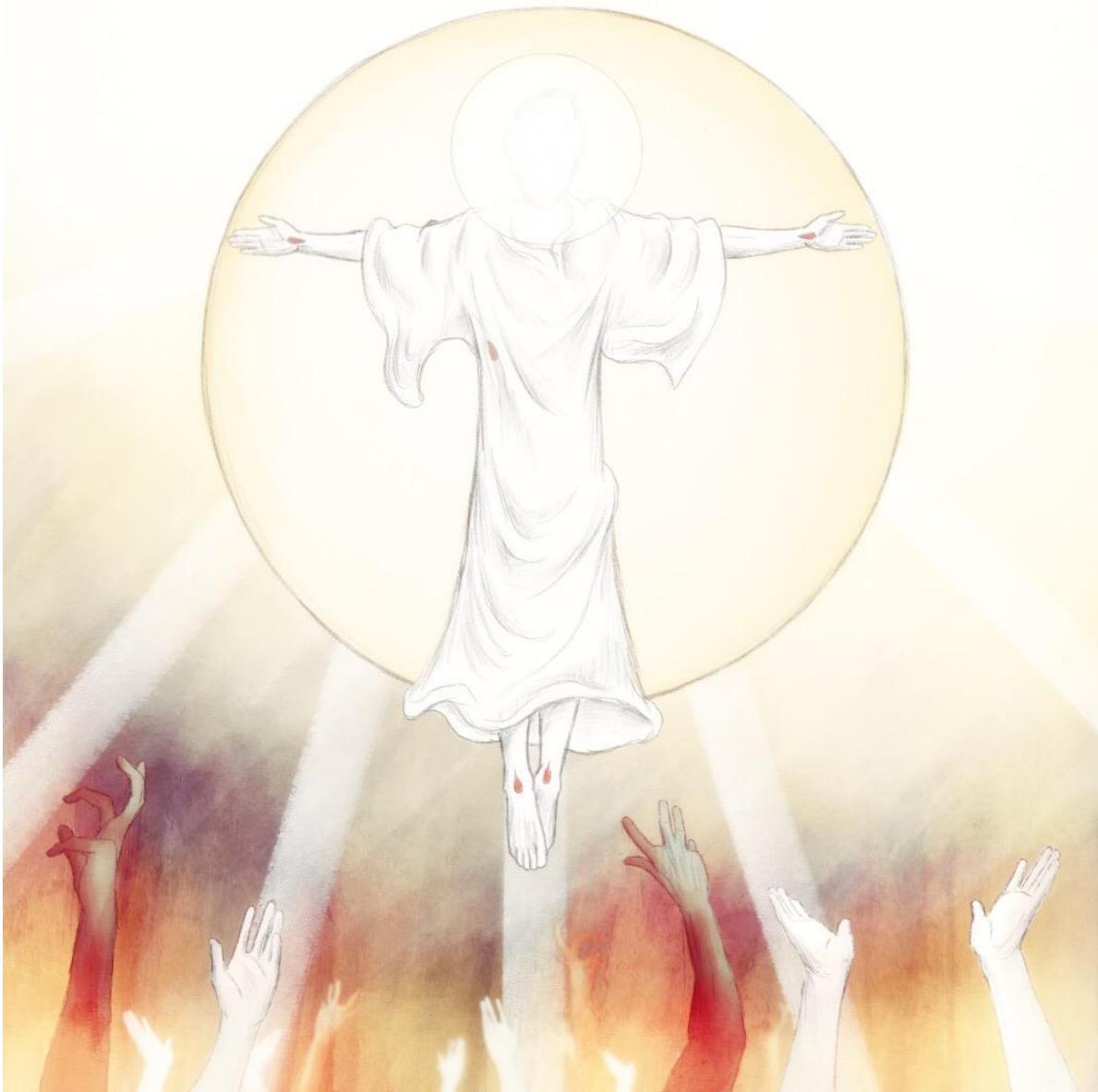


Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Day of Justice

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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

Our world is full of victims of abuse, violence, and oppression. In many cases, this evil goes unnoticed or unpunished. Injustice can drive victims in two possible directions. They can be filled with despair over the unfairness of the situation. Or they can be filled with hatred and a desire for revenge. While Christians wait for Christ's return on the Last Day, they are by no means the only ones who suffer at the hands of others. They are, however, often included among them. Believers have always faced opposition from a world who rejects the one we believe in. When we suffer, what are our options? Do we throw up our hands in despair? Do we take matters into our own hands and seek vengeance? The certainty of that Last Day gives us a better option. We can leave justice up to the Judge. We can be confident that on the Last Day every wrong will be righted. We can look forward to the Last Day—also known as Judgment Day—because we are confident of where we stand with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Stand

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

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God

CW 157

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Malachi 4

On the Last Day, those who opposed God will be laid low, but all God's people will be healed.

¹“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ²But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10

God promises that on the Last Day all those who troubled his holy people will themselves be eternally troubled.

⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10



Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - ia.

Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Refrain

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Gospel

Luke 21:5–19

Jesus tells us what the world will be like for believers before the Last Day.

⁵Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹²But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹Stand firm, and you will win life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

488 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

CW 488

Sermon

The Day of Justice is Coming

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10

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

Prayer of the Church

Offering

802 All Is Well

CW 802

Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

855 The Church's One Foundation

CW 855 sts. 1–5

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY	Pastor @Circuit Meeting, Moncks Corner, SC 6:30 pm Catechism
TUESDAY	5:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:00 pm Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class 7:00 pm BIC Class
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Lord's Supper

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Charles and Angela Babcock provided the flowers for the chancel area today to give thanks to God on the occasion of their daughter Clara's birthday! May we all remember that birthdays are regular reminders to us that God has not only given us physical life, but he has given us eternal life as well through Jesus Christ, our Savior. May God continue to shower his blessings on Clara and fill her heart with joy as she lives each day to the praise and glory of God!



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT -“TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY”

An Advent by Candlelight program for the women of Prince of Peace and their friends. Come, relax and be recharged with the meaning of the Christmas season.

Friday, December 2, 2022
 Prince Of Peace Fellowship Hall
 Hors d'oeuvres served at 6:00 pm
 Program at 7:00 pm.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we know how many to plan for.
 Questions? Contact: Barbara Smith

GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Don't forget you can participate in the APOGEE program to support our preschool. Your Georgia state income tax dollars can be redirected to our preschool. For more information contact Jeanne Thomas or Ann Wendt. [Sign up for 2023 now!](#)



You can also check out the Apogee website at www.apogee123.org

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
11/6/22	\$ 3,847.00			11/6/22	\$ 132.00
Month to Date	\$ 3,847.00	10:30 am	69	Month to Date	\$ 132.00
YTD	\$ 152,468.00			YTD	\$ 36,808.00
Budget YTD	\$ 174,188.00			Budget YTD	\$ 29,388.00
2021 YTD	\$ 165,062.00			2021 YTD	\$ 36,588.00

Weekly needs November Operating Offering	\$ 4,063.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,867.00