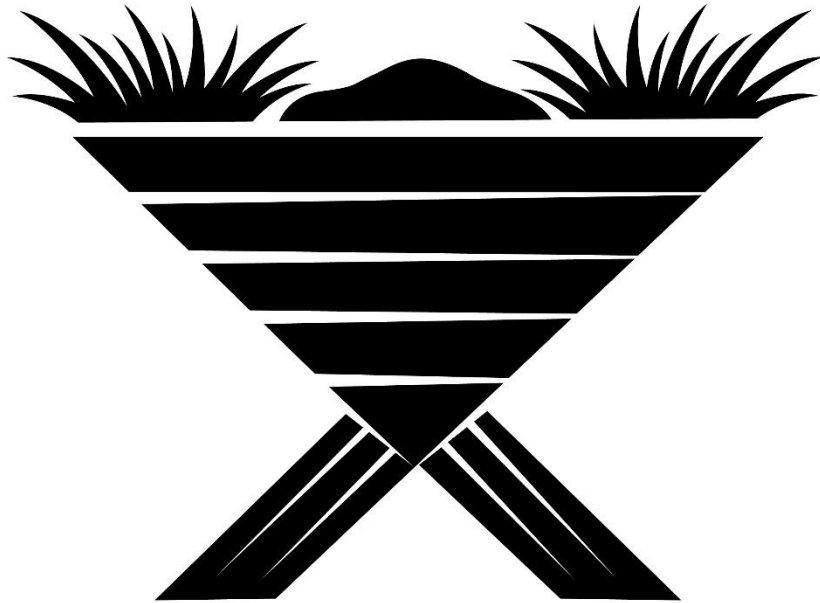


Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Seeing Salvation

Christmas 1

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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

"You're a sight for sore eyes!" How pleasant is it to see a friendly and familiar face after enduring a hard day or after being apart from a loved one for an extended period of time. There's a sense of relief and comfort, even joy that accompanies seeing someone or something that we long to see. How much more joyful and comforting then to see salvation. When we see our Savior entering into this world in the flesh, that is exactly what we see—a sight that brings us relief, comfort, and joy.

Musician: Ms. Barbara Thomas

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN CW #55

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

CHRISTMAS

55

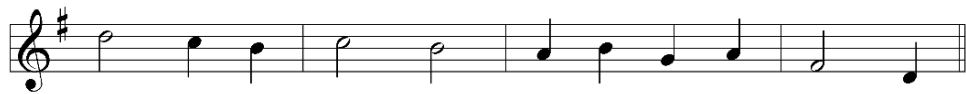
Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, Oh,
2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes,
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n,



Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels.
On - ly be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est.
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

Refrain



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come, let us a - dore him,



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Text: John F. Wade, c. 1711–86; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES (Irregular) John F. Wade, c. 1711–86, alt.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: The Lord be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

[M]: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through 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 45:20-25

- ²⁰ “Gather together and come;
assemble, you fugitives from the nations.
Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood,
who pray to gods that cannot save.
- ²¹ Declare what is to be, present it—
let them take counsel together.
Who foretold this long ago,
who declared it from the distant past?
Was it not I, the LORD?
And there is no God apart from me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none but me.
- ²² “Turn to me and be saved,
all you ends of the earth;
for I am God, and there is no other.
- ²³ By myself I have sworn,
my mouth has uttered in all integrity
a word that will not be revoked:
Before me every knee will bow;
by me every tongue will swear.
- ²⁴ They will say of me, ‘In the LORD alone
are deliverance and strength.’ ”
All who have raged against him
will come to him and be put to shame.
- ²⁵ But all the descendants of Israel
will find deliverance in the LORD
and will make their boast in him.

Refrain



Psalm tone



Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

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

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 2:25-40

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. ³⁸ She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁹ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

⁴⁰ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴¹ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

HYMN OF THE DAY CW #78

O Light of Gentile Nations

PRESENTATION

78

O Light of Gentile Nations

1 O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O
 2 Dear Lord, your ser - vants meet you In
 3 Lord, when life's trou - bles touch us, You
 4 Let us, O Lord, be faith - ful Like

Sav - ior from a - bove, Drawn by your Spir - it's
 ev - 'ry ho - ly place Where your true Word has
 seem to hide your face, And through our tears we
 Sim - con to the end So that his prayer ex -

lead - ing, We come with joy and love In -
 prom - ised That we should see your face. To -
 of - ten Can scarce - ly sense your grace. Then
 ul - tant May from our hearts as - cend: "O

to your ho - ly tem - ple And wait with
 day you still al - low us Who gath - er
 be our joy and bright - ness, Our cheer in
 Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in

rev - 'rent mind As Sim - eon once had
 round you here In arms of faith to
 pain and loss, Our sun in dark - est
 peace, I pray, Since I have seen my

wait - ed His God and Lord to find.
 hold you As did that a - ged seer.
 ter - ror, The glo - ry round our cross.
 Sav - ior And here be - held his day."

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: MUNICH (76 76 D) *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

SERMON

The True Spirit of Christmas

- I. Leads to a life in Christ**
- II. Leads to a confession of Christ**

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[M]: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

[C]: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

[M]: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

[C]: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

[M]: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

[C]: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

[M]: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

[C]: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

[M]: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

[C]: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

[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 #47

Behold, a Branch is Growing

CHRISTMAS

47

Behold, a Branch Is Growing



1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro -
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With
 5 O Sav - ior, Child of Mar - y, Who



love - liest form and grace, As proph - ets sang, fore -
 words of prom - ise sure, And Mar - y's arms en -
 claimed by an - gels bright, How Christ, the Lord of
 fra - grance fills the air; His bright - ness ends the
 felt our hu - man woes, O Sav - ior, King of



know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's race And
 fold it, A vir - gin meek and pure. Through
 glo - ry, Was born on earth this night. To
 dark - ness That kept the earth in fear. True
 glo - ry, Who con - quered all our foes, Bring



bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of cold - est
 God's e - ter - nal will This child to her is
 Beth - le - hem they sped And in the man - ger
 God and yet true man, He came to save his
 us at last, we pray, To the bright courts of



win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.
 giv - en At mid - night calm and still.
 found him, As an - gel her - alds said.
 peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.
 heav - en And to the end - less day.

Text: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599, abr.; tr. composite.Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (76 76 676) *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599.

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

FRIDAY	9:30 am New Year's Day Worship (Inside)
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship w/Lord's Supper (Inside) 9:15 am – 10:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/Lord's Supper (Inside)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Start the new year with the LORD! We will have one New Year's Day worship service with the Lord's Supper at 9:30 am Jan 1st.

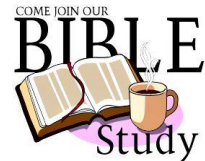


MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE CLASS @CRACKER BARREL

Please note that because of the New Year's Day service, there will not be Men's Breakfast Bible Class on Friday, January 1st. We will meet on January 15th, see you then!

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS

Midweek Bible class will resume on January 6th, with both 10:15 am and 7:00 pm sessions.



Operating Offerings

12/16 & 12/20/20	\$ 4,373.88
Month to Date	\$ 13,203.88
YTD	\$ 209,046.00
Budget YTD	\$ 240,508.00
2019 YTD	\$ 206,213.00

Attendance

8:00 am	30
10:30 am	22
Total	52

Mortgage Progress

12/20/20	\$ 125.00
Month to Date	\$ 2,830.00
YTD	\$ 45,815.00
Budget YTD	\$ 33,688.00
2019 YTD	\$ 33,555.00

Weekly needs December Operating Offering

\$ 4,946.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 2,867.00

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