

**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)

**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:** "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (LBW #34)

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.**

**PRAYER & BLESSING**

**CLOSING SONG:** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (LBW #551)

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

Copyright songs are used by Permission CCLI # 208409

**Accompanist:** Sara Lemen      **AV:** Cameron Schmidt      **Acolyte:** Sidney Schmidt  
**Greeters:** Sherre Faulkner & Debbie Sillanpaa      **Ushers:** John & Cheri Saarinen  
**Reader:** Karen Phelps      **Communion Assist:** Sherre Faulkner, Wendy Goldsworthy, & Tom Lenhart  
**Counters:** Dorothy Bush & Wayne Schmidt

Dec. 17, 2017

# Prince of Peace

*Faith, Family, Community*



**"REJOICE, PRAY, AND GIVE THANKS! JESUS IS COMING!"**

## Third Sunday in Advent



info@poprockton.com  
www.poprockton.com  
815-624-2115

**9:00 am  
Service**

Pastor Hank Corcoran  
Office Hours  
M-Th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Church Office Hours:  
M-F 8:00 am-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 17, 2017

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION: (LBW green) - page 56

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:

“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” (LBW green #36, v. 1-4)

“For the Beauty of the Earth (LBW #561, v. 1-4)

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

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.**

### KYRIE:

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE: (green) - pages 60-61

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Women: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb, who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Men: Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Women: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Men: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . .

C: **Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ’s coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

Reader: Karen Phelps

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

PSALM: Psalm 126

### 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. John, the 1st chapter.

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

GOSPEL TEXT: John 1:6-8,19-28

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE MESSAGE: “Rejoice, Pray, and Give Thanks! Jesus is Coming! Pastor Hank Corcoran

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

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: **“Hear our prayer.”**

OFFERING: Special Music by Lora Conrad

OFFERTORY: (see words on screen, LBW 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.**