

## In Our Prayers

**Healing, strength, and guidance for:** Marcy, Chad, Jimmy, Jerry, Lois, Judy Hines, Adrian, Bob, Kristan, Andy, Nancy, Julie, Brian Tracy, Brett, Karen Y., Kim, Jim Igo, Diana S., Jesse Ann, Kay Alpers, Matt, Corbin, Mike, Phil, Quentin, Nancy Wuthrich, Tom Taylor, Cyndi, Melissa T., Lee, Paul Bielski, Tammy B., Andrea Bates, Kenneth Quinn, Isaac, Carla, Mel, Jeff, Anita Castro, Mary, Red Kint, and Michelle M.

**For those suffering loss:** The family and friends of Colleen James, Shirley Pearson Lins, Diane Redieske, and Brad Salle. Brian Tracy and family upon loss of his brother Bruce. Marge GeRue and family upon the loss of sister Donna Mack-Fakler. Phil Martin and family upon loss of his mother. Helen Weaver upon the loss of her husband Ron and son Ron Jr.

## Weekly Schedule

### Monday (January 3)

9:00am Prayer Group

### Tuesday (January 4)

LCMC Three Days of Prayer begins

### Thursday (January 6)

8:00am-3:30pm Annunciation Co-op

## Volunteer Schedule

### January 9

**AV:** Stacy Diemel

**Acolyte:** Elliott Diemel

**Ushers:** Greg & Luann Bartz

**Reader:** Pam Novotnak

**Counters:** Greg Bartz & Dan King

### January 16

**AV:** Char Mohns

**Acolyte:** Volunteer

**Ushers:** Sherre Faulkner & Jerry Yarolimek

**Reader:** Stacy Diemel

**Counters:** Tom Lenhart & Brad Mueller

# Prince of Peace

*Faith, Family, Community*



**President:** Pastor Bob Castro    **Pianist:** Linda Chartrau  
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**9:00 am  
Service**

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January 2, 2022

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(please rise)*

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:** (p.56)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

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

*(Silence for reflection.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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. 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**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**HYMN:** “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” (green LBW #45)

Oh come all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant  
Oh come ye Oh come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him Born the king of angels

**Chorus**

**Oh come let us adore him  
Oh come let us adore him  
Oh come let us adore him  
Christ the Lord**

The highest most holy Light of light eternal  
Born of a virgin a mortal he comes  
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing

**Chorus**

Sing choirs of angels Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God In the highest

**Chorus**

Yea Lord we greet thee Born this happy morning  
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n  
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing

**Chorus**

**SALUTATION:**

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

C: **And also with you.**

**KYRIE:** (LBW p. 57-58, sung)

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**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** (p. 60-61)

**Chorus**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb, who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Chorus**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. **Chorus**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen. **Chorus**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. **Chorus**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*(please be seated)*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 52:7-10 (pew Bible p. 600)

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 1:1-6 (p. 967)

*(please rise)*

**ALLELUIA** (LBW p. 62)

(sung)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL TEXT:** John 1:1-14 (pew Bible p. 860)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN: "What Child Is This" (LBW #40)**

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

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

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh  
Come, peasant, king, to own him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone him  
Raise, raise the song on high  
The virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born  
The babe, the son of Mary

*(please be seated)*

**THE MESSAGE**

**HYMN: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (LBW #60)**

Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful all you nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"

**Chorus**

**Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king"**

Christ, by highest heav'n adored  
Christ, the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail incarnate deity  
Pleased as man with us to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel **Chorus**

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the sun of righteousness  
Light and life to all he brings  
Ris'n with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory by  
Born that we no more may die  
Born to raise each child of earth  
Born to give us second birth **Chorus**

*(please rise)*

**NICENE CREED** (p. 64)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

L: Lord, in Your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

**PEACE:**

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

C: **And also with you.** (greet those around you)

**OFFERTORY:** (*ushers bring forward offering, p. 66*)

C: **Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** (sung, p. 68-69)

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 indeed ..... their unending hymn:

C: **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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION:** (p. 72)

*We celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. We understand this to mean that Jesus is truly present with us in His body and blood through the bread and wine. We welcome all baptized adults and children who have been instructed to receive Holy Communion to share in the Lord's Supper.*

C: **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.**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION HYMN:** (p. 72-73)

C: **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one 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.**

**BLESSING:** (spoken, p. 74)

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

**HYMN:** “The First Noel” (LBW #56)

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

**Chorus**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel**

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night

**Chorus**

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far  
To seek for a king was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went

**Chorus**

This star drew near to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay

**Chorus**

Then entered in those Wise Men three  
Full rev'rently upon their knee  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

**Chorus**

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**