

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



God Open Our Eyes to See: The Importance of a Servant Attitude

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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

Everyone wants to know where they stand. More honestly, everyone hopes that they have a good standing: in their community; at work; with friends; with God. When it comes to our standing with God, however, the only thing necessary to know is Christ crucified. We won’t achieve greatness because of what we do or who we are. In fact, Jesus tells us that greatness is not about doing the things that usually make a person great, but about being a servant and considering yourself last.

WORSHIP SERIES

During this last part of the season of Pentecost the Scripture readings (especially the Gospel) focus us to see that God is our all in all. There is no church life and “other life.” For the Christian, there is one life—the Christian life. Throughout this series we’ll take a look at the many ways God opens our eyes to see how we can consider every facet of our life as an essential element in the whole of our Christian lives. So we pray:

GOD, OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE

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| Sunday, September 5 th | — | What Makes Real Godly Obedience |
| Sunday, September 12 th | — | What Need and Suffering Show us About You |
| Sunday, September 19 th | — | What the Walk of the Cross is Like |
| Sunday, September 26th | | The Importance of a Servant Attitude |
| Sunday, October 3 rd | — | More Deeply How to Consider Ourselves |
| Sunday, October 10 th | — | How Marriage is Meant to Display Your Love |
| Sunday, October 17 th | — | How We Ought to Think about Our Possessions |
| Sunday, October 24 th | — | What Kind of Ambition We Ought to Have |

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 478

With the Lord Begin Your Task

COMMITMENT

478 With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di -
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise and ad - o -
3 With your Sav - ior at your side Foes need not a -
4 If your task is thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's



rect it. For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus
ra - tion. On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is
harm you; In his prom - is - es con - fide And no
bless - ing, Safe - ly then your course will run, Naught your



will per - fect it. Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise,
your sal - va - tion. Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night
ill can harm you. All your trust and hope re - pose
soul dis - tress - ing. Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where



And, when day is end - ed, In his name then
Je - sus will be near you, Save you from the
In the might - y Mas - ter, Who in wis - dom
While you here must wan - der; You at last the



close your eyes; Be to him com - mend - ed.
temp - ter's might, With his pres - ence cheer you.
tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

Text: *Morgen-und Abend-segen*, Waldenburg, 1734, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Tune: FANG DEIN WERK (76 76 D Trochaic) Peter Frank, 1616–75, alt.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

[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 TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: The Lord be with you.

[C]: **And also with you.**

[M]: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Jeremiah faithfully followed the Word of the Lord in his preaching of woe to those who abandoned that Word. He preached out of love for his people and to save them from destruction. But what did he receive? Only the hatred of those he served. How deeply Jeremiah imitates the love of Christ by serving the undeserving.

¹⁸ Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹ I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree and its fruit;
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰ But you, LORD Almighty, who judge righteously
and test the heart and mind,
let me see your vengeance on them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 31

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



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In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

Refrain

My times are in your hands;
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy
when I called to you for help.

**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 READING

James 3:13-18

Gentleness and unselfish service are virtues that imitate Christ's own perfect gentleness and unselfish service to us. Selfish ambition and jealousy are from the devil; they not only add to the suffering of our fellow man, but also hinder the proclamation of the gospel.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

STAND



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

In this reading, we hear Jesus indicate his willingness to submit to the death the Father had appointed for him. At the same time, this reading presents to us men who displayed a lack of humility. The twelve disciples had argued about who was the greatest among them. With the aid of a little child, Jesus teaches them what it means to be great in the kingdom of God.

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."



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

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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY 486

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

STEWARDSHIP

486 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'ings Which on
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious
 ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."
 of - f'ings Due by sol - emn right to you,
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
 need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
 may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and
 stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
 bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day.
 gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-89, alt.
 Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87.

This is Greatness:

- I. To Know Christ's Death
- II. To Live as a Servant

STAND

Cre - ate in me a
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING

During this on-going pandemic we have refrained from passing the offering plate. You may place your offering into the plate on the table before or after the service. Online giving is also available on our website, www.princeofpeacemartinez.com .

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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.**

STEWARDSHIP

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Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to
 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the
 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



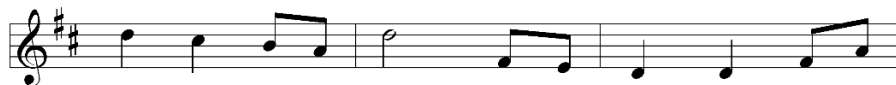
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough,
 gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has
 sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
 shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!
 on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our
 Let us to him prompt - ly, free - ly, Yield our
 Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -
 bod - ies and our souls, Thank - ful that his love pro -
 com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.
 tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.
 joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

STAND

[M]: 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.

[C]: Amen.

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.


BE SEATED

HYMN 31

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

CLOSE OF SERVICE

319 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,
King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no
pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:
Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my
hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

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 with The Lord's Supper 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with The Lord's Supper

FLOWERS



Kyung-Mi and Myron Schroeder provided the chancel flowers today to give God glory and praise as they celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary! We join them in thanking God for the many blessings he has showered on them in marriage. May God's love for them in Christ continue to bring them joy, comfort, peace and hope all the days of their lives! Happy anniversary, Kyung-Mi & Myron!

GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Don't forget you can participate in the APOGEE program to support our preschool. If you are a Georgia resident and pay Georgia state income tax, you can redirect up to \$2,500.00 of the money you pay to the government in the form of income tax to Prince of Peace Preschool through this program. Redirecting your tax dollars in this way helps us grow our school and financial aid resources. For more information contact Jeanne Thomas or Ann Wendt. You can also check out the Apogee website at www.apogee123.org



[Right now, you can still participate for the 2021 tax year \(and get your refund when you file in 2022\) and participate for 2022 tax year as well.](#)

DIRECTORY PICTURES



Consider this one last reminder about updating your directory picture. This is a great way to help one another put a name to a current, up-to-date and recognizable face! Please let Mike Hilbert know when you have your whole family present to take an updated picture in front of the altar.

FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 31st starting at 11:30 am following 2nd Service. There is a sign-up sheet for bringing sides, drinks, and desserts on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office



<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
9/19/21	\$ 3,403.00	8:00 am	28	9/19/21	\$ 300.00
Month to Date	\$ 11,744.00	10:30 am	51	Month to Date	\$ 2,615.00
YTD	\$ 140,836.00	Total	79	YTD	\$ 32,065.00
Budget YTD	\$ 152,734.00			Budget YTD	\$ 25,087.00
2020 YTD	\$ 154,714.00			2020 YTD	\$ 33,420.00

Weekly needs September Operating Offering **\$ 4,126.00**
Monthly Mortgage Payment **\$ 2,867.00**

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