

# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



From the River to the Mountain:  
The Devil's Work Undone

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024



*“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! May God bless our worship today! If you are visiting with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out one of the information cards found in the pews next to the hymnals. You can either place the completed card in the offering plate or give it to the usher when being ushered out at the end of the service. We look forward to getting to know you better in order to serve you fully with God’s word!

## THEME FOR TODAY

Martin Luther once said, “Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel.” Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plenteous, and they are dangerous. But Christ also shows us that he is continually undoing the devil’s work. Through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

January 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday after Epiphany	-	It Begins with Baptism
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Second Sunday after Epiphany	-	The Kindness in His Calling
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Third Sunday after Epiphany	-	Committed to a Lofty Charge
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	-	Absolute Authority
<b>February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b>	-	<b>The Devil’s Work Undone</b>
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Transfiguration (Last Sunday of Epiphany)	-	A Glimpse of His True Glory

## 836 I Walk in Danger All the Way

CW 836

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

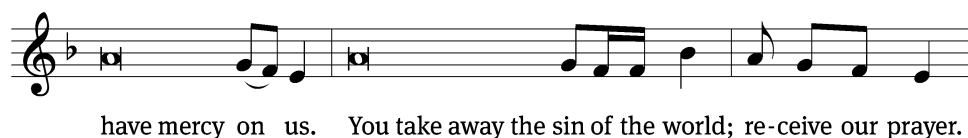
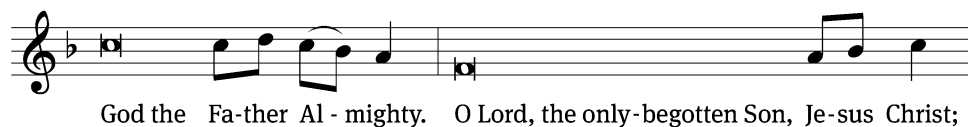
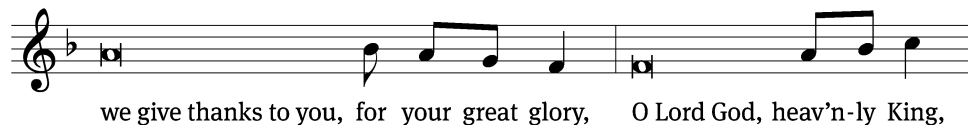
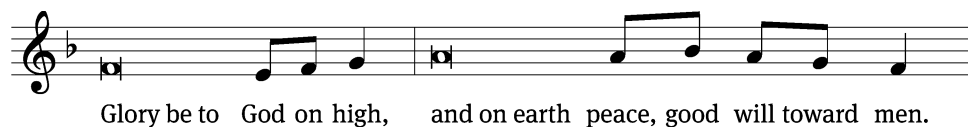
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



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.

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Isaiah 40:27–31

*When the devil's temptations make us tired and accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to renew our strength.*

<sup>27</sup>Why do you complain, Jacob?  
Why do you say, Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD;  
my cause is disregarded by my God”?  
<sup>28</sup>Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
<sup>31</sup>but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 103A The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 103A

## Second Reading

1 Peter 5:6–11

*Our enemy the devil may stalk us like a hungry lion hunting prey, but the God of all grace cares for us and promises deliverance.*

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup>Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup>And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

<sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 40:31



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles.

*Refrain*

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## Gospel

Mark 1:29–39

*The devil loves to see God's children suffer. Jesus undoes the devil's work.*

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup>Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup>So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup>The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup>and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup>Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup>Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup>and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup>Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup>So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## 850 It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850

## Sermon

Mark 1:29–39

### Miracles Reveal the Savior

- I. As a capable Savior
- II. As a compassionate Savior
- III. As a saving Savior

*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.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## Offering

### 867 Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CW 867

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

## Blessing

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.  
Amen.

## 924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
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### CHANCEL FLOWERS



Karen Thomasson purchased the chancel flowers today in celebration of her birthday! As each of us enjoy the blessings God showers on us in our everyday life, let us always remember that the greatest blessings of all are those we enjoy as children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Happy Birthday, Karen!

### LENT

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday February, 14<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday worship will be at 6:30 pm February 14<sup>th</sup>. Midweek services will continue through Lent on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

### Pastor Vacation

Pastor will return from vacation on February 9.

Operating Offerings		Attendance		Mortgage Progress	
1/28/24	\$ 3,439.00	1/28/24	59	1/28/24	\$ 120.00
Month to Date	\$ 23,677.00			Month to Date	\$ 3,395.00
YTD	\$ 23,677.00			YTD	\$ 3,395.00
Budget YTD	\$ 15,450.00			Budget YTD	\$ 2,867.00
2023 YTD	\$ 17,630.00			2022 YTD	\$ 3,160.00

**Weekly needs January Operating Offering**  
**Monthly Mortgage Payment**

**\$ 3,863.00**  
**\$ 2,867.00**