

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"

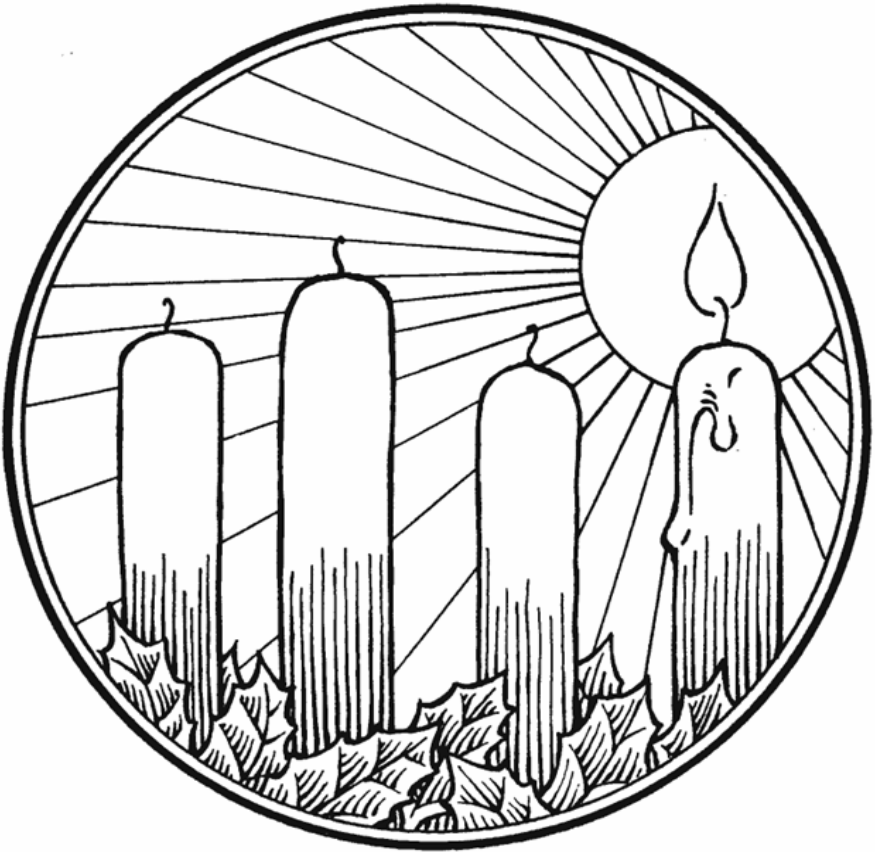
"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod



Advent Midweek 1 – Dec. 3rd, 2025



Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Our mission here at Prince of Peace is to exist to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our message is that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have questions about the Christian faith or Prince of Peace, our pastor or one of our elders would be happy to talk with you.

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Please let us know you were here. Please fill out a Connection Card. You may leave it on the table at the back of the sanctuary or place it in the offering plate. Or leave it at the end of your row and an Usher will collect it. Thank you!

Theme for Tonight's Service

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of evergreens – from Christmas trees to pine garland. The evergreen decorations also help us prepare for the advent (or coming) of Jesus during Advent – a season of preparation. Tonight, we will consider how evergreens point us to the coming of Christ and the eternal life that He brings.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

Welcome

LSB p. 243 Service of Light

LSB p. 244 Phos Hilaron - Hymn of Light

LSB p. 245 Thanksgiving For Light

LSB p. 245 Psalmody

LSB p. 247 Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify you forever.

C Amen.

Psalm 92 (*antiphon: v. 12*)



The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.

**It is good to give thanks | to the Lord,*
to sing praises to Your name, | O Most High;**

to declare Your steadfast love in the | morning,*
and Your faithful- | ness by night,

**to the music of the lute | and the harp,*
to the melody | of the lyre.**

For You, O Lord, have made me glad | by Your work;*
at the works of Your hands I | sing for joy.

How great are Your works, | O Lord!*
Your thoughts are | very deep!

The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot
under- | stand this:*

that though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction for- | ever;

but You, | O Lord,*
are on high for- | ever.

For behold, Your enemies, O Lord,
for behold, Your enemies shall | perish;*

But You have exalted my horn like that of the | wild ox;*
You have poured over me | fresh oil.

My eyes have seen the downfall of my | enemies;*

my ears have heard the doom of my evil as- | sailants.
The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.

They are planted in the house | of the Lord;*

they flourish in the courts | of our God.
They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,

to declare that the Lord is | upright;*

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in Him.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.

LSB Hymn #350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

First Reading: Hosea 14:4-8

⁴I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. ⁵I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon; ⁶his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon. ⁷They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon. ⁸O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; from me comes your fruit.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Revelation 22:1-5

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Reading: John 11:17-27

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Hymn: The Holly and the Ivy



1 The hol-ly and the i - vy, when they are both full grown,
2 The hol-ly bears a blos-som as white as an - y flow'r,
3 The hol-ly bears a ber - ry as red as an - y blood,
4 The hol-ly bears a prick - le as sharp as an - y thorn,
5 The hol-ly bears a bark as bitter as an - y gall,
6 The hol-ly and the i - vy, when they are both full grown,



Of all the trees that are in the wood, the hol - ly bears the crown.
And Mar-y bore sweet Je-sus Christ to be our sweet Sav - ior.
And Mar-y bore sweet Je-sus Christ to do poor sin - ners good.
And Mar-y bore sweet Je-sus Christ on Christ-mas Day in the morn.
And Mar-y bore sweet Je-sus Christ for to re - deem us all.
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the hol - ly bears the crown.

Refrain



Oh, the ris-ing of the sun and the run-ning of the deer.



The play-ing of the mer-ry or - gan, sweet sing-ing in the choir.

Sermon: Rev. Peter Adelsen, "Evergreens"

LSB p. 248-249 Magnificat

LSB p. 249-250 Litany

LSB p. 251 Collect for Peace

LSB p. 251 Lord's Prayer

LSB p. 252 Benedicamus, Benediction

LSB Hymn #883, All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

PRINCE OF PEACE FOR DECEMBER 3RD, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Tonight

Accompanist: Deb Dunnum

Altar Guild for December: Sharie Brunk, Lizbeth Novak

Serving the Lord and One Another Sunday the 7th:

Song Leader: Sarah Kolander

Ushers: Russ & Sharie Brunk

Counters: Barb Hinds, Deb Dunnum

Acolyte: Elska Sheffer



LATER THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

<i>Tonight</i>	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Advent Evening Prayer Service
	<i>after.....</i>	<i>POP Choir practice</i>
Sat. Dec. 6	9:30 am	Women's Advent Tea at Prince of Peace
Sun. Dec. 7	9:00 am.....	Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thank you for joining us for

Midweek Advent Services

Evening Prayer Service at 7:00pm

Soup Suppers before at 6:00pm

Wednesdays:

December 10th, December 17th