



PRINCE OF PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Christmas

December 27-28, 2025



*Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night,
and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod.*

Matthew 2:14-15

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

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

A Suite of Carols
Prince of Peace Band

arr. John Kinyon

ENTRANCE HYMN

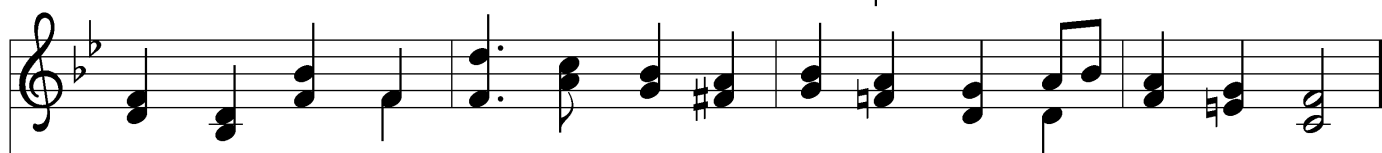
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Angels from the Realms of Glory

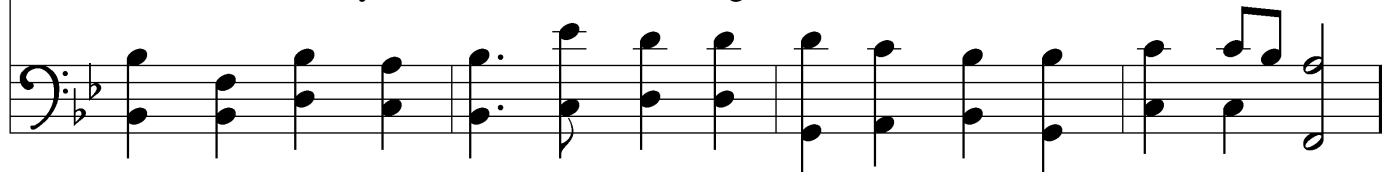
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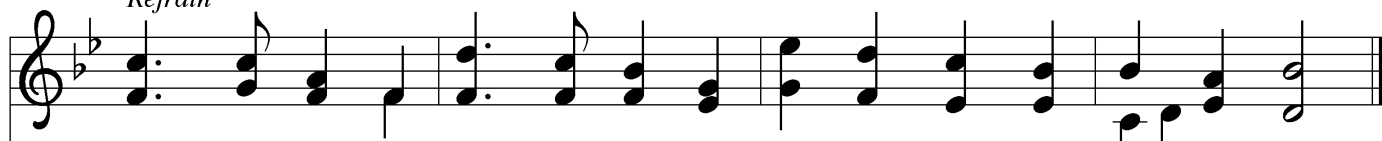
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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 63:7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully,” and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 148

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

PSALM REFRAIN



The splen - dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are placed below the notes, with 'LORD' in bold.

THE PSALM TONE



The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The notation includes a repeat sign at the beginning and end of the phrase.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord ¹ from the heavens;
praise God ¹ in the heights.

²Praise the Lord, ¹ all you angels;
sing praise, all you ¹ hosts of heaven.

³Praise the Lord, ¹ sun and moon;
sing praise, all you ¹ shining stars.

⁴Praise the Lord, heav- ¹ en of heavens,
and you waters a- ¹ bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name ¹ of the Lord,
who commanded, and they ¹ were created,
⁶who made them stand fast forev- ¹ er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not ¹ pass away.

Refrain

⁷Praise the Lord ¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters ¹ and all deeps;
⁸fire and hail, ¹ snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- ¹ ing God's will;

⁹mountains ¹ and all hills,
fruit trees ¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts ¹ and all cattle,
creeping things and ¹ flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth ¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers ¹ of the world;
¹²young ¹ men and maidens,
old and ¹ young together.

¹³Let them praise the name ¹ of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over ¹ earth and heaven.

¹⁴The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise
for all ¹ faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. ¹ Hallelujah! *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” ¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis.

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a. God's word is ev - er - last - ing.

by Beth Kenreich

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1060

Gentle Joseph Heard a Warning

PLEADING SAVIOR



1 Gen - tle Jo - seph heard a warn - ing from an an - gel in the night;
2 Tar - gets of a ty - rant's ar - my, seek - ing safe - ty, flee - ing strife,
3 Give us, God, such faith and cour - age when we move from place to place,



val - iant Mar - y, maid - en moth - er, roused from sleep, pre - pared for flight:
leav - ing house and land and kin - dred, spurred by dreams of peace - ful life;
and to those who come a - mong us, make us chan - nels of your grace.



thus the Christ - child's fam - 'ly lived out what the proph - et had fore - told,
through the des - ert of un - know - ing and the night of doubt they went,
Let us see in ev - 'ry strang - er ref - u - gees from Beth - le - hem,



that he might be called from E - gypt as God's peo - ple were of old.
guid - ed by God's prom - ised pres - ence, by that trust made con - fi - dent.
help us of - fer each one wel - come and re - ceive the Christ in them.

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: Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving and joy as we gather in worship today. *A moment of silence.*

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

The world is jubilant with the birth of our savior and the hope of Christ. It is our hope that the peaceful intentions that we harbor continue throughout the year. May we always look upon others with love and forgiveness in our hearts. May the spirit of Christmas be with us forever.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

While the Church is jubilant, let us maintain our resolve and provide for those who have no home, who have no food, who have no family. Let us always be ready to aid those who suffer from violence, who are victims of environmental consequences, or suffer from diseases and health issues that appear overwhelming. May the Church be strong, guided by your wisdom.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Help our community strive in the coming year. Give us the vision to see the beauty around us, to hear the sounds of joy instead of despair, and to have the love of Christ in our hearts all year. Give us the strength to overcome the obstacles in our way, to win over all doubts, and build upon your Word.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

For Prince of Peace, may the church continue to provide spiritual growth to all who worship. May the talent of the members shine, with music, knowledge and teachings, social gatherings, community programs, fellowship, and more as our church enters another year.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

With all the excitement that abounds in our church, we must always remember those who are suffering from illness, seen and unseen. We must be aware of the burdens that caregivers face. Let us be conscious of

those who have hardships, who need your help and guidance, especially those we name now or in our hearts. *A moment of silence.*

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

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

All: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

At Prince of Peace, we rely on our members to support the financial needs of our congregation. As a visitor, please know that your offerings will go outside of our church to support a variety of local missions that help people in need.

Today's flowers are given by David and Joyce Miller, in celebration of their grandson Bode's 7th birthday.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(9:00 & 10:30 am)

Christmas Rejoicing
Prince of Peace Band

arr. John Edmondson

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 268

From Heaven Above

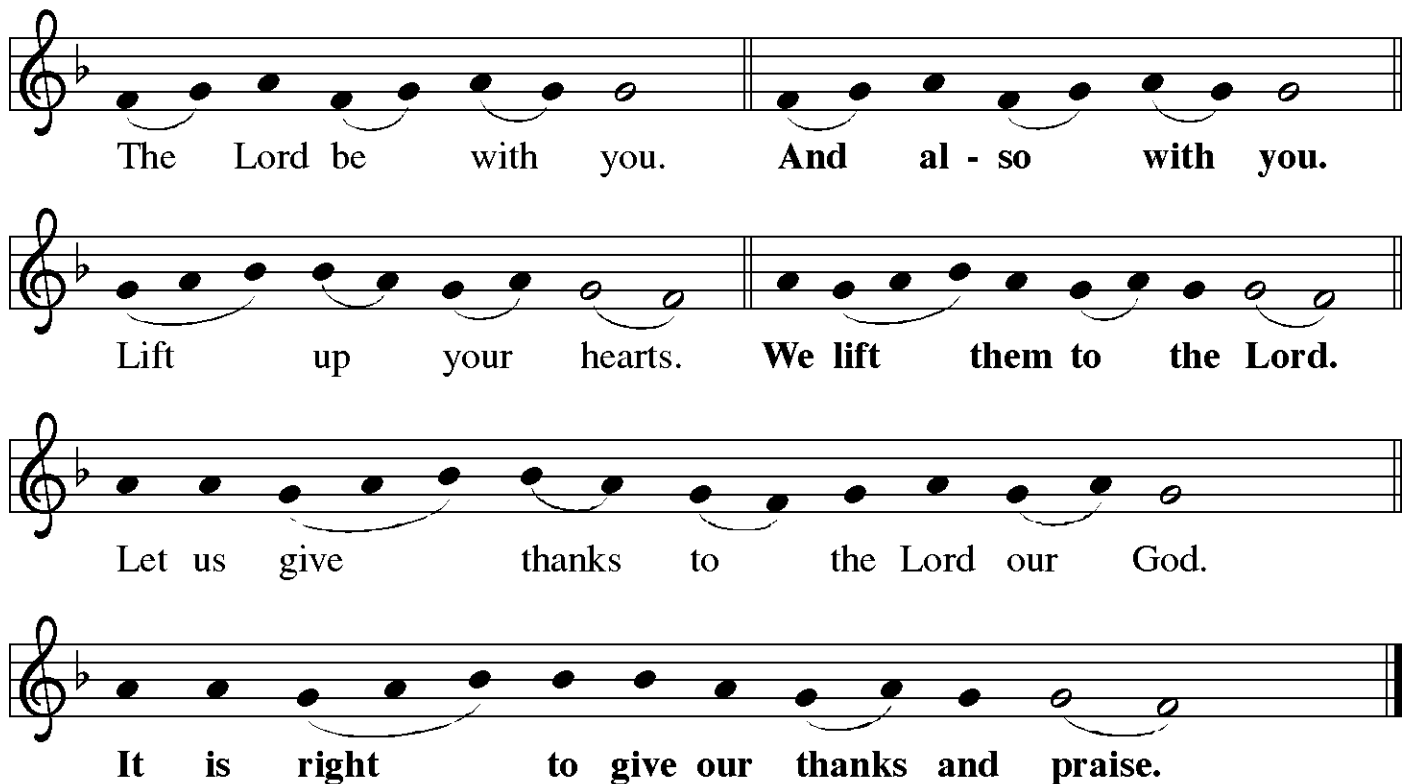
VOM HIMMEL HOCH



"From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
"Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, who un - to
news to ev - 'ry home! Glad tid - ings of great joy I
us the Son has giv'n." With an - gels sing in pi - ous
bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing."
mirth a glad new year to all the earth!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

S144a



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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

S144b



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: Holy God,

Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

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 birth and life among us, his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by
you, we may live as your children, shining with the light 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.

 *Please pause for the toll of the bell.*

LAMB OF GOD

S146

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please ask your server.

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

ELW 296

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting

Minister: Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

All: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Presider: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

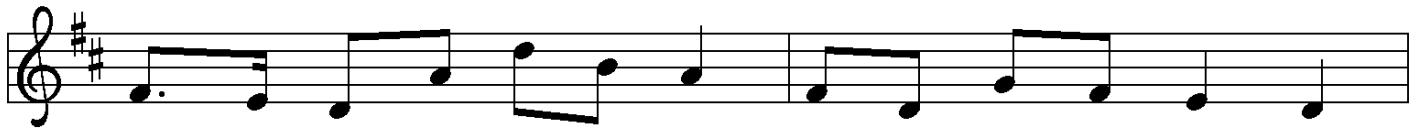
All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 299

Cold December Flies Away

EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And peace to God's people on earth!

Assisting

Minister: Go in joy. Celebrate the birth of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

A Season's Carol
Prince of Peace Band

arr. Michael Green



Thank you to Ron Kenreich, Wendy Reeves
and our Prince of Peace Band musicians for playing on Sunday.

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THE CHURCH YEAR

The Season of Christmas

In the church, the *liturgical year* focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus. The changing *seasons* of the church year provide an opportunity to celebrate the Christian faith in worship. The six seasons are Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

The **second season** of the church year is **Christmas** which marks the fulfillment of our Advent expectation. Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth and celebrates the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ for the salvation of all people.

Christmas is not just a single day, but a season. It begins on the evening of December 24 and lasts for twelve days, through January 5.

The changing *liturgical colors* in the sanctuary serve to adorn the worship space and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated. The liturgical color for Christmas is *white*, which suggests gladness, light and joy.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

First Sunday of Christmas

December 27 & 28, 2025

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Front Door Greeter		Kathy Liebisch	Bob Pfeifer Karen Pfeifer
Back Door Greeter		Dan Jarvis	Heather Thacker
Assisting Minister	Adam Biehl	Matt Ludwig	John Nevergall
Lector	Greg LaBarge	Gary Liebisch	Kiran McCoy
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Nursery Room #2		Ben Stuart	NURSERY
A/V Producer			Brent McCoy
Prayer Writer	Bob Kowalski		
Offering Depositor			Ray Shealy
Welcome Center	Brent McCoy		
Altar Linens	Karen Berkman		
Coffee Only	COFFEE		

PRINCE OF PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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