

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Behold the Hidden Glory of the Cross!

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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!

MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERIES

Behold the Hidden Glory of the Cross!

God has shown us in the life and teaching of his Son the true way of blessedness. He has also shown us in His suffering and death that the path of love may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. May God give us grace to learn these hard lessons! May we take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such fellowship with Him in His sorrow that we may know His strength and peace and see, even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish, the beauty of eternal light!

February 21	It is Hidden in the Savior's Solitude	Luke 18:31-34
February 28	It is Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by His Own	Matthew 26:57-68
March 6	It is Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by the World	John 18:33 - 19:1
March 13	It is Hidden in the Savior's Stumbling	Mark 15:18-21
March 20	It is Hidden in Powerful Words	Luke 23:32-43
March 28	It is Hidden in the Savior's Feast (Holy Thursday)	Matthew 26:26-30
March 29	It is Hidden in the Savior's Promises (Good Friday)	John 19:31-37

Prayer at the Close of Day

Remain seated

Opening Evening Song

CW 225

The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last.
A - men.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,
to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,
your truth at the close of day.

The musical score is written in a single system with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of nine staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second through fourth staves contain the lyrics 'The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last. A - men.' The fifth through seventh staves contain the lyrics 'It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High, to her - ald your love in the morn - ing, your truth at the close of day.' The eighth and ninth staves are instrumental. The music is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

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Confession

CW 226

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

Into Your Hands

CW 227

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. You have re - deemed me, O Lord God of truth. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the + Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. In - to your



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Passion History Reading

916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916

Sermon

It is Hidden in Powerful Words

Luke 23:32–43

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Stand

Prayer

CW 228

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
lis - ten to my cry.
Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;
hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.
In right - eous - ness I shall see you;
when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

The musical score is written in a single system with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the piece is a whole note G4.

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Prayers

through Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - men.

The musical score is written in a single system with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the piece is a whole note G4.

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Lord's Prayer

CW 230

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the
pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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Song of Simeon

CW 231

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
and guard us sleep - ing
that a - wake we may watch with Christ
and a - sleep we may rest in peace.
In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant
now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
and guard us sleep - ing
that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace,
in peace, in peace.

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Benedicamus

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us
and keep us.
Amen.

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