

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Uncovering the Purpose of the Gospel

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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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

When we know that the message of Christ is likely to be rejected the temptation may arise to alter the message in order to find more success. If a church makes its central focus things like personal improvement, healing for the sick, or social justice, that church may draw a crowd, but it does not do what Christ has instructed his Church to do. The gospel of forgiveness is to be the center of all our preaching and teaching. The agenda for Christ's Church is set. It's the same agenda that was followed by the Church's Christ.

WORSHIP SERIES

We are in the season of the Church called Epiphany, a Greek word that means "to appear." Salvation has appeared in the person of Jesus Christ. We need God to appear to us and make himself known to us. For not only is God beyond our understanding, but his works and his ways are contrary to mankind's natural assumptions about him. The truth about God cannot possibly be discovered by us. Rather, it needs to be uncovered for us. That's what the Holy Spirit is doing for us during this season of Epiphany. Week after week during this Epiphany season, the truth about Jesus our King and life in his kingdom are uncovered for us.

NEXT WEEK: Uncovering the truth about how the gospel spreads

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 570

O Christians, Haste

MISSIONS

570

O Christians, Haste



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;



To tell to all the world that God is light,
Bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin,
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;



That he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
With none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing
Tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
Or of the life he died for them to win.
And died on earth that they might live a - bove.
O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, Ti - dings of peace,



Ti - dings of Je - sus, Re - demp - tion and re - lease.

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STAND

[M]: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[M]: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

[C]: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

[C]: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

[M]: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

God chose to give Jeremiah a narrow agenda: to share God's Word with the people of Judah, regardless of what they wanted to hear.

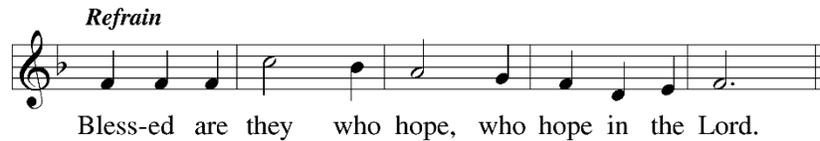
⁴ The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

⁶ "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

⁹ Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."



let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;^{*}
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;^{*}
For you are my rock and my fortress.

Refrain

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,^{*}
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,^{*}
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,^{*}
your might to all who are to come.

**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.**

Refrain

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A temptation for the Lord's messengers is to say what ears want to hear. Paul gives young Pastor Timothy a different agenda, to preach the Word which makes us wise for salvation.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great

number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia! I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because that is why I was sent. Alleluia! (Luke 4:43)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 4:38-44

After preaching and doing miracles in the area around Capernaum, the people wanted Jesus to stay there permanently. But he had a different agenda, to proclaim the gospel to many others.

³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹ So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰ At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

⁴² At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” ⁴⁴ And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

EPIPHANY

85 O God from God, O Light from Light



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of
 2 Deep in the proph-ets' sa-cred page, Grand in the
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of
 4 Sing to the Lord a might-y song; Sing to his



Peace and King of kings, To you in heav-en's
 po-ets' wing-ed word, Slow-ly, in type, from
 pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and
 name, his glo-ries tell! Sing, heav'n-ly hosts, your



glo-ry bright The song of praise for-ev-er rings.
 age to age The na-tions saw their com-ing Lord;
 now a-bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
 praise pro-long, And all on earth, your an-them swell!



To him who sits up-on the throne, The Lamb once
 Till through the deep Ju-de-an night Rang out the
 Lift up your heads, O might-y gates! So sang the
 Wor-thy the Lamb for sin-ners slain! For-ev-er



slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry
 song, "Good will to men!" Sung by heav'n's hosts in
 an-gel hosts a-gain. Lift up your heads—your
 let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb en-



he has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, A-men.
 splen-dor bright, Re-ech-oed now, "Good will!" A-men.
 King a-waits. We lift them up, A-men, A-men.
 throned to reign; Glo-ry and pow'r! A-men, A-men.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) *Johann Störks . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch*, Stuttgart, 1744.

SERMON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Continue in the Word

- I. Life Giving
- II. Life Sanctifying

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.**

OFFERING

During this on-going pandemic we have refrained from passing the offering plate. You may place your offering into the plate on the table before or after the service. Online giving is also available on our website, www.princeofpeacemartinez.com .

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

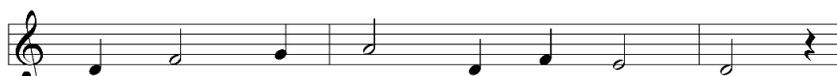
**For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

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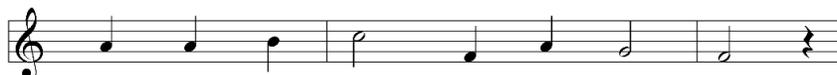
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Preach You the Word



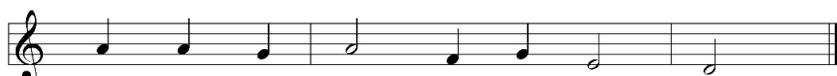
1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
 3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched
 5 Preach you the Word and plant it home



To those who like or like it not,
 Your ser - vant bids us un - der - take:
 Scat - ters a - broad the good - ly seed,
 And some be choked and mat - ted flat,
 And nev - er faint; the Har - vest - Lord



The Word that shall en - dure and stand
 To preach your Word and nev - er ask
 In - tent a - lone that there may be
 The sow - er sows; his heart cries out,
 Who gave the sow - er seed to sow



When flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
 What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
 The whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.
 "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"
 Will watch and tend his plant - ed Word.

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 Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinfelsisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, Augsburg, 1666.

STAND

[M]: 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.



[M]: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

[M]: 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

HYMN 318

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

HOLY COMMUNION

318 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er -



fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take
liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will



leave. The sup - per is end - ed; Oh, be now ex -
face. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er



tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be -
car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and



lieve. The seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep -
race. With your feast you feed us; With your



tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for
light now lead us; U - nite us as one in this



God and for all. His grace did in - vite us; His
life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing With



love shall u - nite us To work for God's
praise and thanks - giv - ing Give hon - or to



king - dom and an - swer his call.
Christ and his name that we bear.

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship with Lord's Supper 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Lord's Supper

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Karen Thomasson provided the flowers for the chancel area today to celebrate her granddaughter Avery's birthday (last Thursday) and Karen's birthday (Tuesday). We join her family to thank God for the blessings of life, especially the new life that God has worked in their hearts through faith in Jesus Christ! May God continually keep Avery and Karen in his loving care and lead them daily to see how much God loves them! Happy birthdays!

COUNCIL MINUTES

Did you know that there is a bulletin board dedicated to information about Prince of Peace's leadership council? Well, there is one! The list of officers and meeting minutes from council meetings are posted on the bulletin board outside Pastor's office for your viewing. Please note, that since minutes are not approved until the council meets and reviews the previous month's minutes, the posted minutes will be from the previous month's meeting (eg. currently December's minutes are posted).



MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For some time, Prince of Peace has had a designated fund for the purpose of supporting anyone in our congregation who is studying for the full-time ministry. Since Prince of Peace does not currently have anyone pursuing this study, the church council voted to designate \$1000 from this fund to Martin Luther College, our WELS teacher and pastor training college in New Ulm, MN to use those funds for what they were intended—supporting those who are studying for ministry. Our hope is that we can continue to support those studying for ministry in this way now and be prepared for the day when God blesses us with someone in our midst who pursues the ministry, that we may support them. If you have any questions about this money that was given to MLC or about how to designate offerings to the Ministry Scholarship Fund, please talk to Pastor.

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
1/23/22	\$ 2,197.00	8:00 am	17	1/23/22	\$ 362.00
Month to Date	\$ 10,367.00	10:30 am	38	Month to Date	\$ 3,156.00
YTD	\$ 10,367.00	Total	55	YTD	\$ 3,156.00
Budget YTD	\$ 15,124.00			Budget YTD	\$ 2,294.00
2021 YTD	\$ 14,599.00			2021 YTD	\$ 2,468.00

Weekly needs January Operating Offering	\$ 3,781.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,867.00