

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
December 15, 2024  
Third Sunday of Advent

# Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark Schumm  
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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 Baptizer 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, the prophet Zephaniah shares a vision of joy.

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

The Prophet Zephaniah and a Vision of Joy

**Opening Hymn 332 Savior of the Nations, Come**

1 Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.

4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.

5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

**Introit** *Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

**P** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

**C** **Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

**P** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

**C** **who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

**P** The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**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** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

**Kyrie** *LSB 186*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Hymn of Praise 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding**

1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!"

2 Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.

3 See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav'n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv'n;

4 So, when next He comes in glory And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy And with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, dominion To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit While eternal ages run!

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 3:14–20*

**A** A reading from the book of Zephaniah, chapter three.

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm *Psalm 85 Sung to the tune of LSB 753 Come ye Sinners*

Lord, You showed Your land Your favor and restored us bountifully.  
All our sin with grace You covered and forgave iniquity.

You withdrew Your burning anger, Turned away from Your fierce wrath.  
Now, once more, O God our Savior, Restore us who seek Your path.

Will Your anger last forever? To all ages wrath prolong?  
Will You not again revive us that we may rejoice in song?

Show us now Your lovingkindness, Grant us Your salvation, Lord.  
I will listen to what God says: Peace to those who Him adore.

Let them not return to folly for salvation is quite near;  
In our land may the Lord's glory dwell with those who do God fear.

Love and truth have met together, Righteousness and peace kiss; then  
faithfulness springs forth from earth and righteousness looks down from heav'n.

For the Lord will give what's good and then our land its fruit will yield;  
Righteousness will go before Him, Make His steps a path revealed.

**Epistle** *Philippians 4:4–7*

**A** A reading from the book of Philippians, chapter four.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** *LSB 190*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 7:18–28*

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

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

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>24</sup>When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.” <sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **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 the Day 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

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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. Re-store 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, ...

#### **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*

#### **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.

*Please Sit*

### Distribution Hymns

#### **524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.



2 It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.

3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.

4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

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### **803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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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 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus TUNE LSB 700**

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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# Peace Notes

**10:45am Bible Study Today:** This week we'll take a look at the Apostolic fathers. We'll touch on who they were and their contributions to the church. It should be an interesting discussion, please consider joining us! This will be the last 10:45 class this year.

**Today December 15,** the Novi Choralaires will present their holiday concert, The Gift of Innocence, beginning at 4 pm. Tickets are available at the door. \$15 (Children under 12 and Seniors \$10). Becky Staab will also have tickets available during service on Sunday.

**Today is the last day to order poinsettia!** Plants are \$15 each. Envelopes on the ledge of the church office!

**This is it! Monday, December 16** wraps up Family of God dinners for 2024! If you are interested in joining us to serve, the carpool leaves at 5pm and we return about 7:30pm. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Mark.

**Christmas can be a painful time for some.** We need encouragement. Prince of Peace is offering a **special "Longest Night" service on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Come join with us in a service of prayer, scripture, and music that acknowledges that God's presence is for those who mourn, those who struggle, and those who suffer. God comes to shine light into our darkness. The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors.

**This week- Thursday, December 19,** AWPC will host their "Christmas Blessing" here at Prince of Peace for their many clients. 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 free dinner and a great time. All are welcome.

**Church office hours** are changing in the new year! The Prince of Peace church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 8am to 4pm beginning in January.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Today

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

Monday, December 16  
*Family of God 5pm*

Tuesday, December 17  
ESL Tutoring 1-7pm  
Prayer Team 7:15pm  
NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18  
Advent Worship at Noon  
*Luncheon to follow*  
Advent dinner @ 6pm  
Longest Night @ 7pm

Thursday, December 19  
AWPC blessings 3-6:30pm

Friday, December 20  
NA meeting 11 a.m.  
AA Meeting 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 22  
Bible Study 8:30am  
Worship at 9:30am

## COMING UP

Tuesday, December 24  
*Christmas Eve*  
*Worship at 5pm*

Wednesday, December 25  
*Christmas Day*  
*Worship at 9:30am*

## 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 fair weather and safety for all those travelling now and through the holiday season.
- ✝ For all those grieving and those finding the holidays stressful and difficult. May they find peace and comfort in the gift of Jesus.
- ✝ 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

	15-December	22-December	29-December
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
<b>ELDERS</b>	Dick Walker	Charley Staab	Greg Echols
<b>READER</b>	Susan Vaaler	Karen Turgeon	DeColle Abbott
<b>GREETER</b>	Barb and Ron Donoghue	Sharon and Ed Kaiser	Susan and Kurt Vaaler
<b>VIDEO OPERATOR</b>	Ed Kaiser	Ron Donoghue	Chris Moses
<b>TELLERS</b>	Doug Butler Ron Donoghue	Barbara Moore Jim Hart	JoAnn Lind
<b>USHERS</b>	Doug Butler Charley Staab	Joe Svoke Dick Walker Kurt Vaaler	Greg Echols Mark Wells Jesse Brindle Doug Butler

*Altar server for the month of December is Barb Pattinson*