

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA**

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**January 11, 2024  
First Sunday after Epiphany**

Sidenotes are back! On these grey spaces you will find explanations, quips, info, and fun.

Everything you need to sing, speak and participate in this worship is in the bulletin.

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*Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray this will be a time of connecting to God and one another so that we might leave this worship service ready to love and serve our neighbors.*

**Bold print indicates response from all the people**

## Gathering

**Prelude** *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

J.P. Harding, arr. Wilbur Held

## Welcome

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

## Gathering

**L:** This is Epiphany, a season of unveiling and uncovering, a season of inspiration and wonder.

**C: Emmanuel, God with us, inspire us again!**

**L:** May we seek Wisdom from Jesus who is Wisdom come alive.

**C: Emmanuel, God with us, inspire us again!**

**All:** Let us treasure these revelations in our hearts as we search for Christ again and again.

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

**\*Gathering Hymn** *Drawn to the Light* ELW 593  
(printed on the next pages)

# Drawn to the Light

1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the

heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -

lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

*Refrain*

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the

light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a

sight to be drawn to the light of God.

## \*Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

O God, **you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.**

1 Corinthians is a letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth. He was concerned about the arguments happening around the topic of baptism.

His words in this passage were an effort to help focus this community around God and not about personal conflicts.

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This is a unique story about Jesus that doesn't appear in any of the other books of the Gospels (first 4 books of the New Testament).

All other stories are either of him as a child or the beginning of his ministry as an adult.

# The Word

## Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

## Gospel

Luke 2:41-51

<sup>41</sup>Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in

my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them.

<sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Kid's Message

Drew Ajer

## Sermon

Vicar Sharon

## \*Song of the Day *Be Thou My Vision*

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### Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## **\* Prayers of the People**

*We join together in praying as a church body. Prayers are organized by themes and each prayer ends with...*

**L:** Hear us, O God,

**C:** Your mercy is great.

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

*We give one another a word of peace, in the same way Jesus did when he appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room. As we share peace with one another, feel free to share your star words with one another as well.*

Deep gratitude for  
all that you do to  
support the  
ministries and  
programs of this  
congregation!

Offering is an act  
of worship that  
reminds us where  
our security  
resides---with  
God.

## **Offering**

*Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...*



The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white. Please be welcome here!

If you chose to not receive communion, you can come up for a blessing instead. If you choose to be blessed, simply cross your arms over your chest so we know.

## **The Meal**

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

### **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*Invitation to Receive Communion**

*Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table. No matter one's race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, or faith background.*

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

**Communion Music** *Eternal Light* Aaron David Miller Choir

The sending portion of the service is meant to prepare us for leaving and sharing what we have learned and experienced in worship.

# The Sending

## Announcements

### \*Blessing

P: May the Spirit of God which filled young Jesus in the temple, fill your hearts, souls and minds;  
may the power of God which upheld him, strengthen you for each day;  
and may the love of God which directed his every action be your guiding light and your shining star,  
both now and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Song:** *Light Dawns On A Weary World* ELW 726  
(printed on the next page)

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace;  
love and care for one another in the name of Christ;

**C: Thanks be to God, we will!**

**Please be seated and enjoy the postlude music**

**Postlude** *Emperor's Fanfare* Antonio Soler, arr. E. Power Biggs



# Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



*Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

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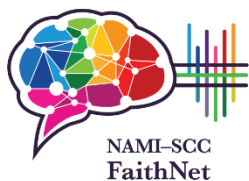
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Learn about upcoming events: ask for a copy of the “Peace Notes”, our printed announcements and calendar. We invite you to learn more about us on our website at [propeace.org](http://propeace.org).

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