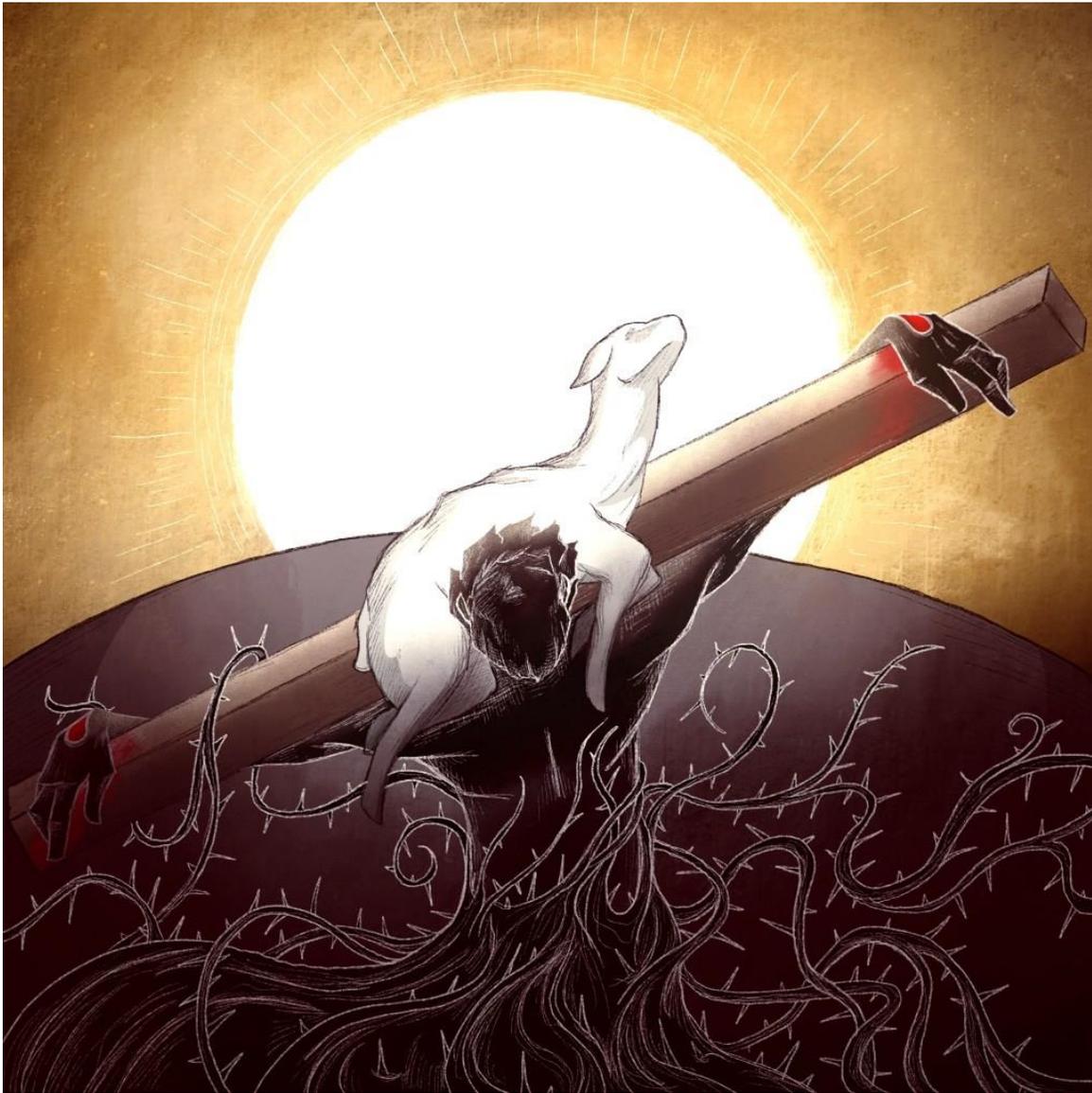


Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Humble Will be Exalted;
The Exalted Will be Humbled

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“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

How easy it is to fall into the sinful trap of pride! This shouldn't be surprising though. That is the way that the world works—the best people get the best things. As a result everyone is trying to get ahead; everyone is trying to be better than everyone else and because of that we only focus on ourselves and look down upon others. How often doesn't our desire to be great cause us to treat poorly those we believe we can stand on top of and show favoritism to those we believe can provide us with upward mobility. Rather than minimizing pride as a sin that is common or harmless, Jesus’ words today confront us with this hard truth. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled by God. But Jesus also gives us the promise we need to be freed from pride’s trap. Our exaltation doesn’t need to be our responsibility because Jesus has already made it his. Those who humble themselves Christ will exalt.

767 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

CW 767

Stand

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

Confession

CW 154

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

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.

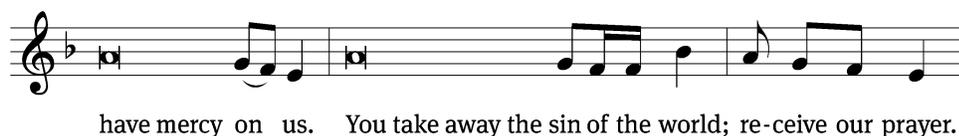
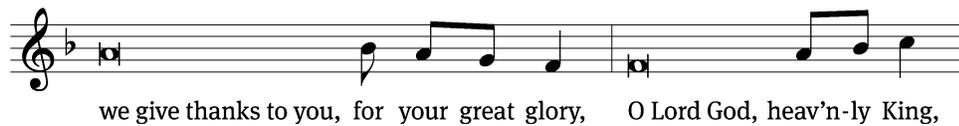
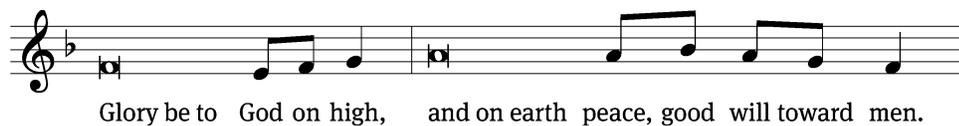
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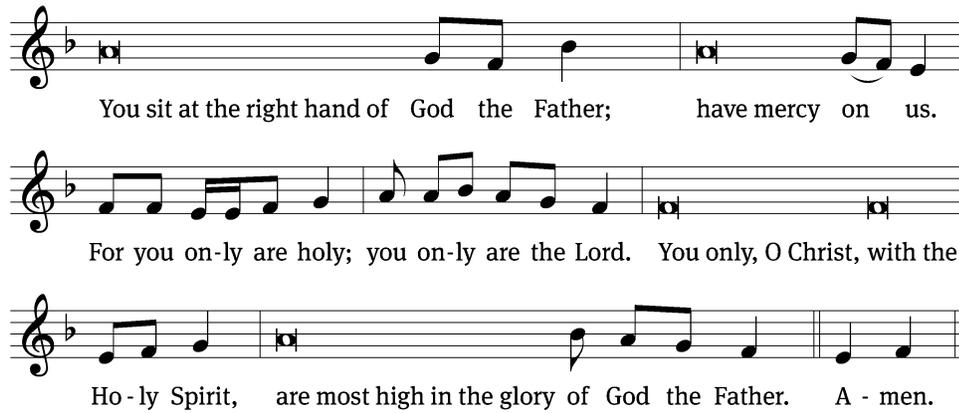
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God

CW 157





You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

Proverbs 25:6,7a

Solomon provides common sense about humility and pride.

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
 and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
 than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

112B Come, Praise the LORD! Hallelujah

(sung by the choir)

Psalm 112B

Second Reading

James 2:1–13

James teaches that showing favoritism treats others with judgment rather than mercy, putting us at risk of receiving the same from God.

¹My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹²Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Sermon

James 2:1–13

Actions of Pride are Serious Sins

- I. Not Christian conduct
- II. Worthy of real judgement

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

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

732 In Unity and Peace

CW 732

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.

928 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship w/Communion 9:15 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship w/Communion

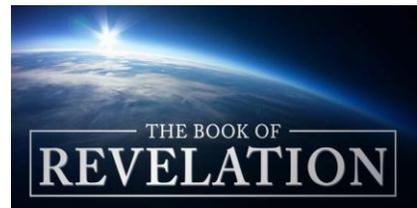
CHANCEL FLOWERS



Joe and Chris Henry purchased the chancel flowers today to praise and glorify God for the blessings Bryce, has brought into their lives. Bryce is celebrating a birthday in a few days. May we all thank God for the precious gift of life and thank God for the blessings he bestows on us through our loved ones. Happy birthday, Bryce!

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY – REVELATION

We've just begun a study of the book of Revelation! Often misunderstood and mis-interpreted, this book of the Bible intends to give great comfort to God's people as they wait eagerly for Jesus to return. Take advantage of this great opportunity to see how God reassures us of his promises through the revelation given through the Apostle John. There are two opportunities to attend Wednesday Bible Class every week: 10:15 am & 6:00 pm. All are welcome!



PICTURE TAKER



Do you like to take pictures? Do you know what resolution and aspect ratio are? Do you know how to crop and resize? You don't have to be an expert, but Prince of Peace is in need of an individual(s) who are willing to take new member photos, confirmation photos, etc. If you are interested and want to know more or just want to know more about what would be expected of you before you volunteer, talk to Pastor.

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
8/21/22	\$ 2,462.00	8:00 am	25	8/21/22	\$ 462.00
Month to Date	\$ 11,677.00	10:30 am	40	Month to Date	\$ 1,141.00
YTD	\$ 119,027.00	Total	65	YTD	\$ 27,906.00
Budget YTD	\$ 130,426.00	34% of total membership		Budget YTD	\$ 22,220.00
2021 YTD	\$ 125,162.00			2021 YTD	\$ 28,719.00
Weekly needs August Operating Offering					\$ 3,904.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment					\$ 2,867.00