

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Are You Ready For Christmas?

Advent 1 – Christ Will
Come Unexpectedly

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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

Preparing for Christmas is relatively easy for this reason – we know when it will be. Christmas doesn't move. It is always December 25th. That firm and well-known date allows us to prepare. We know *when* we need to be ready. Preparing for Christ's second coming is more difficult since no one knows when that will be. It could be 1000 years from now. It could be tomorrow. It is absolutely vital that you are prepared to meet Christ on Judgment Day. Since we don't know when that is, we must live in a constant state of readiness.

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.

Musician: Mr. Isaac Roeseler

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Midweek Advent services will be held on the evenings of December 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 6:30pm. Make sure you get these Wednesday services on your calendars!

ORDER OF SERVICE

ADVENT

6 Come, O Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;
2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,
By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.
Tune: ST. HILARY (87 87 D) Unknown.

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

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship 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.

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

[M]: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1-8

¹⁶ But you are our Father,
 though Abraham does not know us
 or Israel acknowledge us;
you, LORD, are our Father,
 our Redeemer from of old is your name.
¹⁷ Why, LORD, do you make us wander from your ways
 and harden our hearts so we do not revere you?
Return for the sake of your servants,
 the tribes that are your inheritance.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
 that the mountains would tremble before you!

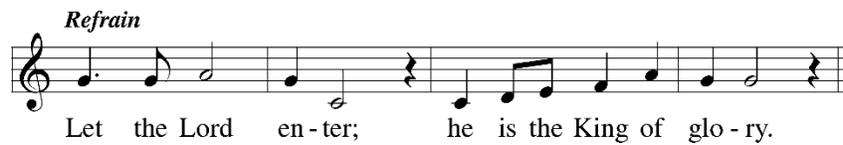
² As when fire sets twigs ablaze
 and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
 and cause the nations to quake before you!
³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
 you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,
 no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
 who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
 who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them,
 you were angry.
How then can we be saved?

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,
 and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
 and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷ No one calls on your name
 or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
 and have given us over to our sins.

⁸ Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
 We are the clay, you are the potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.



The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,*
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas*
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?*
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?*
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**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

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

STAND

GOSPEL

Mark 13:32-37

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

THE APOSTLE’S 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

2

Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
 vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
 cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
 God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
 death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.
 Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON

Mark 13:32-37

Watch!

- I. So you're ready at anytime
- II. So you don't fall asleep

STAND



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

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.

[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]: Amen.

BE SEATED

9 Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes



1 Je - sus, your Church with long - ing eyes For your ex -
2 E'en now, when tem - pests round us fall And win - try
3 Come, gra - cious Lord, our hearts re - new, Our sins for -
4 Oh, come and reign o'er ev - 'ry land; Let Sa - tan
5 Teach us in watch - ful - ness and prayer To wait for



pect - ed com - ing waits. When will the prom - ised
clouds o'er - cast the sky, Your words with plea - sure
give, our foes sup - press, Our root - ed en - mi -
from his throne be hurled. Let na - tions bow to
your ap - point - ed hour, And fit us by your



light a - rise And glo - ry beam from heav - en's gates?
we re - call And know that our re - demp - tion's nigh.
ty sub - due, And crown your gos - pel with suc - cess.
your com - mand; Let grace re - vive a dy - ing world.
grace to share The tri - umphs of your con - qu'ring pow'r.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877, abr., alt.
Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY	5:00 pm Catechism
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm Mid-week Advent Service
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship (w/Lord's Supper) Inside 9:15 am – 9:45 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship (w/Lord's Supper) Inside

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Mark and Cindy Vogler are celebrating their wedding anniversary. The flowers today are their gift of gratitude to God for the blessings they have enjoyed as husband and wife. We join them in thanking God for blessing this union and for providing them with a common faith in Jesus Christ by which they can continue to encourage one another and serve one another as though serving their Lord. Congratulations to Mark & Cindy!

EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

You may have noticed that we have switched email services for the weekly email newsletter. Please check your spam folders and mark the emails “not spam” so that you can ensure delivery. If you have not been receiving the emails, first check your spam folder, and if you still don't seem to be receiving the email, please contact Pastor.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP MOVES INDOORS

Don't forget that next week Sunday, December 6th, the second service is set to move indoors for the winter season. Please be alert for announcements regarding confirmation of times and locations in this constantly changing situation.

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
11/22/20	\$ 2,740.94	8:00 am	36	11/22/20	\$ 25.00
Month to Date	\$ 14,820.94	10:00 am	32	Month to Date	\$ 2,830.00
YTD	\$ 188,716.00	Total	68	YTD	\$ 37,815.00
Budget YTD	\$ 220,808.00			Budget YTD	\$ 30,965.00
2019 YTD	\$ 184,848.00			2019 YTD	\$ 29,233.00
Weekly needs November Operating Offering					\$ 4,861.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment					\$ 2,867.00

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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