

# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Are You Ready For Christmas?

Advent 2 – Prepare  
By Repenting

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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 you prepare for your Christmas company, it typically includes a thorough house cleaning. You want your home looking your best when your honored guests come. And yet, dirt and clutter probably would not offend those guests too much. How much more then should we prepare for Christ by cleaning the dirt and clutter out of our hearts! Because the sin we hold in our hearts *does* offend the Holy One who is coming. How can we say we are ready to embrace our coming Savior in love and joy if we don't first put down the sins that caused his death... the sins which could cut us off from his love forever? We need to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming through sincere repentance.

## **INFORMATION**

- Our nursery area is located near the entrance area of the church. It is equipped with a television monitor so that you can view and follow the service if you desire to stay with your child in the nursery.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors down the hallway on the right. A changing table for infants and toddlers is located in both restrooms. Additional restrooms are available in the education wing.
- The service is recorded and may be found on our YouTube channel or website.

## **LORD'S SUPPER**

Scripture teaches us that in the Lord's Supper:

- The body and blood of Christ are really present with the bread and the wine. (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:27)
- Jesus gives true forgiveness, not just a symbol, to each recipient. (Matthew 26:28)
- We are united as one body of believers because we all partake the one body and blood of Christ. "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf." (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

For these reasons we ask that, if you are not a part of a WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) or ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church that publicly confesses to believe these same scriptural truths, you speak with our pastor before you take the Sacrament. We do not wish to judge your faith, but want to make sure that we are in agreement before publicly declaring that we share a common faith.

We are careful about the way we celebrate the Lord's Supper because we want to humbly accept this gift the way God intended.

**Musician: Mr. Isaac Roeseler**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

ADVENT

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## Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: Your  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It



King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and  
own e - ter - nal King! Palm branch - es strew be -  
greet your prom - ised King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry  
comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and



val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall  
All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions,  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness



sa - cred sto - ry:  
doubt as - sail you!  
now a - dore him! Ho - san - na to the  
so a - bound - ing:



Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

*This hymn reminds us that Advent is a season of preparation, as King Jesus comes to rule in our hearts and lives and leads us to his heavenly kingdom.*

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Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (76 76 77 and Refrain) Swedish folk tune, 17th century

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]: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

[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.**

[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]: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

#### *Kyrie*

[M]: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

[C]: **Lord, have mercy.**

[M]: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

[C]: **Christ, have mercy.**

[M]: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

[C]: **Lord, have mercy.**

[M]: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

[C]: **Amen.**

[M]: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[M]:** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**[C]:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her  
that her hard service has been completed,  
that her sin has been paid for,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling:  
"In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the LORD;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out."  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass,  
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.  
Surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God endures forever."

<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,

lift up your voice with a shout,  
 lift it up, do not be afraid;  
 say to the towns of Judah,  
 "Here is your God!"  
<sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,  
 and he rules with a mighty arm.  
 See, his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense accompanies him.  
<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
 He gathers the lambs in his arms  
 and carries them close to his heart;  
 he gently leads those that have young.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 14**

*Refrain*



Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,  
 come. Re - store your peo-ple and bless them.

*Psalm Tone*



The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."  
 They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men  
 to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;  
 there is no one who does good, not even one.

***Refrain***

Will evildoers never learn—  
 those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,  
 but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
 When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
 let Israel rejoice and be glad!

**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 LESSON

## 2 Peter 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup> But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

<sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>13</sup> But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup> So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4,6)



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

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way”—  
<sup>3</sup> “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’ “

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

BE SEATED

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ADVENT

### 16 On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry



1 On Jor - dan’s bank the Bap - tist’s cry An - nounc -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ’ry life from sin And fur -  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose ad -



es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,  
nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our  
uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we  
us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on  
vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Good news a - bout the King of kings.  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow’rs that with - er and de - cay.  
us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, st. 1-3, alt.; composite, st. 4-5.  
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

**What Kind of People Should We Be?**

- I. People who understand God's patience**
- II. People who look forward to a new world**

*STAND*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**[M]:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**[C]:** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**[M]:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**[C]:** **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**[M]:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**[M]:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **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.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

**[M]:** The Lord be with you.

**[C]:** **And also with you.**

**[M]:** Lift up your hearts.

**[C]:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**[M]:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**[C]:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**[M]:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**[M]:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**[M]:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**[C]:** Amen.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

**DISTRIBUTION**

**THANKSGIVING**

*STAND*

**THANK THE LORD**

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.  
He re-news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

[M]: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

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

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]: Amen.

BE SEATED

ADVENT

## 11 Comfort, Comfort All My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; Speak of peace,"  
2 All their sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out  
3 John the Bap - tist's voice is cry - ing In the des -  
4 Straight - en out the crook - ed high - way; Make the rough -



so says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,  
each dark mis - deed; All that well de - serve his an - ger  
ert far and near, Call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance  
er plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Groan - ing from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all  
He no more will see or heed. They have suf -  
For the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn -  
Read - y for his ho - ly reign. For the glo -



Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
 fered man - y a day; Now their griefs have passed a - way.  
 ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er,  
 God will change their ach - ing sad - ness  
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken



That their war - fare now is o - ver."  
 In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 And the hills bow down to greet him.  
 That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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### MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Midweek Advent services will be held on the evenings of December 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Make sure you get these Wednesday services on your calendars!

### ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Following the 10:30 service, we will adopt the 2021 budget, elect the 2021 church council, present the 2020 membership changes, and report on the projects completed in 2020.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>TUESDAY</b>	5:00 pm Catechism
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:30 pm Mid-week Advent Service
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:00 pm Council Meeting
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am Worship Inside 9:15 am – 10:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Inside 11:30 am Voters' Meeting

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

Frank and Lori Penha purchased the chancel flowers today as an expression of their gratitude to God for all the blessings Frank has enjoyed throughout his life. He realizes that as the years come and go, there remains one constant – Jesus Christ has given us everlasting life! So he celebrates all the blessings of earthly life that God showers upon us cognizant of the fact that the greatest blessings of all are those that God has reserved for us in our futures – when we take our places before the throne of God in heaven by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. Happy birthday, Frank!



### POINSETTIAS



Help beautify the church for Christmas! Purchase as many plants as you would like! Your plant(s) may be taken home following the Christmas day worship service. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board, or you can speak with Ann Wendt to get on the list.

### FLOWER CHART

The 2021 flower chart is posted in the hallway. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday of the year, please put your name down on that date and the occasion, if desired. The cost of the flowers this year will be \$ 35.00.

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
11/25 & 11/29/20	\$ 3,436.56	8:00 am	21	11/29/20	\$ 340.00
Month to Date	\$ 18,257.50	10:00 am	29	Month to Date	\$ 3,170.00
YTD	\$ 192,153.00	Total	50	YTD	\$ 38,155.00
Budget YTD	\$ 225,669.00			Budget YTD	\$ 31,538.00
2019 YTD	\$ 188,028.00			2019 YTD	\$ 30,150.00
<b>Weekly needs November Operating Offering</b>					<b>\$ 4,861.00</b>
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>					<b>\$ 2,867.00</b>

**Reminder:** On-line giving is available on our website should you be unable to join us for worship. Remember to watch the worship service online when you are not here!

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