

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of our Lord

Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark Schumm Music Director, Karen Turgeon Office Manager, Laura Dygert Church Office Hours: M-F 8a.m.-4pm

As we gather today, our hope is that through this time of hearing and reflecting on God's Word, your faith is strengthened for service in Christ's name. Our mission is to Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known.

We pray that you will feel comfortable and at home during your worship experience. If you are here for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex. There you will find information about the church and ministry activities. Please fill out the welcome book located in the welcome center, so we may acknowledge your visit with us.

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an important part of Christian worship. At Prince of Peace, we practice "Communion Fellowship" which means that those communing at the altar have the following four beliefs in common.

- 1. I am baptized in the name of the Triune God Matthew 28:19
- 2. I am a sinner and seek God's forgiveness through Christ.-1 Corinthians 11:29
- 3. I recognize the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.-1 Corinthians 11:29
- 4. I have a desire to live a God-pleasing life.-1 Thessalonians 4:12

If you are a first time visitor, please speak with the Pastor or Elder prior to communing. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it. We request that those who join us in worship after the confession and absolution refrain from coming to the Lord's Supper until they have had opportunity to examine themselves. Please see pastor after service and he will commune you.

To limit contact, our offering envelopes are available as you enter the sanctuary and may be left in the plate. We appreciate your support.

Thank you for joining us today as we worship our Lord and Savior.

May you be richly blessed by our Prince of Peace!

Worship Today - 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

The Twelve Days of our Christmas celebration have come to an end. But the miraculous birth of the Son of God is only the beginning of the story. For though Jesus came as the fulfillment of all the promises to God's chosen people Israel, the promise to Abraham was clear that by his seed "all the families of the earth" would be blessed (Genesis 12:3). This is the mystery Paul speaks of in Ephesians 3, how "the Gentiles are fellow heirs . . . of the promise in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:6). Anything hidden remains a mystery until it is revealed. No one, Jew or Gentile, can come to faith in Christ without the Gospel being revealed. Another word for "reveal" is "epiphany." So today Matthew uses the word "behold," showing what may seem a surprise to some. "Behold, wise men from the east" (Matthew 2:1). "Behold, the star that they had seen" (Matthew 2:9). Today we say, behold, Christmas is a much bigger thing than many have thought. It encompasses nothing less than all our Lord's earthly ministry culminating in His suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit. It is nothing less than the gift of salvation to all who believe. This epiphany has invaded your darkness through the water and the Word of your Holy Baptism, through the Word of God preached in your hearing, and through the receiving of our Lord's very body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar to sustain that gift, that epiphany of faith to the end of days. By faith you have made a very

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LOOK HERE! HEAR!

+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 43:4; 124:8

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God, **People:** to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

People: who made heaven and earth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I confess to almighty God,

People: before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Pastor Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

Spirit.

People: Amen.

Opening Hymn 370 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you; Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

KYRIE LSB 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 154

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

People: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1–6

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah, chapter sixty.

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift

up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 3:1–12

Reader: A reading from the book of Ephesians, chapter three.

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Matthew 2:2b

Alleluia. Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1–12*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jeru-

salem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶"'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day 395 O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT

1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son, Our Lord and master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only!

Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!

Rule and might o'er all possessing!

2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine; There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.

Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us, Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!

 Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.

 Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever,
 Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
 Great is He, the King of Glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning
 For the day of Your returning!

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SERMON

OFFERTORY LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

People's Response: hear our prayer.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, ...

SANCTUS LSB 161

Holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, ...

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, ...

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor O Lord Jesus Christ, ...

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

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.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

397 AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

- 1 As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed, There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore: So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way; And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light; Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down; There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

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400 BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid: Star of the East, the horizon adorning. Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

- 2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining; Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall; Angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
- 3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion, Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine, Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation, Vainly with gifts would His favor secure. Richer by far is the heart's adoration; Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
- 5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid: Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Text: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Sending Hymn 394 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
 Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
 Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
 Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest; Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine; Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul; Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might; Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill; Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee; Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign; All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear; Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word— Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou; That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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Peace Notes

Join Prince of Peace as we dive into the Scriptures in 2024. As a congregation, we'll read the Bible together. Our goal is to read through the Old and New Testaments in a year. There is a reading plan available in the narthex or via app. To use the app, simply download You Version Bible app from the Apple store or Google Play and search for "reformation reading plan". Each day (except Sunday) we read several chapters from the Old and New Testaments. Join us in Bible study on Sunday as we discuss what we have read and look forward to the next week's readings.

Movie Night for the new year! Come out and join us for pizza dinner and a great film. This month we will be watching Elsa and Fred. The movie is the story of a withdrawn man who experiences life in new ways when he begins spending time with the free-spirited woman who lives across the hall. Starring Oscar winners, Shirley MacLaine and Christopher Plummer it is sure to be a wonderful time.

Our Sunday mornings are in **need of some Read-ers!** If you would be willing and able to serve as a reader please let pastor know. Verses are sent out via email beforehand allowing you time if you like to practice and the more people we have the less your commitment!

Pick up your offering envelopes today in the narthex. Statements for 2023 will be available later this month. Thank you for your continued support.

Portals of Prayer are free and available in the narthex this morning for January through March. Please take one and maybe share another with a friend!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today Bible Study 8:30 am Worship at 9:30am

Monday, January 8
Board of Directors 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 9
Prayer Team 7:15pm
NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10 Bible Study at noon

Thursday, January 11
Bible Study 7pm

Friday, January 12 NA meeting 11 a.m AA Meeting 8 p.m

<u>Saturday, January 13</u> Women's Bible study 10am

Sunday, January 14 Bible Study 8:30 am Worship at 9:30am

COMING UP

Monday, January 15
Elder meeting 7:30pm
Family of God 5pm

Friday, January 26 Movie Night 5pm

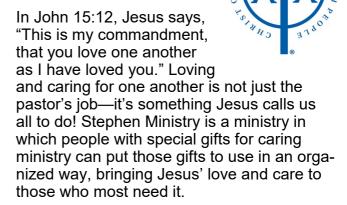
Saturday, January 27 Women's Bible study 10am

Keep in Prayer this week

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...

- ♣ For resolution to conflict and peace in the areas of the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-torn nations in the world.
- → For all those who are finding relationships ending or who are going through divorce. For them to find peace, rely on God's planning and have strength as their lives change in the new year.
- For the friends and family of Kathy Hirsch, mother of Beth Lange, who passed away last week.
- → For the health concerns of: Gloria Vaaler, Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Hannah Tilking, Helen Nye, Janet Farrell and Melody Rinn, Barb Dunigan, Florin Zaha. David Collins, Larry Geiger, Mari Clifford, Dave Gooding, Rachel Svoke, Scott Elliott and Dennis Coffey

Love One Another as I Have Loved You . . .



If you, or someone you know, is going through a difficult time, contact our Stephen Leader about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love. Call our confidential line at (248) 553-3380 ext. 9 and our Stephen Minister will return your call promptly.

Upcoming Service Schedule

	Ministry Service Schedule		
	7-January	14-January	21-January
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
ELDERS	Charley Staab	Dick Walker	Mike Beyersdorf
READER	Ron Donoghue	Karen Turgeon	Helen Nye
GREETER	Marabeth Warnke	Susan & Kurt Vaaler	Barb & Ron Donoghue
VIDEO OPERATOR	Barb Donoghue	Ed Kaiser	Ron Donoghue
TELLERS	Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild	Doug Butler Ron Donoghue	Barbara Moore Rachel Svoke
USHERS	Volunteer today! Volunteer today!	Volunteer today! Volunteer today!	Volunteer today! Volunteer today!