



**The LORD your  
God will raise up  
for you a prophet ...  
you shall heed such  
a prophet.**

*Deuteronomy 18:15, NRSV*

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
January 28, 2024  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

# Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

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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**

God had promised to send a prophet. Through the Old Testament, the prophets speak about God and for God. In the life and ministry of Jesus, the people see a new kind of prophet, one who speaks with God's authority. As we worship today, we rejoice in the work of the word made flesh for us!

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**Hymn of Invocation 578 Thy Strong Word**

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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**Confession and Absolution**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not**

loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

**Introit** *Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10*

- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- C** **Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**
- P** Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- C** **I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- C** **You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- A** **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.**
- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

**Kyrie** *LSB 152*

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

- C** Lord, have mercy.  
**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

### Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154*

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.  
**C** 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 and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

- A** A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter eighteen.

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle *1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

**A** A reading from the first book of Corinthians, chapter eight.

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel *Mark 1:21–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Hymn of the Day 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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### **Sermon**

#### **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

#### **Offering / 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.

## Service of the Sacrament

### **Preface** *LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus** *LSB 161*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r 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.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving** *LSB 161*

#### **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 Words of Our Lord**

### **Pax Domini** *LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **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 Hymn 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing**

1 Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,  
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.  
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,  
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.

2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,  
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.  
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.  
Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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## **Distribution Hymn 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded**

1 I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.

2 Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

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## **Thank the Lord** *LSB 164*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction *LSB 166*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart 583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

1 God has spoken by His prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil, One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.

2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.

3 God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

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# Peace Notes

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**Super Bowl buzz is building!** Join us on Sunday, February 11 starting at 5:30pm right here in our Community Center to watch all the action on the big screen! While you watch, feast on delicious varieties of chili at our famous Super Bowl Chili Cook-off. All interested chili chefs, chili enthusiasts and football fans are welcome to participate! Admission tickets of \$5 per person and chili entry forms are available in the Narthex. Come cheer some great football and bring an empty stomach!

**Family of God is looking for extra help in 2024.** As most of you know, Prince of Peace offers a hot meal on the third Monday of each month as well as serving sack lunches one day per month to support Family of God's (FoG) ministry. Have you been wondering how you might be able to add some extra help? Here are some wants that Family of God has expressed and perhaps this is exactly what you have been looking for as you think about where you can make a difference to those in need for the new year!

- ⇒ **Casseroles/other dishes** that can be easily frozen for use when needed. FoG has some groups from various churches who are able to serve but struggle with the cooking. Do you love to cook? PoP has a HUGE kitchen that can easily be used to make dishes that can be delivered to FoG for the freezer. (no serving needed)
- ⇒ FoG can always use more **teams for cooking and serving**. Do you have a group of friends who would like to sign up for a day? Talk with pastor about access to the online sign up for meals or lunches.
- ⇒ **Donations of items:** large canned vegetables or fruit, bottled water, coffee/sugar/creamer packets, Styrofoam cups and take-out trays, prepacked flatware, paper plates, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, bleach, floor cleaner, surface cleaner, hand soap/sanitizer, hand/foot warmers, blankets, winter socks, thermal underwear and candles.
- ⇒ **Financial support:** Family of God serves 300 meals each week and works in cooperation with St. Stephan and Pan deVida churches to offer the needy in the community food and access to daily needs. Your donations are used to maintain current levels of support and to help them expand and continue their ministry.

Do any of these ideas sound of interest to you? Talk with Pastor or send him an email and ask him your questions. Let's see how our little group from Prince of Peace can make a HUGE impact!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Today

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

### Tuesday, January 30

Prayer Team 7:15pm  
NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 31

Bible Study at noon

### Thursday, February 1

WPC class 5:30pm

### Friday, February 2

NA meeting 11 a.m.  
AA Meeting 8 p.m.

### Sunday, February 4

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

## COMING UP

### Monday, February 5

Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, February 11

Super Bowl Party 5:30pm

### Monday, February 12

Elder Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

### Monday, February 19

Family of God 5 p.m.

## 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 the friends and family of Dick Kenny who passed away last week.
- ✝ For the health concerns of Susan Tuske and Donna Deska
- ✝ 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 . . .



In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor’s job—it’s something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who most need it.

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				
	28-January	4-February		11-February	
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.	
<b>ELDERS</b>	Charley Staab	Dick Walker		Mike Beyersdorf	
<b>READER</b>	Susan Vaaler	Ron Donoghue		Karen Turgeon	
<b>GREETER</b>	Ed & Sharon Kaiser	Susan & Kurt Vaaler		Ron & Barb Donoghue	
<b>VIDEO OPERATOR</b>	Chris Moses	Barb Donoghue		Ed Kaiser	
<b>TELLERS</b>	JoAnn Lind	Sharon Moses		Doug Butler	
	Mike Hodgins	Irene Rothschild		Ron Donoghue	
<b>USHERS</b>	Volunteer today! Volunteer today!	Ed Kaiser Volunteer today!	John Blair	Volunteer today Volunteer today	Volunteer today Volunteer today