this week

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...

- ✠ For resolution to conflict and peace in the areas of the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-torn nations in the world.
- ✠ For peace and comfort through the season of Advent as we await His birth.
- ✠ For our substitute organist, Marilyn, and her family and friends as they mourn the death of her husband, Ralph Aiello last week.
- ✠ For the health concerns of: Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Helen Nye, and Rachel Svoke, Dennis Coffey, Jean Karpinski, Pat and John Geisinger, Janice Kaminski and Shari Thilking, Joan B., Ann Maciejewski, Mike Hodgins.

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Upcoming Service Schedule

	8-December		15-December		22-December	
	9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.	
ELDERS	Mike Beyersdorf		Dick Walker		Charley Staab	
READER	Ron Donoghue		Susan Vaaler		Karen Turgeon	
GREETER	Lynne Bauer		Barb and Ron Donoghue		Sharon and Ed Kaiser	
VIDEO OPERATOR	Barb Donoghue		Ed Kaiser		Ron Donoghue	
TELLERS	Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild		Doug Butler Ron Donoghue		Barbara Moore Jim Hart	
USHERS	Greg Echols Mark Wells	Jesse Brindle	Doug Butler Charley Staab	Joe Svoke	Dick Walker Kurt Vaaler	Greg Echols

Altar server for the month of December is Barb Pattinson