

# Prince of Peace

## Evangelical Lutheran Church



Uncovering the Delight of God's Grace

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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***"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**

Are the pursuit of God and the pursuit of pleasure two separate paths? Many make that assumption—that life with Jesus is a boring, sterile experience. They are dead wrong. Jesus came to undo everything that is wrong with our world because of sin's curse. He also came to multiply our joy and deliver delight beyond our wildest dreams. Notice how the first miracle Jesus performs by which he begins to reveal his glory, isn't addressing pain and affliction by curing some ailment. No, he starts at a local wedding—one of the most joyful occasions in this life. The truth uncovered for us this week is that life with Jesus is not a life with less delight, but infinitely more.

## **WORSHIP SERIES**

We are in the season of the Church called Epiphany, a Greek word that means "to appear." Salvation has appeared in the person of Jesus Christ. We need God to appear to us and make himself known to us. For not only is God beyond our understanding, but his works and his ways are contrary to mankind's natural assumptions about him. The truth about God cannot possibly be discovered by us. Rather, it needs to be uncovered for us. That's what the Holy Spirit is doing for us during this season of Epiphany. Week after week during this Epiphany season, the truth about Jesus our King and life in his kingdom are uncovered for us.

**NEXT WEEK:**

Uncovering the truth about the reception of God's word

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### HYMN 230

### Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

#### OPENING OF SERVICE

### 230 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to  
3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho - san - na  
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly

true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -  
to the Lord most high." Then in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.  
crease our light That we may know your name a - right  
that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: *Lutherische Hand-Büchlein*, 2nd ed., Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78; alt.  
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

#### 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.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[M]:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a simple melody for the word 'Amen', followed by a double bar line.

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

*God wants you to know joy. There are few occasions in life more joyful than a wedding. So the prophet Isaiah pictures the Church's relationship with the Lord as an infinitely happy marriage.*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,  
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
her salvation like a blazing torch.  
<sup>2</sup> The nations will see your vindication,  
and all kings your glory;  
you will be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.  
<sup>3</sup> You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,  
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
<sup>4</sup> No longer will they call you Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate.  
But you will be called Hephzibah,  
and your land Beulah;  
for the LORD will take delight in you,  
and your land will be married.  
<sup>5</sup> As a young man marries a young woman,  
so will your Builder marry you;  
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so will your God rejoice over you.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 133-134

### Refrain



### Psalm tone



How good and pleasant it is\*  
when brothers live together in unity!  
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,\*  
even life forevermore.

### Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD\*  
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary\*  
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,\*  
bless you from Zion.

**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 READING

## Ephesians 3:14-21

*St. Paul teaches us that God wants us to have a life that is fuller than we could possibly imagine.*

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant, in whom I will display my splendor."  
Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

## GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

*Jesus increases the joy of those attending a wedding and saves the bridegroom from public shame. In this first of his miracles, he also begins to reveal himself as true God.*

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup> "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

EPIPHANY

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## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je-sus, Lord, to  
 2 Man-i-fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and  
 3 Man-i-fest in mak-ing whole Pal-sied limbs and  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be; Stars shall fall, the  
 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir-rored in your



you we raise, Man-i-fest-ed by the star  
 King su-preme, And at Ca-na, Wed-ding Guest,  
 faint-ing soul; Man-i-fest in val-iant fight,  
 heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light-ning shine;  
 ho-ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma-gi from a-far, Branch of roy-al  
 In your God-head man-i-fest; Man-i-fest in  
 Quell-ing all the dev-il's might; Man-i-fest in  
 All will see his glo-rious sign. All will then the  
 Im-i-tate and hon-or you That we all like



Da-vid's stem, In your birth at Beth-le-hem.  
 pow'r di-vine, Chang-ing wa-ter in-to wine.  
 gra-cious will, Ev-er bring-ing good from ill.  
 trum-pet hear; All will see the judge ap-pear.  
 you may be At your great e-piph-a-ny



An-thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest.  
 An-thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest.  
 An-thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest.  
 You by all will be con-fessed, God in man made man-i-fest.  
 And may praise you, ev-er blest, God in man made man-i-fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.



**Trust the richness of God's grace**

**I. As he pours out blessings**

**II. As he pours out forgiveness**

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**

*During this on-going pandemic we have refrained from passing the offering plate. You may place your offering into the plate on the table before or after the service. Online giving is also available on our website, [www.princeofpeacemartinez.com](http://www.princeofpeacemartinez.com).*

**THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

**You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**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.**

*BE SEATED*

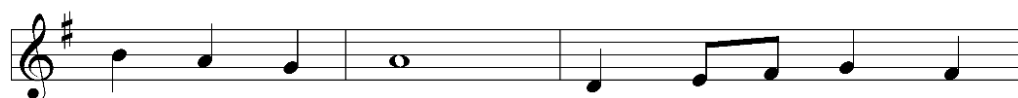
TRUST

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## I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -  
 2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At  
 3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In  
 4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You  
 5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for  
 your feet I bow, For your grace and  
 the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who  
 a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and  
 can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.  
 ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
 made me ho - ly By your blood.  
 hour sup - ply - ing All my need.  
 self shall give me Must pre - vail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
 Never let me fall.  
 I am trusting you forever  
 And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: STEPHANOS (85 83) Henry W. Baker, 1821–77.

STAND

**[M]:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**[M]:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

**[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.



*BE SEATED*

## CLOSE OF SERVICE

## 321 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.  
 With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.  
 Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep thy peo - ple free,  
 Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–93, abr., alt.  
 Tune: ELLERS (10 10 10 10) Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:00 pm Council Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am Worship with Lord's Supper 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Lord's Supper

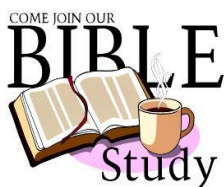
## CHANCEL FLOWERS



The flowers today have been provided by the family of Peter Thomas in thanksgiving for all the people God puts in our lives to share good times and to help carry us through the challenging times.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10** *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: <sup>10</sup> If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.*

## MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASS



This Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, we will resume mid-week Bible Study and our study of the Gospel of Mark. Even if you missed what we studied before we took a break for Christmas, you are invited to join. There is always much to learn when we hear our Savior talk!

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
1/9/22	\$ 4,329.00	8:00 am	26	1/9/22	\$ 2,647.00
Month to Date	\$ 6,198.00	10:30 am	40	Month to Date	\$ 2,662.00
YTD	\$ 6,198.00	Total	66	YTD	\$ 2,662.00
Budget YTD	\$ 7,562.00			Budget YTD	\$ 1,147.00
2021 YTD	\$ 7,299.00			2021 YTD	\$ 1,234.00
<b>Weekly needs January Operating Offering</b>					<b>\$ 3,781.00</b>
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>					<b>\$ 2,867.00</b>

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