

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"A Disciple Making Community"*  
*"KNOW, GROW, and GO"*

West Salem, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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***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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### Theme for Tonight's Service

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of the crèche – the miniature model of the nativity scene. The crèche is a distinctively Christian decoration in that it depicts the characters involved in the nativity of Christ: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Wise Men, the angels, the stable animals, and – most important of all – the infant Jesus. Let us recall the timeless story of God coming to earth as a baby to redeem us from our sins.

### 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 89:1-8 (*antiphon: v. 28*)

O LORD God of hosts,  
who is mighty as You are, | O LORD,\*  
with Your faithfulness all a- | round You?



**I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\***  
**with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all gener- |**  
**ations.**

For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever;\*”  
in the heavens You will establish Your | faithfulness.”

**You have said, “I have made a covenant with My | chosen one;\***  
**I have sworn to David My | servant:**

‘I will establish your offspring for- | ever,\*  
and build your throne for all gener- | ations.’”

**Let the heavens praise Your wonders, | O LORD,\***  
**Your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!**

For who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?\*

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD,  
**a God greatly to be feared in the council of the | holy ones,\***  
**and awesome above all who are a- | round 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.**

O LORD God of hosts,

who is mighty as You are, | O LORD,\*

with Your faithfulness all a- | round You?

## **LSB Hymn #332 Savior of the Nations, Come**

### **First Reading: 1 John 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Second Reading: Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**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.

**LSB Hymn #338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Sermon: Rev. Peter Adelsen, "Crèche"**

**LSB p. 248-249 Magnificat**

**Offering**

*Special Music: "My Soul Rejoices" (POP Choir)*

**LSB p. 249-250 Litany**

**LSB p. 251 Collect for Peace**

**LSB p. 251 Lord's Prayer**

**LSB p. 252 Benedicamus, Benediction**

**Closing Hymn #887 Now the Light Has Gone Away**

