

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



What Child is This?
The One Who Sets His People Free

Christmas 2

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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

The ability to appreciate Christmas is directly proportional to the understanding of whom Christmas is for. Christmas is only for those who are held captive by sin and death. Christmas is for people who have no power of their own to free themselves from those enemies. Christmas is for people who patiently wait for God to set them free. God's Christmas gift is for slaves, but it does not leave them that way. Jesus takes those born in slavery and turns them into sons and daughters of God. He makes us heirs of a glorious, eternal inheritance. He sets us free from a forced servitude to our enemies and replaces it with joyful service to our loving Father.

WORSHIP SERIES

A baby is born every twelve seconds. That's 140 million babies born each year. Yet, there is something that sets this child apart from all others. It is not simply his humble beginnings, with a cattle trough as his first cradle. It is not just the miraculous nature of his birth, his mother being a virgin. There is so much more. This child is the only hope we have for peace and a future. This child can wipe away every tear, drive away every fear. Here is the truth of Christmas. With this child, you lack nothing. Without him, you have nothing. Let us use this season of Christmas to answer this most important question: **WHAT CHILD IS THIS?**"

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Christmas Eve, December 24 th	—	A Savior
Christmas Day, December 25 th	—	God in the Flesh
Sunday, December 26 th	—	Our Substitute and Sacrifice
Sunday, January 2nd	—	The One Who Sets His People Free

PRINCE OF PEACE PRESCHOOL

Keep the preschool in your prayers as they resume this week. May God bless us in this New Year as we finish out the second half of the school year!

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 42

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

CHRISTMAS

42 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising



1 Come, your hearts and voices rais - ing, Christ the
2 See how God, for us pro - vid - ing, Gave his
3 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in
4 Ja - cob's Star in all its splen - dor Beams with
5 Gra - cious Child, we pray you, hear us; From your



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing his love a -
Son and life a - bid - ing; He our wea - ry steps is
love our race be - friend - ing, In our need his help ex -
com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -
low - ly man - ger cheer us. Gent - ly lead us and be



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
guid - ing, From earth's woe to heav'n - ly joy.
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
near us Till we join th' an - gel - ic choir.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941.
Tune: QUEM PASTORES (88 87) *Ein Schlesich singebüchlein*, Breslau, 1555.

STAND

[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

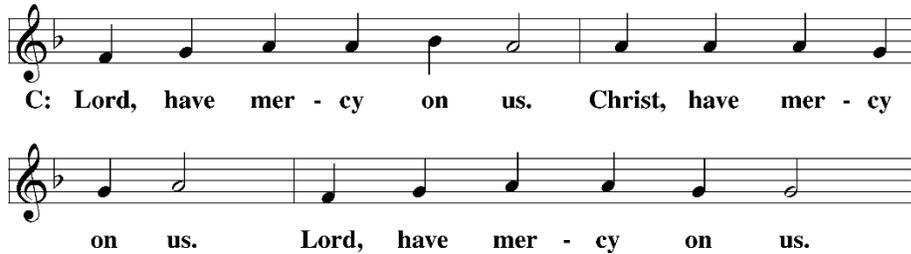


C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[M]: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[C]: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

C: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: The Lord be with you.



[M]: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7

The Lord promised Abram that his descendants would become a great nation whom God Almighty would love as his own sons and daughters.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ²Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.



Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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

Galatians 4:4-7

Christ has freed us from slavery and made us God's children and heirs.

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.
(Psalm 98:3b)



STAND



GOSPEL

Luke 1:68-75

At the birth of John the Baptist, his father Zechariah sings a song praising the Lord. God's people, held captive by their enemies, would be redeemed and set free.

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David
⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
⁷¹ salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—
⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.



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

EPIPHANY

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The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by
 2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, Oh, bright and
 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it To know and
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you With God the



an - cient seers, By God the Fa - ther giv - en,
 ho - ly morn! He comes, the King a - noint - ed,
 love you more, In faith to stand un - shak - en,
 Ho - ly Ghost And Je - sus, we a - dore you,



In hu - man form ap - pears. No sphere his
 The Christ, the vir - gin - born, Grim death to
 In spir - it to a - dore, That we, through
 O Pride of an - gel host. Be - fore you



light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
 con - quer for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
 this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
 mor - tals low - ly Cry "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As he, our Morn - ing Star.
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, c. 1500–35, abr., st. 1-3; *Lutheran Book of Worship*, Minneapolis, 1978, st. 4;
 tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, st. 1-3, alt.
 Tune: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN (76 76 776) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524, alt.

SERMON

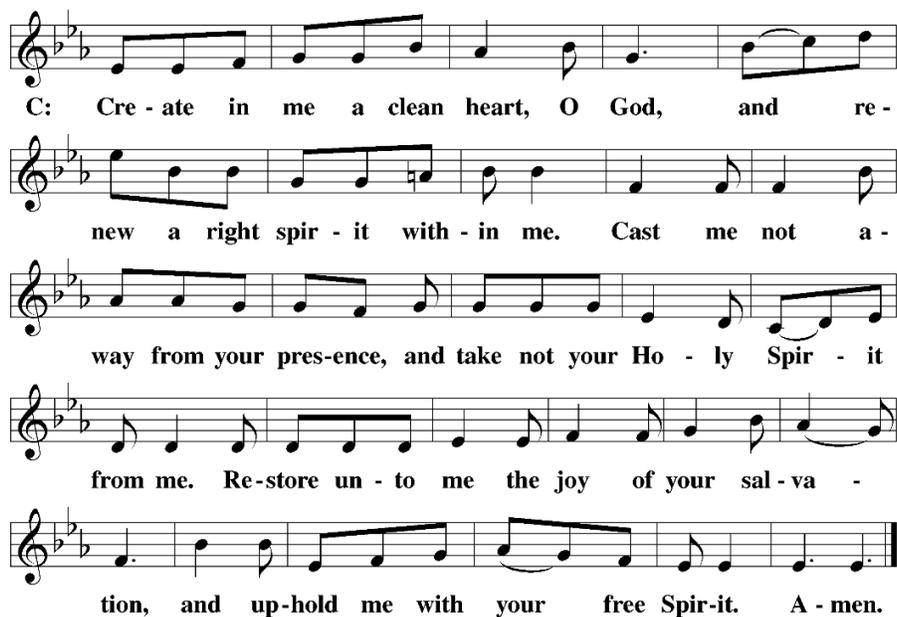
Galatians 4:4-5

Redeemed and Set Free

- I. From Slavery to Sin
- II. To be a Child and Heir

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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.

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.**

BE SEATED

ADVENT

32 When Sinners See Their Lost Condition



1 When sin - ners see their lost con - di - tion And feel
 2 When Je - sus en - ters meek and low - ly To fill
 3 When Je - sus en - ters land and na - tion And chang-
 4 When Je - sus comes— O bless - ed sto - ry— He works
 5 Oh, may he soon to ev - 'ry na - tion Find en -



the press - ing load of sin And Je - sus comes on
 the home with sweet - est peace, When hearts have felt his
 es peo - ple with his love, When, yield - ing to his
 a change in heart and life; God's king - dom comes with
 trance where he is un-known, With life and light and



his blest mis - sion To heal the sin - sick
 bless - ing ho - ly And found from sin com -
 kind per - sua - sion, Our hearts his truth and
 pow'r and glo - ry To young and old, to
 free sal - va - tion, That Sa - tan's pow'r be



heart with - in, All grief must flee be - fore his
 plete re - lease, Then calm and joy with - in shall
 bless - ing prove, Then shall our life on earth be
 man and wife. Through sac - ra - ment and liv - ing
 o - ver-thrown, And heal - ing to all hearts may



grace, And joy di - vine will take its place.
 reign, And hearts di - vid - ed love a - gain.
 blest; The peace of God on us shall rest.
 Word Faith, love, and hope are now con - ferred.
 come In heath - en land and Chris - tian home!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80, abr.; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt.
 Tune: WER WEISS, WIE NAHE (98 98 88) Christian Möck, 1737–1818.

STAND

[M]: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

[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 61

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CHRISTMAS

61 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
 3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
 last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
 Right - cou - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
 Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
 glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to

Refrain



born in Beth - le - hem!" Hark! The her - ald
 our Im - man - u - el!
 give us sec - ond birth.



an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr., alt.
 Tune: MENDELSSOHN (77 77 D with Refrain) Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47, alt.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Terry and Ann Wendt provided the chancel flowers today in honor of Terry's birthday! We join them in wishing Terry a happy birthday. We pray that he, along with all of us, will never forget that Jesus Christ has made life truly worth living. He gives us reasons each day to thank him for his grace and goodness to us! God bless you, Terry!



MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Men's breakfast bible study **will** still meet on Friday, January 7th, even though Pastor will not yet be back from vacation. Hope to see you there!

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor will be gone December 28th thru January 7th. If a need arises, please contact one of the elders.

THANK YOU

Thank You

Thank you, members of Prince of Peace, for all of your Christmas gifts! Your gifts show your love, which we know is a reflection of God's love to us (1 John 4:19). It is a powerful and amazing thing to experience first-hand the love of God working through his people like this. It is a privilege to serve you as your pastor and I feel very blessed to serve among you. God bless all of you in this new year as we continue to live in His grace! *Pastor Neumann*

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gifts and thoughtful notes. I cannot tell you enough how much I appreciate the congregation's support and prayers for me and the preschool. Special thanks also to all who decorated the church and to those who planned, practiced, and participated in the children's program. It was such a joy to hear the children sharing God's gracious love through word and song. We regularly hear the preschool children spontaneously sing those songs and know the message continues to be shared with their family and friends. God's blessings to you all in the coming year! *-Jeanne*

Thank You

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
12/24 – 12/26	\$ 4,792.00	8:00 am	29	12/24 – 12/26	\$ 2,372.00
Month to Date	\$ 20,230.00	10:30 am	30	Month to Date	\$ 5,797.00
YTD	\$ 196,241.00	Total	59	YTD	\$ 43,292.00
Budget YTD	\$ 211,813.00	12/24/21	66	Budget YTD	\$ 34,405.00
2020 YTD	\$ 210,346.00	12/25/21	19	2020 YTD	\$ 43,990.00

Weekly needs December Operating Offering **\$ 4,289.00**
Monthly Mortgage Payment **\$ 2,867.00**