

# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Peace in Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving

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*“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”*

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## **WELCOME!**

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God’s house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

## **THEME FOR TODAY**

Sometimes peace becomes a sort of catch-all word in our conversations. But, what does peace really mean? Maybe it can best be understood by expressing what peace is the opposite of. Peace is the opposite of anxiety, conflict, distress, uncertainty. How does one have such peace? The Bible tells us such peace comes from God, through the merits of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the believer ought to live each day in prayer to the Lord, not being anxious, but presenting our needs, fears, thoughts to God with thankful requests, confident that the God who is good and does good will care for us.

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving Opening Dialogue

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

*Psalm 122:1*

Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.  
**Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**

*Luke 24:29*  
*Matthew 28:20*

Your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.  
**The Lord will guide you always.**

*Isaiah 58:10,11*

Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more;  
**The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.**

*Isaiah 60:20*

On no day will the gates of the Holy City ever be shut,  
**for there will be no night there.**

*Revelation 21:25*

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;  
**make known among the nations what he has done.**

*Psalm 105:1*

## Confession

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Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**  
    **we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**  
**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**  
**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**  
**We have done those things that we should not have done,**  
    **and we have not done those things that we should have done.**  
**Have mercy on us, Lord!**  
    **Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**  
    **according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

2 Samuel 7:18–22

<sup>18</sup>Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

“Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?

<sup>19</sup>And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!

<sup>20</sup>“What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. <sup>21</sup>For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

<sup>22</sup>“How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 100A Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

Psalm 100A

## Second Reading

Philippians 4:4–9

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup>Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **597 Now Thank We All Our God**

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### **Sermon**

*Quiet Anxiety with Thankful Prayer*

*Philippians 4:4–9*

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*Be seated*

### **Offering**

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

**His love is everlasting.**

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures:

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies:

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom and fairness:

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

**We thank you, Lord God.**



For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For the Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

**We praise you, Lord God.**

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith, hope, and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship:

**We praise you, Lord God.**

Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

**We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer.*

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

**His love is everlasting.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **493 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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