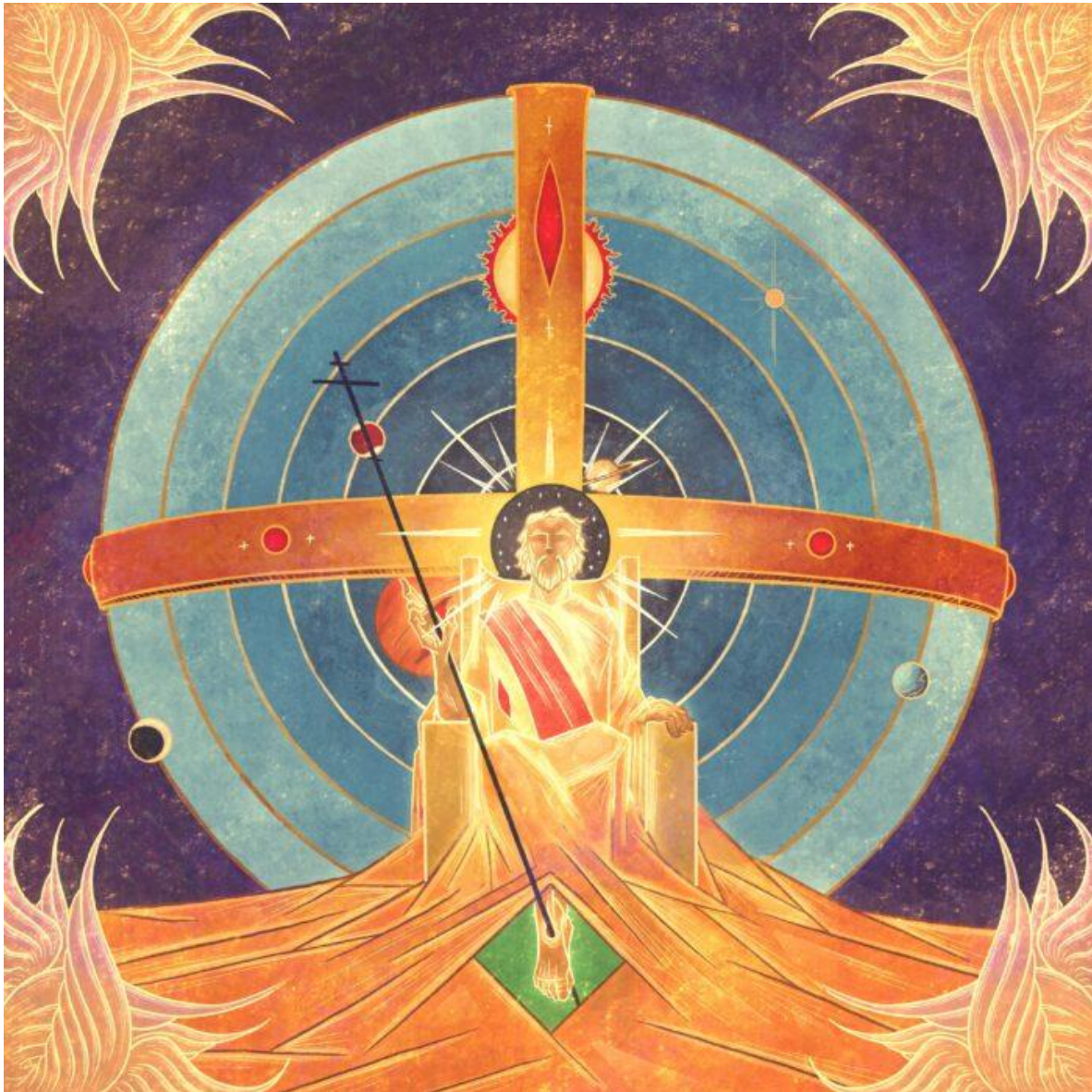


Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Christ's Offices Foretold:
Foretold as King

Midweek Advent

December 20, 2023



“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 speak of the offices of Christ Jesus, we are referring to the roles that he undertakes as our Savior for our benefit. In particular, these offices are a reference to the positions God instituted in Old Testament times in order to minister to his people. In those times, God anointed prophets to speak his word; priests to offer sacrifices for his people; and kings to lead his people. The Old Testament also spoke of God’s special anointed one, his Messiah (or Christ), as being someone who would fulfill the roles of these offices. Indeed, the Old Testament scriptures foretold that Jesus would be our prophet, priest, and king—teaching us God’s word, interceding for us, and ruling all things for our good. This advent season we will take a look at prophecies foretelling each of Jesus’ offices.

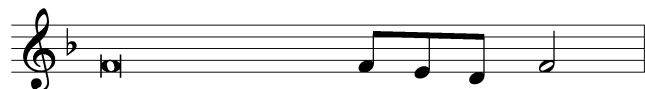
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December 20th	—	Foretold as King

Evening Prayer

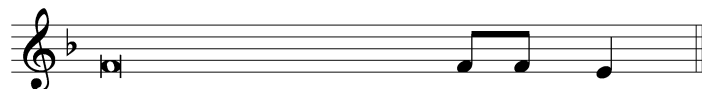
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Opening Sentences

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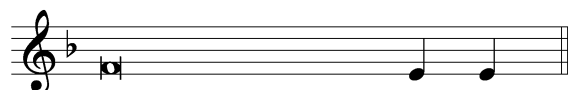
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



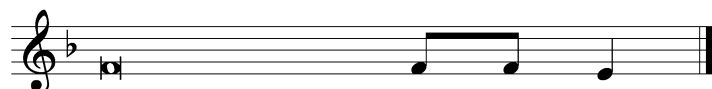
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



and the day is almost o - ver.



Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,



and hear our evening prayer and praise.

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Hymn of Light

CW 216



1 Glad - d'ning light of pur - est glo - ry, shin - ing
2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful



down from heav'n on high, from the ev - er -
set - ting sun de - parts, Fa - ther, Son, and
voic - es ev - er sing hymns of praise that



liv - ing Fa - ther— hail, most bless - ed Je - sus Christ!
Ho - ly Spir - it— we a - dore you, Lord our God.
right - ly hon - or, Son of God, your sav - ing name.

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Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Be seated

Psalm 141

CW 217

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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Psalm Prayer

Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading

Psalm 2

- ¹Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?
²The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
³“Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.”
- ⁴The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.
⁵He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
⁶“I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain.”
- ⁷I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have become your father.
⁸Ask me,
and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹You will break them with a rod of iron;
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”
- ¹⁰Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
¹¹Serve the LORD with fear
and celebrate his rule with trembling.
¹²Kiss his son, or he will be angry
and your way will lead to your destruction,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

384 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

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Sermon

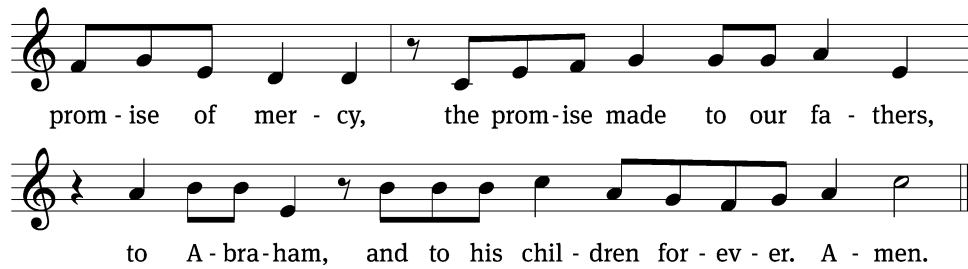
Foretold As King

Psalm 2

Song of Mary

CW 220

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-
joic-es in God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor
on his low-ly ser-vant. From this day all gen-er-a-tions
will call me bless-ed. The Al-might-y has done great
things for me, and ho-ly is his name. He has mer-cy on
those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the
proud in their con-ceil. He has cast down the might-y
from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.
He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich
he has sent a-way emp-ty. He has come to the
help of his ser-vant Is-ra-el, for he has re-mem-bered his



prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,
to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

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Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Blessing



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

Be seated

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