

**PEACE:**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.** (greet those around you)

*Communion Assistants please come forward to be communed during the hymn.*

**HYMN:** - (green) - page 72

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.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

(Help yourself to either wine (purple) or grape juice (white). Children not yet receiving may come forward for a blessing.)

**DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:** *“Blessed Assurance”* (WOV #699)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
C: **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION HYMN:** (green) - page 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.**

**AARONIC BLESSING**

**CLOSING SONG:** *“Soon and Very Soon”* (WOV #744)

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

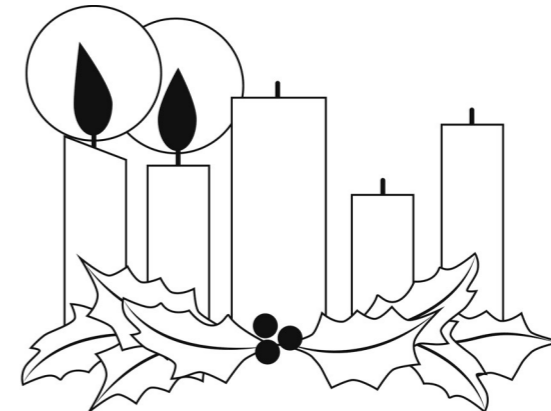
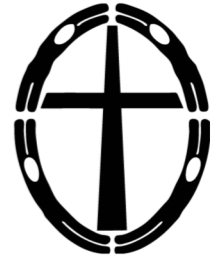
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Dec. 9, 2018

# Prince of Peace

*Faith, Family, Community*



## SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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Church Office Hours:  
M-F 8:00 am-12:00 pm

**9:00 am  
Service**

Pastor Hank  
Rev. Dr. Henry Corcoran, Ph.D.  
Office Hours  
M-Th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Guests:** Welcome to Prince of Peace Church!  
We pray that you will be enriched and inspired by your worship with us this morning.  
We know that we will be blessed by your presence.  
Please fill out a Connection Card with your information and place it in the offering. Thank you!

9:00 a.m. Service ~ December 9, 2018

## Good Morning and Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION:

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

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 confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### SONGS OF PRAISE:

*"Shout for Joy Loud and Long"* (WOV blue #793)

*"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"* (LBW green #36, v.1-4)

#### SALUTATION:

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

C: **And also with you.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(children for Nursery dismissed after message)*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. Give us strength and grace in our relationships with others; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-7b

Reader: John Saarinen

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:2-11

PSALM: Psalm 66:1-12

ALLELUIA: (green) - page 62

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

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

GOSPEL TEXT: Luke 3:1-14

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE MESSAGE "Praying for Open Eyes"

Pastor Hank Corcoran

APOSTLES' CREED: (see words on screen, LBW p.65)

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy**

*(children from Nursery return)*

#### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY:

*"Let the Vineyards"* (green p.66)

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: (green) - page 68

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 our 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: (see words on screen, LBW p.71)