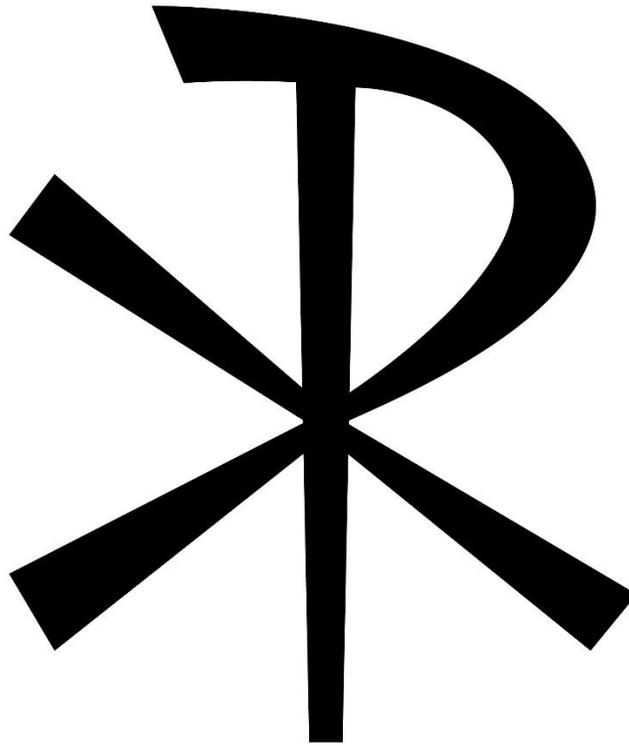


# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Christmas 2

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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**

Do you ever wonder who this Jesus is? He is the Son of God, who took on flesh and shared in our humanity for our sake. He is the one who has made us holy. He is not ashamed to call himself our brother, for in making us holy, he has also made us all members of God's family. He has connected us with God and is our constant helper as a relatable and loving brother.

**Musician: Mr. Isaac Roeseler**

## **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.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN CW 65

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -

still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And  
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The  
won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts To  
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And

dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.  
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.  
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -  
No ear may hear his com - ing, But  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of  
claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To  
in this world of sin Where meek souls will Re -  
great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
God the King And peace to all the earth.  
ceive him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.  
bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93, abr., alt.  
Tune: ST. LOUIS (86 446 76 446) Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

STAND

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

[C]: Amen.

## 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.

[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

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

### GLORY TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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

**[C]:** **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

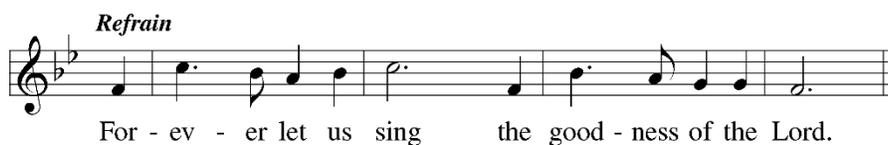
**Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup> “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”

<sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,  
and the rest of his brothers return  
to join the Israelites.

<sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock  
in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he will be our peace  
when the Assyrians invade our land  
and march through our fortresses.



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 LESSON

Hebrews 2:10-18

<sup>10</sup> In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. <sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

<sup>13</sup> And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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

*STAND*

## GOSPEL

John 7:40-43

<sup>40</sup> On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.”

<sup>41</sup> Others said, “He is the Messiah.”

Still others asked, “How can the Messiah come from Galilee? <sup>42</sup> Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David’s descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?” <sup>43</sup> Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.

## 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.**

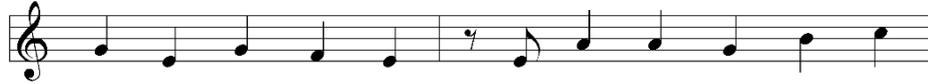
**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
 2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,  
 3 "This is the Christ, our God most high, Who hears your  
 4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by  
 5 "These are the signs which you shall mark: The swad-dling



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad ti - dings of great joy  
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of low -  
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will him - self your Sav -  
 God for all be - low, That in his king - dom, bright  
 clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the in -



I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
 ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.  
 ior be From all your sins to set you free.  
 and fair, You may with us his glo - ry share.  
 fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

15 Glory to God in highest heaven,  
 Who unto us his Son has given!  
 While angels sing with pious mirth  
 A glad new year to all the earth.

Text: Martin Luther. 1483-1546: tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1827-78. alt.  
 Tune: VOM HIMMEL.HOCH (I.M) Schumann, *Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert*, Leipzig. 1539

SERMON

Hebrews 2:10-18

Jesus Shares Our Humanity

- I. To break the power of the devil
- II. To be our capable helper

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING

## 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.

# THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

[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 good and right so to do.**

[M]: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

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. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

## THANKSGIVING

STAND

### SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



In peace, Lord, 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, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**[M]:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**[C]:** **And his mercy endures forever.**

**[M]:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, 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.**

HYMN CW 67

What Child Is This



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh;

On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?  
Where ox - en now are feed - - - ing?  
Come, peas - ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet  
Good Chris - tians, fear; For sin - ners here  
The King of kings Sal - va - tion brings;

While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through; The  
Raise, raise the song on high; The

shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.  
cross he'll bear for me, for you.  
vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,

The babe, the Son of Mar - y!  
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!  
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.  
Tune: GREENSLEEVES (87 87 68 67) English ballad, 16th century.

**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!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>TUESDAY</b>	5:00 pm Catechism
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am Worship (Inside) 9:15 am – 10:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Inside)

**POINSETTIAS** – If you ordered poinsettias, don't forget to take them home from church!

### THANK YOU

Dear Prince of Peace Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gifts, they are very much appreciated! I truly feel blessed to be able to teach God's precious children, and the blessings are magnified with the added support and prayers of the congregation.

Praying for God's hand to continue to guide and protect us all in the coming year,

*Jeanne*

### MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS

Midweek Bible class will not resume until January 13<sup>th</sup>, due to a scheduling conflict.



### THANK YOU

Thank you, members of Prince of Peace, for all of your Christmas gifts! Your gifts show your love, but they also show the love of God. It is a powerful and amazing thing to experience first-hand the love of God working through a group of 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*

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
12/24, 12/25, & 12/27/20	\$ 4,510.52	8:00 am	25	12/27/20	\$ 15.00
Month to Date	\$ 17,714.40	10:30 am	17	Month to Date	\$ 2,845.00
YTD	\$ 213,556.00	Total	42	YTD	\$ 45,830.00
Budget YTD	\$ 245,454.00			Budget YTD	\$ 34,405.00
2019 YTD	\$ 212,275.00			2019 YTD	\$ 34,690.00
<b>Weekly needs December Operating Offering</b>				<b>\$ 4,946.00</b>	
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>				<b>\$ 2,867.00</b>	

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