# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Proclaim the Word to Reveal the Savior Epiphany 5 February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### "Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace."



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#### WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. May God bless your worship today! If you are visiting with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out one of the information cards found in the pews next to the hymnals. You can either place the completed card in the offering plate or give it to the usher when being ushered out at the end of the service. We look forward to getting to know you better in order to serve you fully with God's word!

#### **WORSHIP THEME**

The Epiphany season is about Jesus being revealed to the world. Naturally, that means there will also be a focus on the spread of the Gospel during the Epiphany season, since the word of God is how the news about Jesus spreads to the whole world. We see that Jesus himself was focused on teaching God's word to reveal himself as the savior of the world. We also see (perhaps surprisingly) that he sends people like us out with his message to preach the word and reveal him as savior to the world. In our worship today we will hear about the power of God's word and see how God powerfully equips lowly sinners like us to proclaim it!

## 483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW 483

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

#### Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

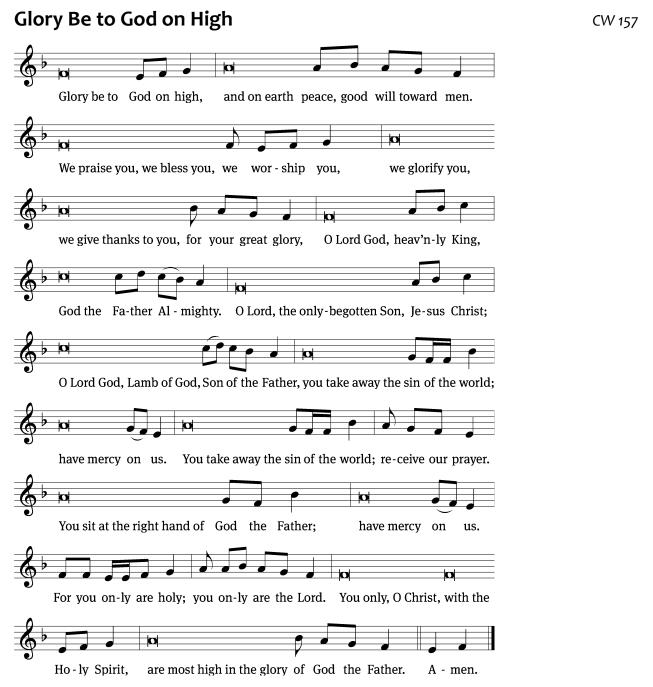
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

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. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.** 



## The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, you call and appoint us to proclaim the good news of your Son despite our sins and weaknesses. Purify us by your grace, remove our uncertainties, and work through us to fill the nets of your kingdom with those lost in the darkness of death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 6:1–8

Isaiah admitted he was sinfully unclean, unqualified to stand in God's presence. The LORD not only takes Isaiah's sin away but also sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup>And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

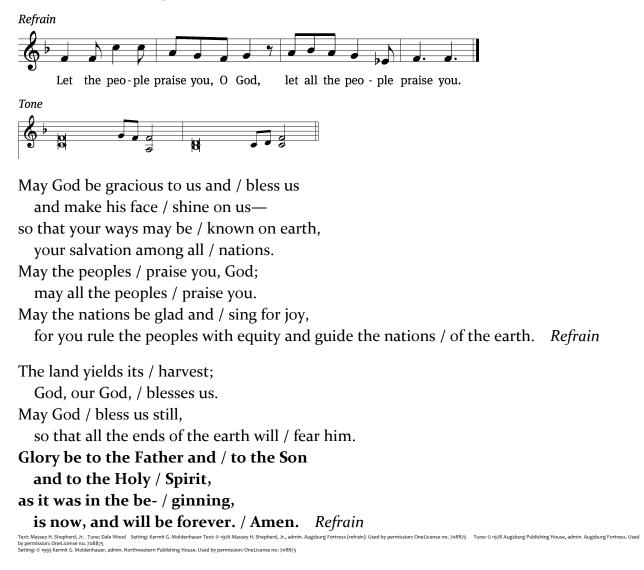
<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## 67D Let the People Praise You, O God



## **Second Reading**

God equips saved sinners like us to proclaim salvation to other sinners.

<sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup>for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

<sup>16</sup>But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup>Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  Romans 10:12–17

## **Gospel Acclamation**



My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long.

#### Refrain

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## Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

Jesus takes simple, sinful fishermen, and calls them to gospel ministry.

<sup>1</sup>One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup>He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup>When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." "So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

Be seated

Psalm 71:15

## 745 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

Sermon

Don't Be Afraid of Jesus' Work

Luke 5:1–11

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

## **Prayer of the Church**

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

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Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

#### Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

#### Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

#### Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition*.] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

#### Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

#### Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

#### Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

## Offering

Our offerings are freely given as a response to God's gracious outpouring of love upon us.

## 743 I Hear the Savior Calling

CW 743

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## 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.

## 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.** 

## 716 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

CW 716

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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY		Pastor @Circuit Meeting in Summerville, SC
TUESDAY	5:00 pm	Bible Information Class
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am	Bible Class
	6:00 pm	Bible Class
THURSDAY	5:00 pm	Elders Meeting
SATURDAY	9:30 am	Catechism
	10:00 am	Jesus Cares
SUNDAY	9:15 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/Lord's Supper
	11:45 am	Council Meeting

## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**



Dean and Mary Ann Loucks purchased the chancel flowers today to give thanks to God for blessings received on the occasion of Mary Ann's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday last Wednesday! Happy birthday, Mary Ann! May God continue to bless Dean and Mary Ann with His promises to be with them daily guiding their lives and giving them the peace of forgiveness and the joy of salvation!

#### FLOWER CHART 2025

There are still a number of open slots for purchasing altar flowers this spring. If you would like to sign up for any of these available dates, you may put your name on the sign-up sheet in the hallway next to pastor's office. If you haven't been regularly coming into the building but would still like to sign up for flowers, you can send a message to pastor and he will add your name to the list.



## SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING AND OPEN FORUM – TODAY



Sandwich Sunday today in conjunction with open forum

## **EVERYONE OUTREACH**

Everyone Outreach kicks off with a one day workshop on February 22, 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall . Breakfast and lunch will be served. The interactive workshop will help us discover some of our hidden thought habits that may keep us from being active in outreach. Everyone Outreach will provide us with tools to help us continue building a culture focused on reaching the lost.



A signup sheet has been posted in the hallway across from Pastor's office. This program is for everyone in the congregation. To learn more visit <u>everyoneoutreach.com</u> or contact Pastor Neumann or Dennis Fehrman.

#### **JESUS CARES**



Jesus Cares Ministry is a way for congregations and groups to nurture relationships and share the Word of God with individuals who are differently abled.

Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am-12:00 pm

For more info, or to get involved, contact: Lori Penha at lori.penha8@gmail.com