

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



When the LORD Comes Near:
He Humbles Himself

Advent 1

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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

What would it be like to meet God? We know he is almighty and holy. He loathes sin. No wonder that when God appears to his Old Testament people, their first response is typically terror. But when Jesus Christ came into our world, he hid his glory and power. He humbled himself so that sinners would be drawn to him rather than driven away in fear.

WORSHIP SERIES

“Advent” is a Latin word that means "coming." The season of Advent is the four week period before Christmas that the Church uses to connect the two "comings" of Christ. The first time, the Lord came into our world as a tiny, helpless baby, born in a manger in Bethlehem. However, when Jesus comes again, it will be in all his power and glory with his angelic army behind him. He will be coming as judge at the end of time. Let us use these four weeks to see how the events of Jesus' first coming remove all our fears about his second coming.

WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR:

Sunday, November 28th	—	He Humbles Himself
Sunday, December 5 th	—	He Humbles His People
Sunday, December 12 th	—	He Humbles His Enemies
Sunday, December 19 th	—	He Lifts Up the Humbled

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 702

Prepare the Royal Highway

ADVENT

702

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; Your
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It



King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and
own e - ter - nal King! Palm branch - es strew be -
greet your prom - ised King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry
comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and



val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall
All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions,
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness



sa - cred sto - ry:
doubt as - sail you! Ho - san - na to the
now a - dore him!
so a - bound - ing:



Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

This hymn reminds us that Advent is a season of preparation, as King Jesus comes to rule in our hearts and lives and leads us to his heavenly kingdom.

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Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (76 76 77 and Refrain) Swedish folk tune, 17th century

STAND

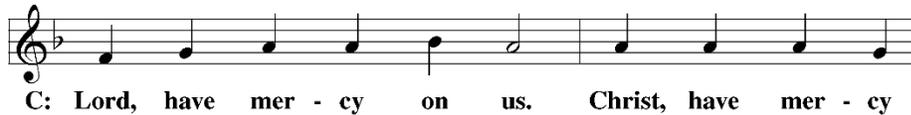
[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



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.**

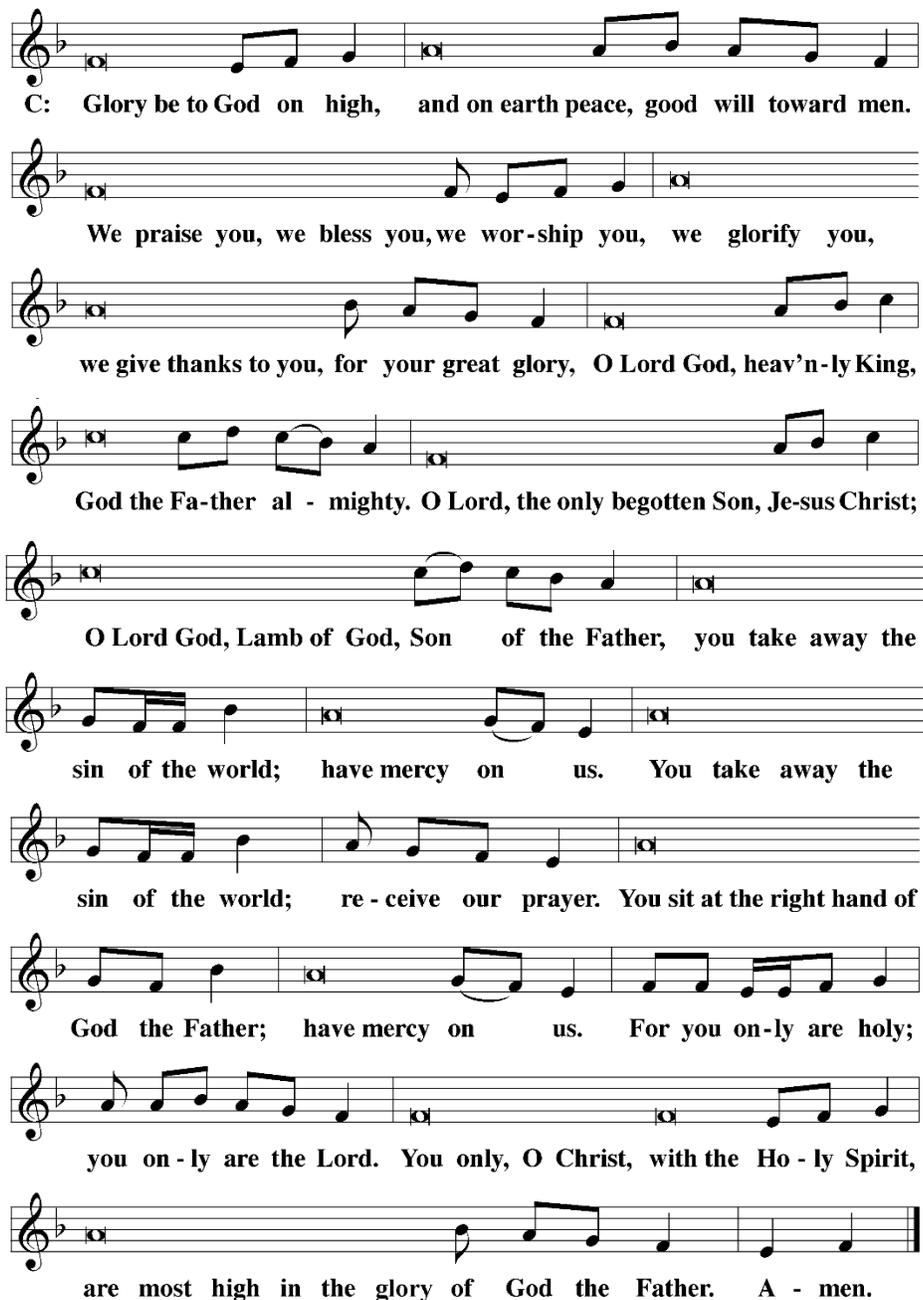


[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

[M]: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship 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 al - so 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.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In response to their sin, the Lord allowed the nation of Israel to be conquered and humbled. Yet, he promised that from David's royal line, a Savior would come to restore God's people.

¹⁴ “ ‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ “ ‘In those days and at that time
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 25



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

When the Lord comes near on Judgment Day, his followers will be found blameless and holy. Why? Because Christ sustains our faith using humble means—God's Word and sacraments.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

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



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus enters Jerusalem humbly, riding a donkey to his death. By that death, the Lord of all becomes the Savior of all.

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.' "

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

ADVENT

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.

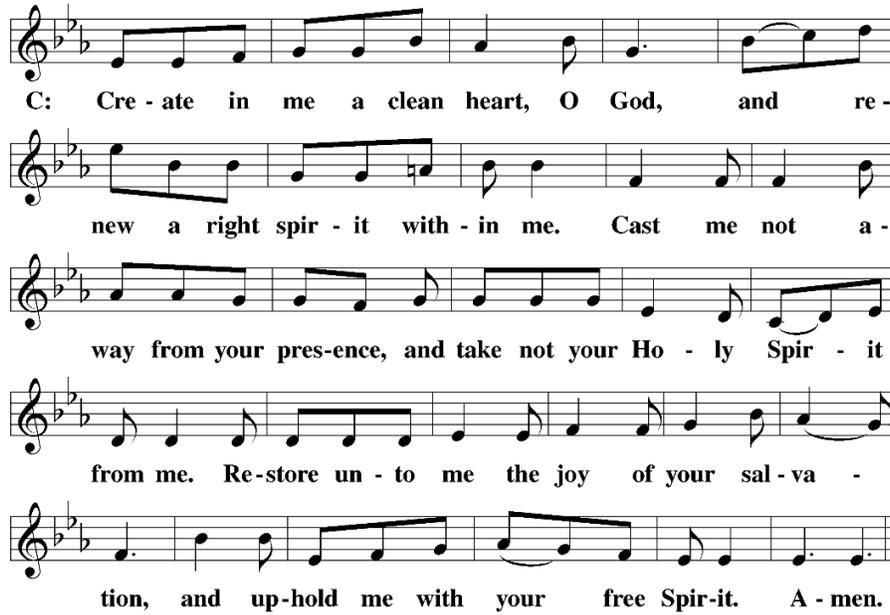
Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.
Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

Pay Attention to His Arrival

- I. Its nature
- II. Its purpose

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



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

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.

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.

HYMN 21

Hosanna To the Coming Lord

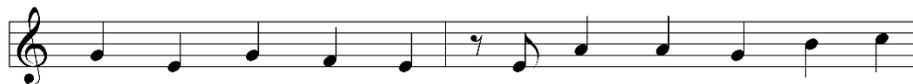
ADVENT

21

Hosanna to the Coming Lord



1 Ho - san - na to the com - ing Lord! Ho - san - na
2 O Sav - ior, with pro - tect - ing care A - bide in
3 O Ad - vent King, our sins for - give; Come in our
4 Then in the last and dread - ful day, When earth and



to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor, Sav -
this your house of prayer, Where we your part - ing prom -
lives and hearts to live, And let our hum - ble souls
heav'n shall melt a - way, Your flock, re - deemed from sin -



ior, King Let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.
ise claim, As - sem - bled in your sa - cred name.
be - come A tem - ple wor - thy of your name.
ful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, abr., alt.
Tune: VOM HIMMEL HOCH (LM) Schumann, *Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert*, Leipzig, 1539.

[M]: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: 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.



BE SEATED

HYMN 12

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

ADVENT

12 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51, abr., alt.
Tune: CHESTERFIELD (CM) Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820, alt.

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm Catechism 6:30 pm Advent Worship
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel 6:30 pm Women's Social
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship w/ Lord's Supper 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Lord's Supper

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Mid-week advent services will be held at 6:30 pm on December 1st, 8th, and 15th. This year we meditate on what the Psalms tell us about Christ our King as we eagerly await his triumphant return!

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING – December 19th

Following the 10:30 service on December 19th, we will adopt the 2022 budget, elect the 2022 church council, present the 2021 membership changes, and report on the projects completed in 2021.

BIBLE CLASS

This coming Sunday we will begin a new topic in Sunday morning Bible class. We will be taking a look at the book of Ecclesiastes. As we enter into what the secular world calls the holiday season, we see that very little of this season actually focuses in on what is at the center of it all – Christ. Instead our focus is on the frenzy of commercialism, the false heaven of friends and family, and the comfort of tradition. Perhaps our focus ought to be on another descriptor of all these things – meaningless – the theme word of the teacher in Ecclesiastes.

FLOWERS



Bernice Muehlfeld purchased the flowers for the altar today to give thanks and praise to God for the many blessings she has enjoyed from family and friends over the years. Remember that all the relationships you have with others are gifts to you from God. Thank him for those who have made your life just a little sweeter. We struggle daily to live our lives for Christ. We join Bernice in thanking God for the positive encouragement so many loved ones have brought into our lives.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL

There will be a casual women's fellowship gathering on Friday, December 3rd, at 6:30 pm at church. Light refreshments will be provided. If you want to bring some kind of snack, that is fine, but it is NOT required! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway so that we'll have an idea of how many will be in attendance. If you have questions, please contact Lori Penha.

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Help decorate the church for the Christmas season! We are planning to decorate the church this coming Saturday, December 4th at 9:30 am. Please help us get the church ready for the celebration of the arrival of the Prince of Peace!



POINSETTIAS



Help beautify the church for Christmas! Purchase as many plants as you would like! There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board. Your plant(s) may be taken home following the Christmas day worship service. The cost is \$7.50 per plant.

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
11/21/21	\$ 2,558.25	8:00 am	26	11/21/21	\$ 15.00
Month to Date	\$ 11,338.25	10:30 am	47	Month to Date	\$ 895.00
YTD	\$ 172,750.00	Total	73	YTD	\$ 37,180.00
Budget YTD	\$ 190,420.00			Budget YTD	\$ 30,821.00
2020 YTD	\$ 187,604.00	11/24/21	28	2020 YTD	\$ 40,074.00

Weekly needs November Operating Offering **\$ 4,237.00**
Monthly Mortgage Payment **\$ 2,867.00**