

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent

11:00 am ~ December 1, 2024



*Grow in Faith * Serve In Love * Live In Peace*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship on this holy day!

PRELUDE *People, Look East* French carol/Dale Wood

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:

it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,

in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

receive the grace and forgiveness of God

through ✝ Christ Jesus,

whose day draws near.

Amen.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING HYMN #438 - *My Lord, What a Morning*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257, st. 1

Litany

At every beginning there is a yearning
for the one who is coming.

O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

We gather together to expect the unexpected
and imagine the unimaginable.

O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

We wait for the day
when God will recycle tanks into tractors
and transform minefields into soccer fields.

O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

We stay awake by telling stories
that offer a glimmer of a future
and agitate dormant hope within us.

O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

Jesus, we welcome your presence now
with the lighting of this candle,
whose flame brings warmth to winter
and fills this place with the glow of hope.

Amen.

Light the first candle.

Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257, st. 3

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jereemiah

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from 1 Thessalonians

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 142

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of

Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Is Your Heart Prepared for a King? Robert Lau

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #260 - *The King Shall Come*

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each Petition will end with the phrase, "Lord, in your mercy," please respond "**receive our prayer.**"*

The prayers conclude:

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Greet your neighbor with a handshake or other sign of peace)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING TIME

OFFERTORY

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night Joseph Parry/James Mansfield

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 144

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy.
Come to the table.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD p. 146

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION HYMN #484 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life,

for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,

for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,

for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us

as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,

God in the darkness and the light,

God, our hope for the journey,

✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #439 - *Soon and Very Soon*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway Swedish tune/Robert Hobby

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Charlie Woodward
Assisting Minister:	Sherry Weber
Reader:	Sherry Weber
Greeter:	Carol Spagnuolo
Choir Director:	Ian Faleer
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Ushers:	Gerry Wilhelm & Brad Pearce
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Altar Guild:	Sue Stevens, Jann Daniels, Dineen Terstage

December 8th Sunday Readings:

First Reading:	Malachi 3:1-4
Second Reading:	Philippians 1:3-11
Gospel Reading:	Luke 3:1-6

Communion Notes: In receiving the Lord's Supper, we hear the promise of forgiveness and grace that this gift is "for you." All who need to hear this word are welcome to commune here at Prince of Peace. Please come to the front of the church to receive communion as directed by the ushers. White grape juice is available in addition to red wine – ask the server for grape juice if that is your preference. An option of a gluten free wafer is also

available. Those who do not yet commune may come forward and receive a blessing. If you have difficulty walking to the communion rail, let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Please join us in singing as communion is offered.

Offering Time: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us. If you are worshipping in person at church, you can place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed to you. Offerings can also be made by mail or online. Thank you for your continuing support to the mission and ministry of Prince of Peace.

 Sign-up sheet for ordering Altar Flowers is located in the Narthex.

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