

# Prince of Peace

## Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Baptism of Our Lord

Epiphany 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**

Our sight tends to be the sense we trust most. We say we will believe something when we see it. That presents a problem when it comes to the work of God. So often what our eye sees differs from what God decrees. This is true of the life of Jesus. In the eyes of the world, he was nothing special. This is also true in the life of the Christian. To the world, the believer does not look more blessed than the unbeliever. In fact, the believer may appear to have more hardships as the devil and his allies attempt to destroy him. At Jesus' baptism, God provided visible signs to show his approval of Jesus' work. For us, baptism is an outpouring of God's grace connected with the physical element of water. It's just one way that God makes that which we can't see visible to us.

## **LORD'S SUPPER**

Scripture teaches us that in the Lord's Supper:

- The body and blood of Christ are really present with the bread and the wine. (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:27)
- Jesus gives true forgiveness, not just a symbol, to each recipient. (Matthew 26:28)
- We are united as one body of believers because we all partake the one body and blood of Christ. "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

For these reasons we ask that, if you are not a part of a WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) or ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church that publicly confesses to believe these same scriptural truths, you speak with our pastor before you take the Sacrament. We do not wish to judge your faith, but want to make sure that we are in agreement before publicly declaring that we share a common faith.

We are careful about the way we celebrate the Lord's Supper because we want to humbly accept this gift the way God intended.

## **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.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 90

The People that in Darkness Sat

EPIPHANY

90

## The People that in Darkness Sat



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To us a child of hope is born, To us a  
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -  
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver  
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us



light have seen; The light has shone on them who long In  
son is giv'n, And on his shoul - ders ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The  
all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His  
yours a - lone, For you are with the Fa - ther and The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.  
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.  
Spir - it ev - er one, The Spir - it ev - er one.

Text: John Morison, 1750-98, abr., alt.  
Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561.

STAND

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



C: A - - men.

## 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.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**[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: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### GLORY BE 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 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.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*BE SEATED*

# THE WORD

## FIRST READING

## 1 Samuel 16:1-13

*To the eyes of the average Israelite, the young boy David was not the best choice to be king. Yet he was God's choice, a man after God's heart. The Lord made his choice known through an anointing.*

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

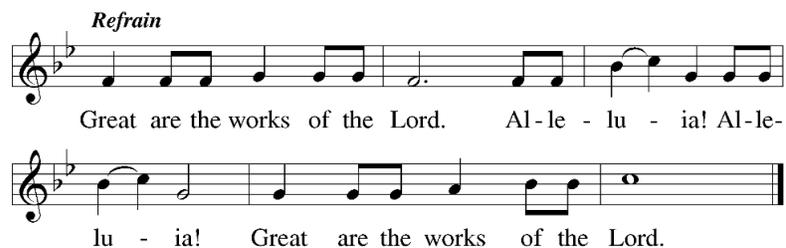
Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 2

*Refrain*



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone* \*



Why do the nations conspire\*  
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers  
gather together against the LORD\*  
and against his Anointed One.

**Refrain**

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;\*  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,\*  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:\*  
He said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”

**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**

**Titus 3:4-7**

*In the eyes of the world, baptism appears to be just a ceremonial washing. St. Paul tells us it is so much more. It is a second birth that bestows salvation and the Spirit.*

<sup>4</sup>But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.  
(Mark 1:11b)



STAND



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

## GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

*In the eyes of the Israelites, John the Baptist looked like he could be the Messiah. He was a powerful preacher who lived a unique life. Jesus looked ordinary by comparison. Yet, he was God's Anointed One, a choice made clear in Jesus' baptism.*

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

BE SEATED

EPIPHANY

89 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came  
 5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight A -



Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The  
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To  
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The  
 God's own voice with words pro - found: "This  
 noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The  
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will And  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -  
 is my Son," was his de - cree, "The  
 God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
 one I love, who pleas - es me."  
 save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
 This man in Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Text: James P. Tiefel, b. 1949. © 1993 James P. Tiefel. All rights reserved. Used by permission.  
 Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Waiting Expectantly, Know What to Look For

- I. The Powerful Winnowing Fork Holder
- II. The One Approved by God

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](http://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.**

# THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

**[M]:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

**[M]:** Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**[M]:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

**[M]:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**[M]:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**[M]:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

## DISTRIBUTION

## THANKSGIVING

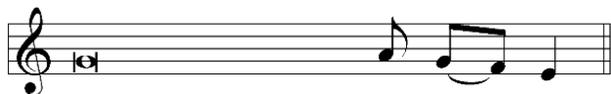
*STAND*

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**[M]:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

**[M]:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**[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:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

EPIPHANY

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## Hail to the Lord's Anointed



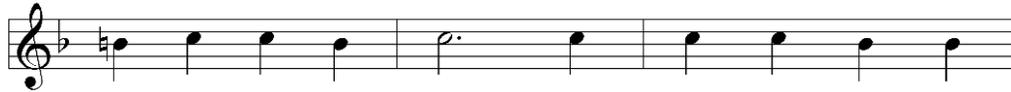
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er  
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer  
 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him And gold and in - cense  
 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall



Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on  
 wrong, To help the poor and need - y And bid the  
 bring; All na - tions shall a - dore him; His praise all  
 rest, From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing



earth be - gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, To  
 weak be strong, To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their  
 peo - ple sing. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And  
 and all - blest. The tide of time shall nev - er His



set the cap - tive free, To take a - way trans -  
 dark - ness turn to light Whose souls, con - demned and  
 dai - ly vows as - cend, His king - dom still in -  
 cov - e - nant re - move; His name shall stand for -



gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 dy - ing, Are pre - cious in his sight.  
 creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.  
 ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

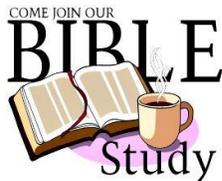
<b>MONDAY-WEDNESDAY</b>	Pastor @ Pastor's Conference in Morristown, TN
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:30 am Women's Bible Study
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

Rachel Muehlfeld has purchased the flowers for the chancel area today in loving memory of Lloyd Muehlfeld, her grandfather. He now rests from his labors enjoying life to the full before the throne of God in heaven by faith in Jesus Christ. We join Rachel in giving thanks to God for the blessings God's children bring into our lives while we enjoy their companionship here, confident always of a blessed reunion in heaven for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.



### MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASS



Next week, 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!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume next Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>! As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me!"

Children's Sunday School



<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
1/2/22	\$ 1,869.00	8:00 am	18	1/2/22	\$ 15.00
Month to Date	\$ 1,869.00	10:30 am	20	Month to Date	\$ 15.00
YTD	\$ 1,869.00	Total	38	YTD	\$ 15.00
Budget YTD	\$ 3,781.00			Budget YTD	\$ 573.00
2021 YTD	\$ 3,650.00			2021 YTD	\$ 617.00
<b>Weekly needs January Operating Offering</b>					<b>\$ 3,781.00</b>
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>					<b>\$ 2,867.00</b>