

# FIFTH SUNDAY *after* EPIPHANY



## **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

Appleton, Wisconsin

February 5, 2023

8:00 & 9:40 a.m. Services

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians  
Growing in Faith and Reaching out in Love*

### **POP VISION 2024**

*We will be...an engaged and inclusive congregation of disciples,  
transforming the lives in our community through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**W**elcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who worship today, wherever you may be. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we are together, even though we are physically separated, to receive the Lord's strength, comfort, and peace. Christ, our brother, is with us, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this time of worship to live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

**W**e love kids in worship: young ones, old ones, squirmy ones, curious ones, crying ones, happy ones. Jesus loves them, too. In fact, one day when he was trying to explain to a bunch of adults who would enter the Kingdom of God, he plucked a child out of the crowd and said that if they wanted to enter his kingdom, they should be like this wide-eyed child! What an object lesson for us all and what hope, because we are all kids at heart, just trying to follow Jesus.

We know it is sometimes a challenge to care for little kids in worship. That is why we have several options for parents and caregivers. **NEW: We have a volunteer-staffed nursery during the 9:40 service for those 4 years old and younger that can be used if you wish. Just follow the signs or ask an usher for help to find it!** Also, we have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the restrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. Additionally, in the sanctuary, we have a space in the back that we call the **PlayDeck**, with a rug and some *quiet* toys where a child might need to hang out for a few minutes with mom or dad nearby. Another spot for kids to play is in our narthex called the **PrayerGround**, which is stocked with toys, books, and comfy chairs. There are speakers projecting the service in the narthex, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. You can find changing tables in the bathrooms near the narthex **PrayerGround** for your convenience. And, finally, we have ushers and greeters who love kids, too, who were once kids themselves, and who want to help you have a great worship experience! We are glad you are here!

**T**he **Glass Cross on the Altar** is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.

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#### WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Preaching Minister	Pastor Roger McQuiston
Presiding Minister	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Assisting Minister	Peter Miller
Musicians	Colleen Perrine, Jeff Sheffler, Nancy Ullsperger (9:40) Bob Merrill
Projection Prep/Sunday A/V	Tom Richmond, Nathan Jansen
Ushers	(8:00) Dean Buffington, Bill Robarge (9:40) Scott Perrine, Mike Romnek
Greeters	(8:00) Ken & Jane Bradley, Margie & Mike Bricco (9:40) George Mbatia

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal  
P—Pastor A—Assisting Minister C—Congregation

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

*He Is Worthy*

Ben Shive | Andrew Peterson

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C **Amen**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word, you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

P To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen**

### OPENING SONG

*Great Is the Lord*

VERSE

Great is the Lord,  
He is holy and just,  
By His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord,  
He is faithful and true,  
By His mercy He proves He is love.

CHORUS 1

Great is the Lord,  
And worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord,  
And worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord,  
Now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord.

CHORUS 2

Great are You Lord,  
And worthy of glory.  
Great are You Lord,  
And worthy of praise.  
Great are You Lord,  
I lift up my voice,  
I lift up my voice:  
Great are You Lord.

ENDING

Great are You, Lord!  
Great are You, Lord!  
Great are You, Lord!  
Great are You, Lord!

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GREETING

**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.

GLORY TO GOD

Leader

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader All

To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader Leader

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

Peruvian traditional

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. Lord God,

**C** **with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.*

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**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 58:1-12

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with

the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God’s hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God’s revelation in the cross.*

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—<sup>10</sup>these

things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. <sup>16</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al -  
 le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Verse  
 I stand on the Word of God, the e - ter - nal Word of God.  
*D.C. al Fine*  
 It is age - less, it is time - less, it is true!

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

Jesus said: <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I

have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

"Essential Gifts for the World"

Pastor Roger McQuiston

(9:40) *Faith Formation children join us for worship during the singing of the hymn.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

***We Are Called***

ELW 720

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

*Refrain*

We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

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POP KIDS PRAISE VIDEO

***The Old Testament Song***

Brigetta Wingender  
by Colleen Perrine

## APOSTLES CREED

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.  
Petitions end: Merciful God,  
Response: **receive our prayer.**
- P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
- C **Amen**

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### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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## OFFERING

*Let Them See You*

JJ Weeks | Scotty Wilbanks

## OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Liberating God,  
C **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P Jesus' disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us how to pray." He said to them, "When you pray, say":  
C **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**





In the bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present. Much more than a sign, story, or symbol of God's love, it is an event where God reaches down to us through common earthly elements and invites us into the mystery and miracle of a relationship with him, the Word made flesh for us. All, who have been baptized, are invited to this experience of God's love, where He is our host and we are his guests, who will take the message of his love into the world.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lamb of God \_\_\_\_\_ you take a-way \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of the world; please  
 grant \_\_\_\_\_ us, oh grant \_\_\_\_\_ us your peace. \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNION HYMN

*Behold the Lamb*

Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:  
 The bod - y of our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:  
 The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:  
 And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who  
 Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that  
 Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may  
 and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this  
brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So, we share in this  
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So, we share in this  
steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth. As we share in His



Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a  
Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a  
Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a  
suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

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**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C **Amen**
- P Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
- C **Amen**

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**SENDING**  
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FINAL BLESSING**

- P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
- C **Amen**

**SENDING SONG**

***Christ, Be Our Light***

ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice. Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed. Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

walls made of living stone. Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. Refrain

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DISMISSAL

A Prince of Peace is a family of Christians...

C **...growing in faith and reaching out in love.**

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God!**

SHARING THE PEACE

P May the peace of Christ Jesus, our light, and our salvation, be with you, now and always.

C **And also with you.**

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