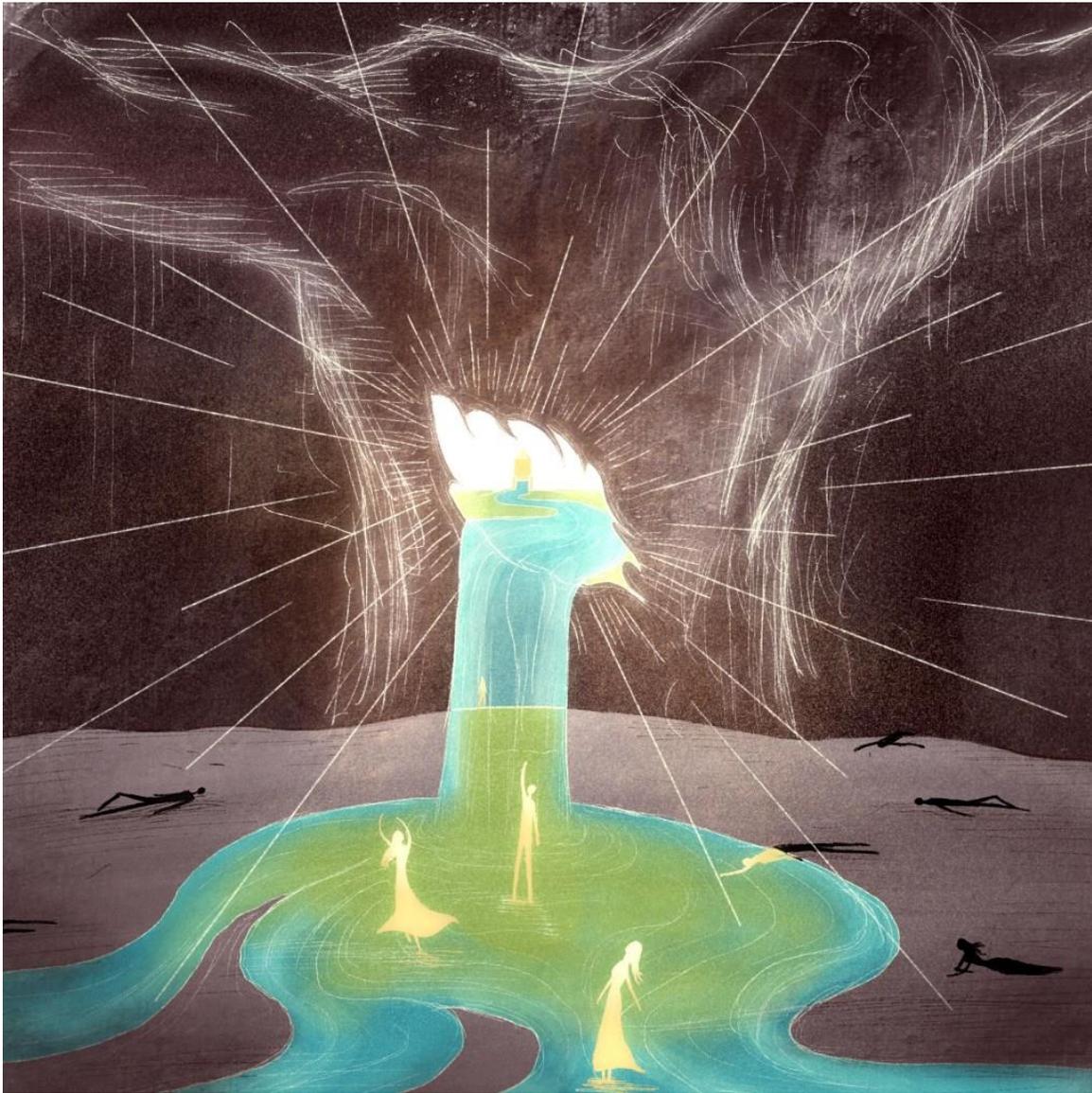


# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



What Seems to Help In Life Fails In Death;  
What Seems to Fail in Life Helps in Death

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022



*“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”*

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## **WELCOME!**

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God’s house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

## **THEME FOR TODAY**

Last week we learned the hard truth that while money can help make life easier in some ways, it cannot bring true happiness and fulfillment. This week we see that a love of wealth and an abundance of wealth can lead to a whole host of sins: complacency, injustice, and pride. It is this complacency and false sense of security in possessions that can be so dangerous. While these things can make life good in this world, they help us none in regard to eternal life.

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

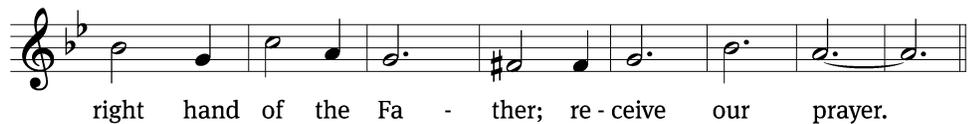
## Glory to God in the Highest

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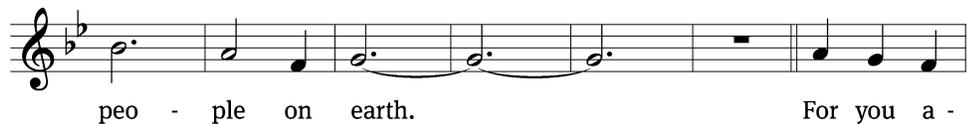
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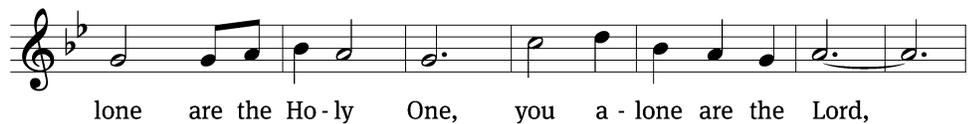
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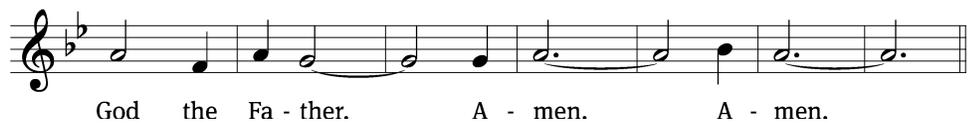
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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Amos 6:1–7

*At the time of Amos, the Israelites enjoyed peace and prosperity, but spiritually they were drifting away from the LORD. The prophet warns not to let prosperity provide a false sense of security.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,  
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
you notable men of the foremost nation,  
to whom the people of Israel come!  
<sup>2</sup>Go to Kalneh and look at it;  
go from there to great Hamath,  
and then go down to Gath in Philistia.  
Are they better off than your two kingdoms?  
Is their land larger than yours?  
<sup>3</sup>You put off the day of disaster  
and bring near a reign of terror.  
<sup>4</sup>You lie on beds adorned with ivory  
and lounge on your couches.  
You dine on choice lambs  
and fattened calves.  
<sup>5</sup>You strum away on your harps like David  
and improvise on musical instruments.  
<sup>6</sup>You drink wine by the bowlful  
and use the finest lotions,  
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;  
your feasting and lounging will end.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **146A I Will Praise the Lord All My Life**

*Psalm 146A*

### **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 13:1–6*

*Because the Lord is our helper in both life and death, in all aspects of life we strive to live for him.*

<sup>1</sup>Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup>Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

<sup>4</sup>Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup>So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 16:31



### Refrain



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If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets,  
they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

### Refrain

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## Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

*Jesus tells us a parable about two men, one whose confidence was in his wealth, another whose confidence was in his God.*

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup>and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup>“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

<sup>25</sup>“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

<sup>27</sup>“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

<sup>29</sup>“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

<sup>30</sup>“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

<sup>31</sup>“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **631 Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening**

CW 631

### **Sermon**

*Complacency Kills True Repentance*

*Amos 6:1-7*

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **Prayer of the Church**

## Offering

### 718 Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

CW 718

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### 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  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## 488 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

CW 488

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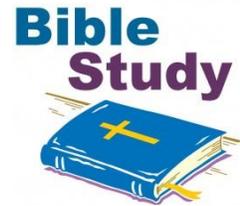
**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class 7:00 pm BIC Class
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am Worship w/Communion 9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/Communion

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

“Disciplines of a Godly Woman”

What does it mean to be a godly woman? The answer to this question will be the focus of our October Women’s Bible Study. God has much to say to us in his Word about our lives as godly women living in an ungodly world.



Please come Saturday, October 8, 2022, beginning at 10:00 am and bring a guest!

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

Jeanne Thomas purchased the chancel flowers today for the occasion of her sister, Sally’s birthday – and in loving memory of her father Pete’s birthday as well. May God reassure you always that birthdays come and go but the life we live has no end through faith in Jesus Christ. Enjoy living your life to his glory and praise!



<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
9/18/22	\$ 2,686.15	8:00 am	26	9/18/22	\$ 362.00
Month to Date	\$ 9,955.15	10:30 am	39	Month to Date	\$ 1,041.00
YTD	\$ 131,056.00	Total	65	YTD	\$ 30,994.00
Budget YTD	\$ 146,190.00	33% of total membership		Budget YTD	\$ 25,087.00
2021 YTD	\$ 141,342.00			2021 YTD	\$ 31,745.00
<b>Weekly needs September Operating Offering</b>					<b>\$ 3,953.00</b>
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>					<b>\$ 2,867.00</b>