



PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Hallelujah

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13 & 14, 2025

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Matthew 11:11

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 40 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the U.S. and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations.

Please visit our website, princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information about Prince of Peace. Our next new member weekend is January 31 & February 1, 2026.

POP's Café: Coffee and breakfast are available in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 8:30 and 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

Joining Prince of Peace

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, office@princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information.

Please note that Sunday's 10:30 AM worship service is broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at office@princeofpeacedublin.org.



SCAN
to read this week's
newsletter
Peace Signs

GATHERING

Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. All hymns are found in the ELW (red) hymnal in the pew, unless printed in the bulletin.

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Allan Robert Petker

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit, one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Presider: Long-expected God,

All: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised.

All: Amen.

Presider: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

All: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 242

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



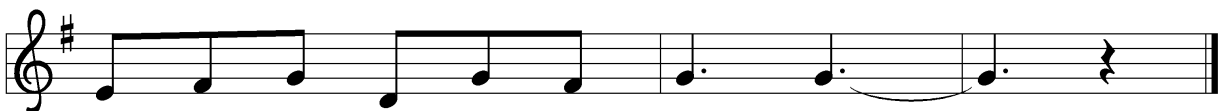
soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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


All: And also with you.

KYRIE


Cantor: Ky - ri e e - le - i - son. Congregation: Lord have mer - cy.



Cantor: Chris - te - e - le - i - son. Congregation: Christ, have mer - cy.



Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Congregation: Lord, have mer - cy.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

The Hope That Calls Us

Verses 1-3



1. The hope that calls us leads us on to new hor -
2. The love that frees us al - so binds our hearts and
3. The faith that saves us bids us sing the prais - es
4. Now faith and love and hope a - bide, em - brac - ing



i - zons: life be - yond this night of sor - row,
voic - es, spir - its, minds in - to one bod - y,
of our Ser - vant - King who died to van - quish
us on ev' - ry side till all cre - a - tion—



toil, and pain, as sun - light beck - ons af - ter rain.
blessed and freed to serve all peo - ple in their need.
death and strife, who breathed, be - stow - ing peace and life.
cleansed, re - stored— is whole a - gain in Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

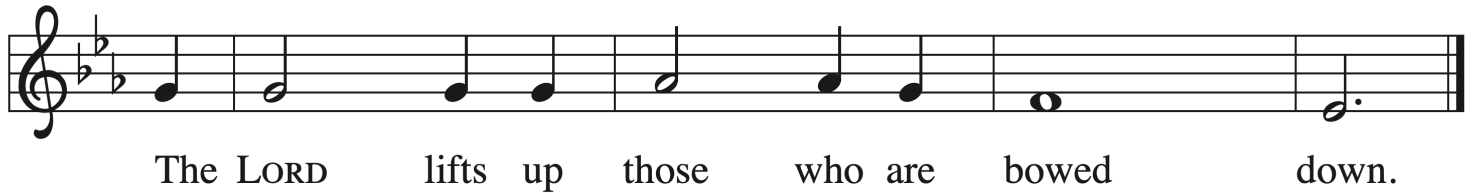
All: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

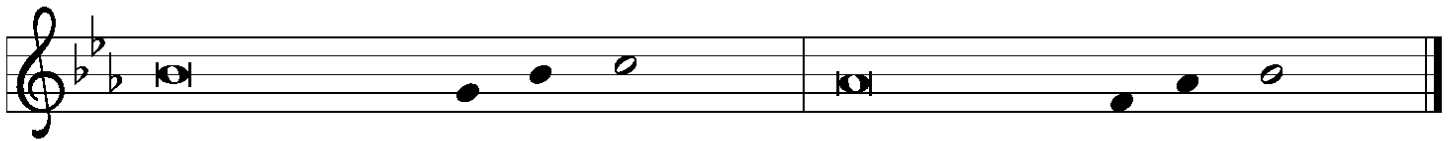
Psalm 146:5-10

The Cantor sings the Refrain; the Congregation repeats the Refrain and sings the bolded verses, and repeats the Refrain as indicated.

PSALM REFRAIN



PSALM TONE



⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ¹ for their help,
whose hope is in the ¹ Lord their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹ is in them;**
who keeps promis- ¹ es forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹ those who hunger.
The Lord sets the ¹ captive free.

⁸ **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those**
who ¹ are bowed down;
the Lord ¹ loves the righteous. *Refrain*

⁹ The Lord cares ¹ for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The Lord shall ¹ reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹ Hallelujah! *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

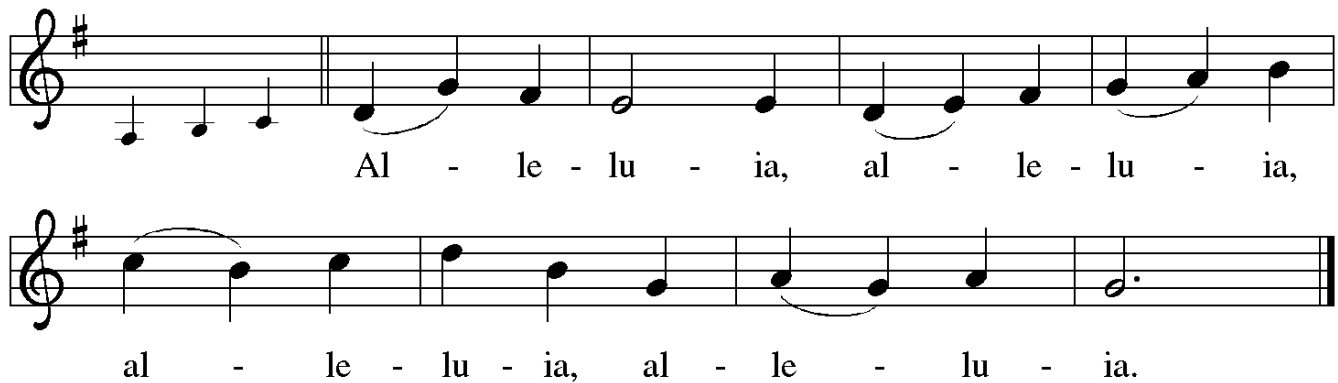
James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord..

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you.

All repeat Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 251

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

KINGSFOLD

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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 truly 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting

Minister: Watching for the Light in this season of Advent, we gather to worship today.

A moment of silence.

The joy of the season inspires all throughout the world. Children are restless, families are scurrying about in preparation, and the quiet of winter is now stirring. At the same time, there are many who are hungry, who are homeless, and who are ignored. Watch over the whole world and protect all who are in need.

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

The birth of the Church is upon us. May it grow and thrive, spreading the news to all. May this light overcome fear and darkness and spread to all. May the Church find the strength and resources to spread the message of peace and love.

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

Watch over the people in our community. May their journeys be safe and secure. May their homes be warm and comforting, their tables abundant and healthy, and their lives full of happiness. Watch over the food banks and shelters as they help those who need it. May the joy in the hearts of children be never-ending.

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

We are all grateful for Advent and the upcoming Christmas services with musical programs and children's performances. We appreciate how much work is put into these programs and are thankful that we can enjoy them. We thank those who volunteer at food banks, senior centers, local missions, our worship assistants, the members who help with the Giving Tree, and those that decorate the altar and worship areas.

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

In this festive time, there are some who are missing loved ones and quietly suffer through the Advent season. Watch over them and provide them with strength to overcome their sadness. Others may be suffering from an illness or are providing care for someone who cannot care for themselves. Watch over all who have hardships or are suffering, who need your help and guidance, especially those we name now or in our hearts. *A moment of silence.*

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all your people, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

As part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration, we are giving \$40,000 gifts to four of our ministry partners. Today, we present one of these gifts to Brian Carr, the Executive Director of One Dublin. One Dublin provides support and resources to all children in the Dublin School system, and they have been a strong partner with Prince of Peace for many years. Brian will also be available after each service for conversation and any questions you have about their ministry.

OFFERTORY HYMN What Feast of Love



What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.



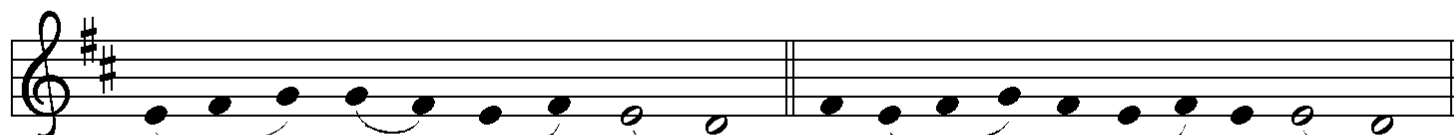
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



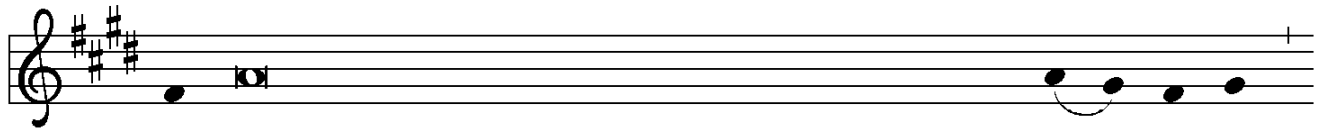
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



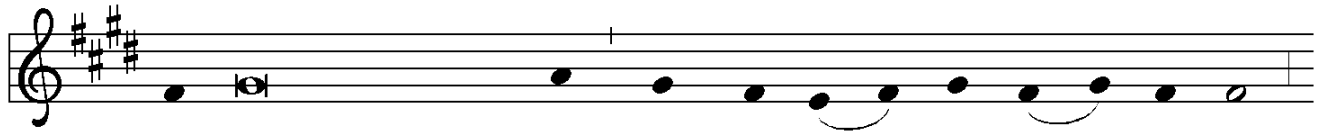
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



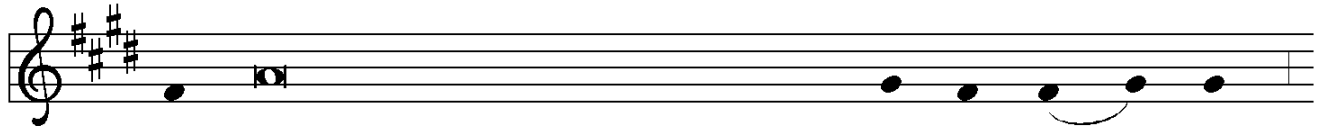
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



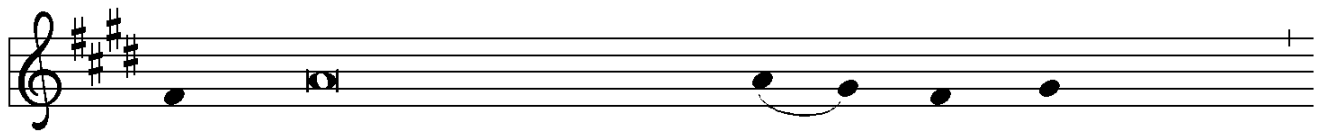
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



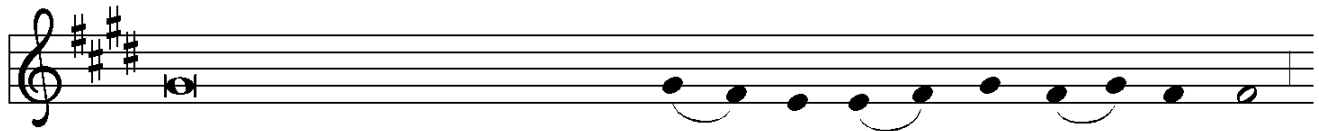
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



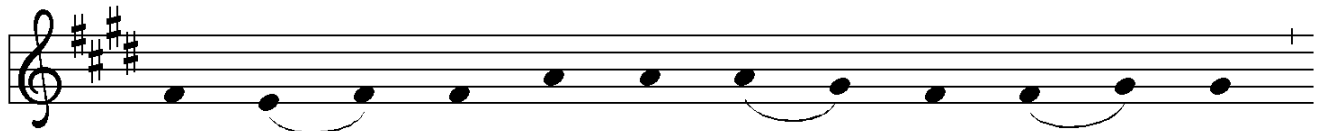
You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,



through whom you will also make all things new



in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,




with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.




Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his
coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen
our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of
your Son.


Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the
Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. 

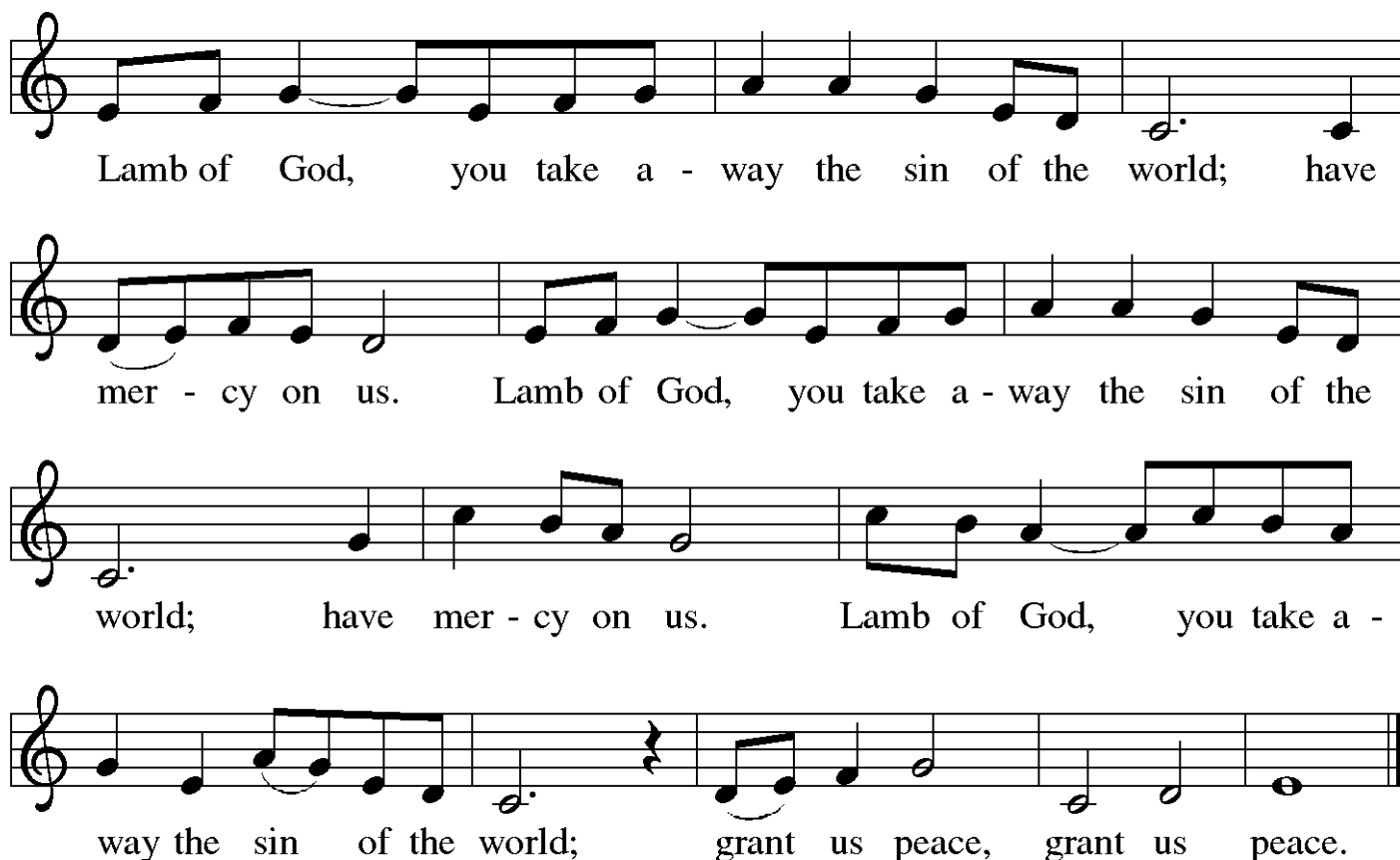
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. 

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will direct you to a station to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from your server.

(10:30 AM)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion from *Messiah*

Emily Nevergall, soloist

G. F. Handel

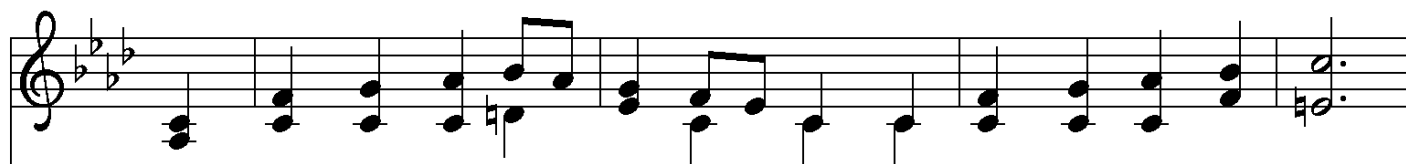
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HYMN DURING COMMUNION

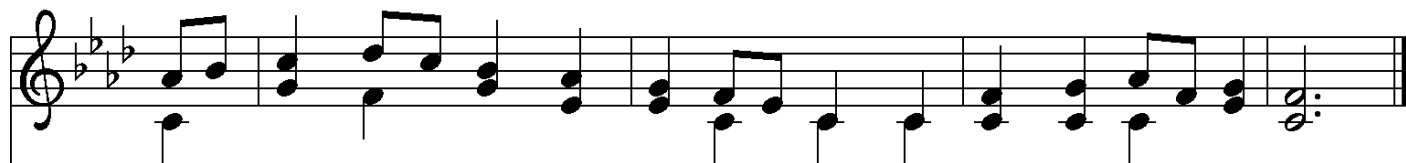
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The King Shall Come

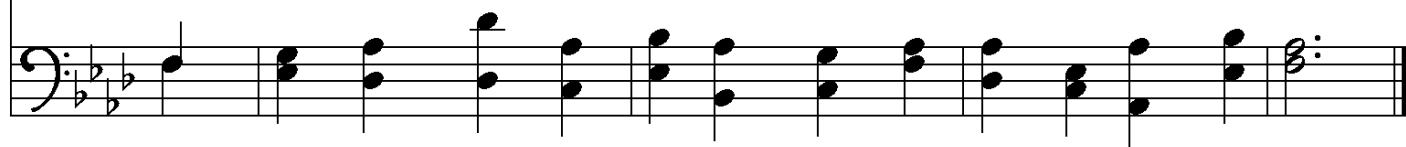
CONSOLATION



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.



SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting

Minister: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

(5:30 PM & 9:00 AM)

BENEDICTION

Presider: May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

All: Amen.

(10:30 AM)

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You
Prince of Peace Choir

E. Fred Morris

SENDING HYMN

ELW 272

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light-ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Go in peace. Keep awake.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(5:30 PM & 9:00 AM)
(10:30 AM)

The King Shall Come
The King Shall Come

David Dahl
Michael Burkhardt

Concerts at Prince of Peace 2025-2026 Building Community through the Arts

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

Sunday, December 14 at 4 PM

The Prince of Peace Choir and concert orchestra will share Jonathan Willcocks' setting of the Magnificat along with other favorite Christmas classics.



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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13 & 14, 2025

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Front Door Greeter		Darlene Guilbert	Alex Hunter
Back Door Greeter		Rian Strickland	Heather Buck
Assisting Minister	Adam Biehl	Anna Shah	Jeff Pinkham
Lector	Debra Saunders	Ray Shealy	Janice Joos
Communion Server		Natalie Bergman Brian Golden	Steve Findley John Nevergall Nancy Prakes
Altar Care	Julie Wood	Michael Cook Robin Cook Gayle Schuett	Pam Mayer Patty McHenry
Head Usher	Tony Smith	Don Guilbert	Brian Ostarchvic
Usher	Mark Russell	Evan Golden Noah Golden Brad Mehl	Chris Joos Payton Long Jan Ostarchvic
Acolyte	Isaac Beer Alexis Gilbert Kevin Harrison Samantha Harrison	ACOLYTE Lucy Armstrong Christian Heiss Cole Redinger	Regan Burns Liv Jenkins Nora Schiller Hadley Stredney
Nursery		Lizzy Patel	Jacob Hunter
A/V Producer			Gary Liebisch
Offering Depositor			Dave Mayer
Prayer Writer	Bob Kowalski		
Welcome Center	Brent McCoy		
Altar Linens	Pam Mayer		
POP's Cafe	Kathy Edwards, Spencer Edwards, Russ Randall, Chip Wood		

PRINCE OF PEACE

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

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Rev. Tim Wrenn

Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson

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