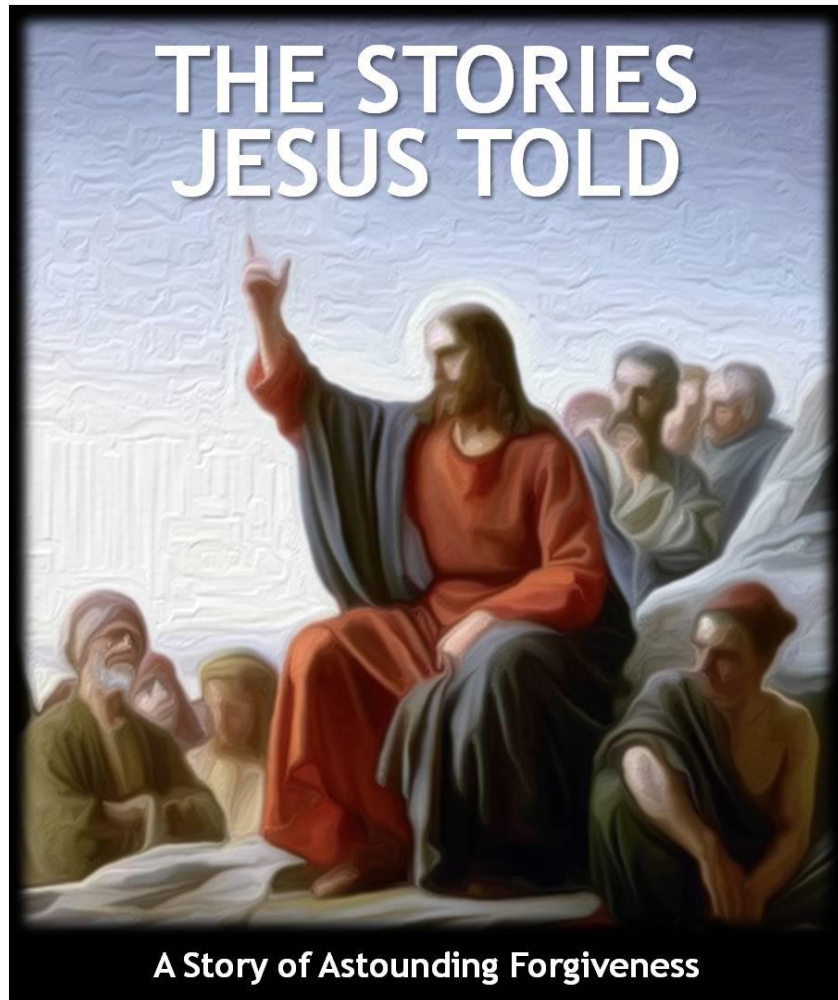


Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Pentecost 15

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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

Perhaps the hardest thing Jesus asks us to do is to forgive those who have hurt us badly. It is too painful to let go our indignation and sense of justice. In today's parable, Jesus shows us how a lack of forgiveness keeps us in a prison of bitterness. Worse, Jesus says refusal to forgive can put you in an eternal prison called hell. How can we do this great thing called "forgiving"? How can we let go of the anger and hurt? Only by the power Christ gives when he shows *us* astounding forgiveness.

INFORMATION

- Our nursery area is located near the entrance area of the church. It is equipped with a television monitor so that you can view and follow the service if you desire to stay with your child in the nursery.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors down the hallway on the right. A changing table for infants and toddlers is located in both restrooms. Additional restrooms are available in the education wing.
- The service is recorded and may be found on our YouTube channel or website.

Musician: Mrs. Jackie Bondow

ORDER OF SERVICE

JUSTIFICATION

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Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me. All my wants to him are known;
and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt.
Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

STAND

[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[M]: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[C]: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

[C]: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

[M]: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are written in a simple, clear style, with stems and beams indicating the rhythm. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.



Praise the LORD, O my soul;*
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins*
and heals all your diseases;
he redeems your life from the grave*
and crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He does not treat us as our sins deserve*
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Refrain

As a father has compassion on his children,*
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed,*
he remembers that we are dust.
Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;*
the wind blows over it and it is gone.
But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him*
from everlasting to everlasting.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. (Romans 15:4)

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

CHRISTIAN LOVE

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Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," You
2 How can your par - don reach and bless The
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And

taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in

grant us grace To live the words we say.
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owed to us; How great our debt to you!
bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-87, alt. © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
Tune: DETROIT (CM) *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, Harrisonburg, 1820.

SERMON

Matthew 18:21-35

Get Acquainted with Real Forgiveness

- I. By grasping how greatly God has forgiven you
- II. By forgiving as greatly as God has forgiven you

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

This is a good time to pause your recording and prepare an online gift on our website under the tab "support" www.princeofpeacemartinez.com/ – you may also mail your offerings into the church. Remember that offerings are NOT mandatory but a joyful expression of our gratitude for the Word of God and the Sacraments God has given to his church for our salvation.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

[M]: 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.

[C]: Amen. Amen. Amen.

LENT

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When O'er My Sins I Sorrow

1 When o'er my sins I sor - row, Lord, I will
 2 Oh, what a mar - v'lous of - f'ring! Be - hold, the
 3 My man - i - fold trans - gres - sion Hence - forth can
 4 There - fore I will for - ev - er Give thanks con

look to you And hence my com - fort bor - row
 Mas - ter spares His ser - vants, and their suf - f'ring
 harm me none Since Je - sus' blood - y pas - sion
 tin - ual - ly, O Je - sus, lov - ing Sav - ior,

That you were slain for me. Your pre - cious
 And grief for them he bears. Our God comes
 For me God's grace has won. His blood my
 For what you did for me. I'll spend my

blood was of - fered For me, oh, most un -
 down from heav - en; For me, his guilt - y
 debt has can - celed; Of hell and all its
 breath in prais - es For your sad cry, your

wor - thy, To take a - way my guilt.
 crea - ture, He deigns as man to die.
 tor - ments I am no more a - fraid.
 suf - f'rings, Your wounds, your guilt - less death.

Text: Justus Gesenius, 1601-73, abr.; tr. composite.

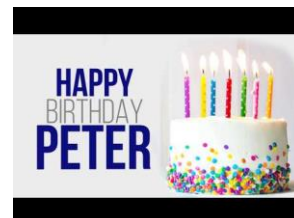
Tune: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN (76 76 776) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524, alt.

THE WEEK AHEAD

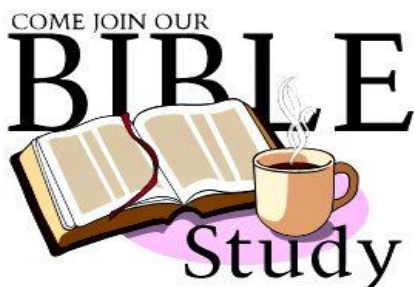
MONDAY	Pastor @Circuit Meeting in Moncks Corner
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class (Psalms) 7:00 pm Bible Class (Psalms)
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship inside 9:15 am – 9:45 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship in parking lot

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Jeanne Thomas purchased the chancel flowers today for the occasion of her father, Peter's birthday!! May God keep you in his loving care and 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! Happy birthday to Peter!



MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS



Midweek Bible Class starts this week on Wednesday, September 16th. Sessions will be held at both 10:15 am and 7:00 pm to accommodate a variety of schedules. We will be taking a look at the Psalms in this class. Come learn about the book Martin Luther called, "a little Bible," since, "in it is comprehended most beautifully and briefly everything that is in the entire Bible"

MARRIAGE MOMENTS VIDEOS

Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriage needs moments of encouragement and refreshment. Beginning this October, WELS will be offering short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Watch for more info in this week's *This Week @Prince of Peace* email.



Operating Offerings

09/06/20	\$ 4,195.00
Month to Date	\$ 4,195.00
YTD	\$ 147,869.00
Budget YTD	\$ 167,694.00
2019 YTD	\$ 143,638.00

Attendance

8:00 am	27
9:00 am	36
Total	63

Mortgage Progress

09/06/20	\$ 1,490.00
Month to Date	\$ 1,490.00
YTD	\$ 32,540.00
Budget YTD	\$ 23,653.00
2019 YTD	\$ 18,904.00

Weekly needs September Operating Offering

\$ 4,771.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 2,867.00

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