



# PRINCE OF PEACE

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Peil. He would love to meet you and serve you however he can!

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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

∞ *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.* ∞

## OPENING HYMN | *O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild*



1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For sin - ners  
2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With God we  
3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy fills the



you be - came a child. You came from heav - en  
now are rec - on - ciled. You have for all the  
world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we have be -



to ful - fill Your Fa - ther's just and ho - ly  
ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's right - eous an - ger  
longs to you; Oh, keep us faith - ful, strong, and



will. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!  
stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!  
true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

## INVOCATION

*Please stand.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE OF PRAISE

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, to him who alone does great wonders, who by his understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights – the sun, to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night.

**Great is the Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.**

But our iniquities have separated us from our God; our sins have hidden his face from us, so that he will not hear. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows. We look for deliverance, but it is far away.

**For our offenses are many in his sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our sins.**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

**From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord our Righteousness.”

**Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.**

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

**Let the name of the Lord be praised forever and ever. Alleluia!**

*The congregation sings:*

**Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

### **FIRST READING | 1 Kings 8:6-13**

The priests then brought the ark of the LORD's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim. The cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and overshadowed the ark and its carrying poles. These poles were so long that their ends could be seen from the Holy Place in front of the inner sanctuary, but not from outside the Holy Place; and they are still there today. There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the

Israelites after they came out of Egypt. When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple. Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in a dark cloud; I have indeed built a magnificent temple for you, a place for you to dwell forever."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND READING | *Colossians 3:12-17***

*The Thessalonians seem to be concerned about what happens to those who have died before Jesus returns in His glory. Paul assures them, and us, that the believers who have "fallen asleep" will be raised and together with them, we will all be forever with the Lord.*

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL | *Luke 2:22-40***

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to

the Lord" ), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY | *Let All Together Praise the Lord***



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his  
2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's  
4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our  
5 He serves that I a lord may be— A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who  
flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His  
change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To



gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.  
maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.  
help me in my need, To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door  
Of paradise today.  
The angel guards the gate no more;  
To God our thanks we pay,  
To God our thanks we pay.

**SERMON** Colossians 3:12-17

**“Wear What You Are”**

*After the sermon, please stand.*

## APOSTLES 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.*

**OFFERING** | *Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*We pause so that those who wish may use our app to make an offering or may place their offering in the plate on the table in the entryway.*

*To donate online, text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to 77977. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

*Worshippers can give also through the free **Prince of Peace mobile app**. Search for "Prince of Peace Lutheran" in app stores and look for our logo.*

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Eternal Lord God, in the fullness of time, You sent forth Your Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem us and give us the adoption as Your sons and heirs. Hear us, Father, as we call to You in His name. Give us grace to rejoice in Christ's blessed incarnation, and grant us a glad new year. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood on earth is named, bless the families of all Christians with Your promises. Give parents diligence and delight in their work, and grant Your favor on all children, that they may grow in strength and wisdom. Bless all widows, orphans and broken families also with Your mercy, and give them joy in the redemption You have won for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, receive our prayers for those who suffer from loneliness. Comfort them with the sure and certain knowledge that they will never be forsaken by You. Give them family and friends within the household of faith with whom they can find loving companionship. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, help the sick and suffering. Surround them with Your love in Christ and, according to Your gracious will, heal them. Comfort all those who mourn and fill their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Father of lasting peace, show Your mercy to those who receive the Lord's Supper this day, that they would behold their salvation in the very body and blood of Christ given for them and, with St. Simeon, be well-prepared to depart in peace according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Special intercessions may be inserted here.*

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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 HOLY SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

*Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning.*

*Please speak to Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation! Thank you for your understanding.*

### ***A personal prayer before receiving Holy Communion***

*Dear Savior, we come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN | *O Light of Gentile Nations***

*This hymn is printed on the next page.*



1 O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O  
 2 Dear Lord, your ser - vants meet you In  
 3 Lord, when life's trou - bles touch us, You  
 4 Let us, O Lord, be faith - ful Like



Sav - ior from a - bove, Drawn by your Spir - it's  
 ev - 'ry ho - ly place Where your true Word has  
 seem to hide your face, And through our tears we  
 Sim - eon to the end So that his prayer ex -



lead - ing, We come with joy and love In -  
 prom - ised That we should see your face. To -  
 of - ten Can scarce - ly sense your grace. Then  
 ul - tant May from our hearts as - cend: "O



to your ho - ly tem - ple And wait with  
 day you still al - low us Who gath - er  
 be our joy and bright - ness, Our cheer in  
 Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in



rev - 'rent mind As Sim - eon once had  
 round you here In arms of faith to  
 pain and loss, Our sun in dark - est  
 peace, I pray, Since I have seen my



wait - ed His God and Lord to find.  
 hold you As did that a - ged seer.  
 ter - ror, The glo - ry round our cross.  
 Sav - ior And here be - held his day."

*After the distribution, the pastor speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you to life everlasting. Amen.

*Please stand.*

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.

## **BLESSING**

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

CLOSING HYMN | *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*



1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the  
2 See how God, for us providing, Gave his  
Gra - cious Child, we pray you, hear us; From your



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing his love a -  
Son and life a - bid - ing; He our wea - ry steps is  
low - ly man - ger cheer us. Gent - ly lead us and be



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.  
guid - ing From earth's woe to heav'n - ly joy.  
near us Till we join th' an - gel - ic choir.

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NEW LATE SERVICE TIME

NEW FAMILY BIBLE HOUR TIME

NEXT SUNDAY!

Starting January 3:

**8:00 am** Divine Service

**9:15-10:00** Family Bible Hour

**10:15 am** Divine Service

Please remember that next Sunday we'll also have a **Divine Call meeting** to call a second full-time pastor after the second service (roughly 11:15 am).