



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
December 22, 2024
Fourth 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 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, Paul shares a vision of a New Creation

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Apostle Paul and a Vision of a New Creation

Opening Hymn 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Re-
frain

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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 the people of God filled with the *peace of God given in Baptism.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P During these days of waiting, we again come face to face with our sinfulness.

C **O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. 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 Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and resurrection. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 *1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b–7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47*

P My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

C **My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.**

P There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

C **The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.**

P The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

C **The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.**

All: 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 My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Hymn of Praise 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.

2 Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.

3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.

4 ^{JESUS} comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us, Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comforts us in failing years.

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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 Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Micah 5:2–5a*

A A reading from the book of Micah, chapter five.

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose

origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 80:1–7; Sung to the Tune LSB 883*

Hear us, O King of Is-ra-el, who shepherds Joseph very well;
And like a flock You care for him, enthroned between the cherubim.

Shine forth before Your people in Manasseh, Ephra'm, Benjamin;
Awaken in Your righteous might, and come to save us in Your light.

Restore us, God, and make Your face to shine upon us by Your grace.
Restore us, God, that we may be forever saved eternally.

O Lord, the God of Hosts, how long will You be angry and prolong
Your wrath against Your people's prayers, whom You have fed with bread of tears?

For You have made us drink our tears and with our neighbors strive with fears.
Now all our enemies around mock us with scorn, our lives confound.

Restore us, God, and make Your face to shine upon us by Your grace.
Restore, Almighty God, that we may now be saved eternally.

Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:14—6:2*

A A reading from the second book of Corinthians, chapter five.

¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,
“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”
Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 1:39–45*

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

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

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

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 342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

1 What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!

2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, A branch from David's line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God's design.

3 As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.

4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword—Come, open heaven's door.

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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 for-

give 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.

Please Sit

Distribution Hymns

934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

1 My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit leaps for joy in Him.
He keeps me in His kind regard, And I am blest for time to come.

2 For He alone who shows such might Has done amazing things to me.
His mercy flows; His name like light Remains in time perpetually.

3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scatters those of proud intent
And casts them down from high estate, Then gives the low His nourishment.

4 He feeds the hungry as His own; The wealthy leave with empty hands.
He gives His help to Israel; His gracious promise always stands.

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

3 How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

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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 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing
nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to
flight. Refrain

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Re-
frain

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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Peace Notes

Prince of Peace Holiday worship schedule:

Christmas Eve worship will be at 5pm and Christmas Day worship is at 9:30am. Be sure to join us as we celebrate His arrival! The church office will be closed December 24-26. Have a joyous Christmas! New Year's Eve Worship is here at Prince of Peace at 7:30pm

Movie Night 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.

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.

Hanukkah Party! Join our friends at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church at 7pm on Friday, December 27 for food, music and games and learn a little about the celebration of Hanukkah! Call Mary Lou at (248) 875-6279 to RSVP.

Coming up in 2025! Join our friends at Shadow of the Cross for a first-time Home buyers seminar. Join representatives from First Merchants Bank and real estate professionals and get all your questions answered about making that first home purchase. Share this information with your family and friends! Call Shadow of the Cross to register.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

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

Tuesday, December 24

NA meeting 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve
Worship at 5pm
Church office Closed

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day
Worship at 9:30am
Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

Church office closed

Friday, December 27

NA meeting 11 a.m.
Movie Night 5pm
AA Meeting 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 28

Bible Study 10m
Hall rental 12-8pm

Sunday, December 29

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

COMING UP

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve
Worship at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!
Church office Closed

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 our upcoming Christmas Eve and Day services for those who will attend and celebrate His birth with us both in person and online.
- ✝ Thanksgiving for the Another Way Pregnancy center event hosted here this past week. Prayers for the families who were blessed by this event.
- ✝ For all those sick or suffering through the holidays. Especially, those spending Christmas in the hospital.
- ✝ 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				
	22-December		29-December		5-January
	9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.
ELDERS	Charley Staab		Greg Echols		Greg Echols
READER	Karen Turgeon		DeColle Abbott		Ron Donoghue
GREETER	Sharon and Ed Kaiser		Susan and Kurt Vaaler		Elaine Echols
VIDEO OPERATOR	Ron Donoghue		Chris Moses		Barb Donoghue
TELLERS	Barbara Moore Jim Hart		JoAnn Lind		Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild
USHERS	Dick Walker Kurt Vaaler	Greg Echols	Mark Wells Jesse Brindle	Doug Butler	Dick Walker Charley Staab Joe Svoke

Altar server for the month of December is Barb Pattinson