

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Food for Eternal Life

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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

Just what is it that Jesus offers? He offers eternal life. It’s not just some ethereal existence either—Jesus says he will raise us up at the last day, giving us the assurance of a bodily resurrection! This is his grace for the whole world. It’s an assurance he gives us with a real connection to his body. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

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.

WORSHIP SERIES

Bread of Life

Sunday, August 1 st	—	Jesus the Great Provider (John 6:1-15)
Sunday, August 8 th	—	Spiritual over Physical (John 6:24-35)
Sunday, August 15 th	—	Exclusively from Jesus (John 6:41-51)
Sunday, August 22nd	—	Food for Eternal Life (John 6:51-58)
Sunday, August 29 th	—	Precious yet Hard Truth (John 6:60-69)

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 580

Every Morning Mercies New

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1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as
2 Still your kind - ness and your love Ev - 'ry day our
3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail That these gifts may
4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with



morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay
sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,
nev - er fail. And as we con - fess our sin
splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to you;



Trib - ute with the ear - ly day. For your mer - cies,
Lift the bur - den from the breast; Give un - bought to
And the temp - ter's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the
With your light our souls re - new. Then shall we our



Lord, are sure; Your com - pas - sion will en - dure.
those who pray Strength to live for you each day.
bread of life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.
voic - es raise In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.

Text: Greville Phillimore, 1821–84, alt.
Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76.

STAND

[M]: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[M]: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

[C]: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

[C]: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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

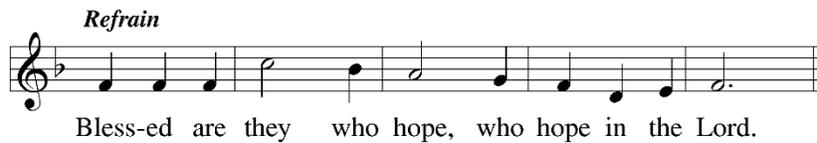
THE WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

This Old Testament lesson presents wisdom personified. Wisdom prepares and then invites us to a banquet that will give us understanding and life.

Wisdom has built her house;
she has set up its seven pillars.
² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
³ She has sent out her servants, and she calls
from the highest point of the city,
⁴ "Let all who are simple come to my house!"
To those who have no sense she says,
⁵ "Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.
⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of insight."



Blessed is the man
 who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
 or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
 and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
 which yields its fruit in season*
 and whose leaf does not wither.
 Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
 nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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

Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul explains that wisdom is not the banquet offered by the world's wisdom. Wisdom is to avoid worldly wisdom and to feast on the wisdom of God. Only the wisdom of God brings the joy of salvation.

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12 cf. RSV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

The Gospel explains what wisdom's banquet is. It is the flesh and blood of Jesus our Savior. Wisdom is to eat of Christ, the Bread of Life. This is not a physical eating but a spiritual digesting. It is to trust in him and his holy works for us sinners as the only way to heaven.

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

185 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our
 2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word In faith - ful
 3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter

Lord and Sav - ior In faith and fer - vent love em -
 hearts may trea - sure; Let e'er that bread of life af -
 hour im - pend - ing, May your good work in us be -

brace And tru - ly serve him ev - er, So that when
 ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to
 gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, Un - til we

death is near at hand We at his cross may firm -
 die to ev - 'ry sin; Each day cre - ate us new
 glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our Sav -

ly stand And there find our sal - va - tion.
 with - in That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 ior's hand To rest in peace e - ter - nal.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt.
 Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

SERMON

John 6:51-58

Eat the Bread of Life

- I. For True Life to Begin
- II. For True Life to Endure

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.**

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

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.**

BE SEATED

397 Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;
 5 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,



But that thy blood was shed for me
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
 Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 Wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
 Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
 Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871.
 Tune: WOODWORTH (LM) William B. Bradbury, 1816-68.

STAND

[M]: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

[M]: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

HYMN 348

Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus

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Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus



1 Je - sus, Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus Can my heart - felt
 2 One there is for whom I'm liv - ing, Whom I love most
 3 What to me may seem a trea - sure But dis - pleas - ing
 4 Let me ear - nest - ly en - deav - or Thy good plea - sure
 5 Je - sus, con - stant be my prais - es, For thou un - to



long - ing still. Lo, I pledge my - self to Je - sus,
 ten - der - ly; Un - to Je - sus I am giv - ing
 is to thee— Oh, re - move such harm - ful plea - sure;
 to ful - fill; In me, through me, with me ev - er,
 me didst bring Thine own self and all thy grac - es



What he wills a - lone to will, For my heart, which
 What in love he gave to me. Je - sus' blood hides
 Give in - stead what prof - its me. Let my heart by
 Lord, ac - com - plish thou thy will. In thy ho - ly
 That I joy - ful - ly may sing: Be it un - to



he hath filled, Ev - er cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."
 all my guilt— Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.
 thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.
 im - age built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.
 me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.

Text: Ludāmīlia Elisabeth, 1640–72; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: JESUS, JESUS, NICHTS ALS JESUS (87 87 77) *Das . . . vollkommene Musikalische Choral-Buch*, Hamburg, 1715, alt.

THE WEEK AHEAD

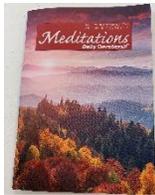
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

FLOWERS

Karen Thomasson purchased the chancel flowers today. Each day God showers blessings on us more wonderful than we have any right to demand or expect. Each day we are mindful that God provides us with everything that we need for our daily life. But we often take for granted that God provides us with more spiritual blessings than we can begin to count: forgiveness of sins, answered prayers, purposeful living, godly goals and so much more! Thank you, Karen, for reminding us to always live with gratitude in our hearts to God.



NEW MEDITATIONS



New meditations books are here and in your church mailboxes. There are also a few extra copies in the rack in the Narthex and you can always find a few extras, along with previous editions in the empty boxes on the right hand side of the mailboxes.

DIRECTORY PICTURES

Put on your Sunday best and smile for the camera! It's been a while since many of our directory pictures have been updated. Let's use the Sundays of September to make an effort to get updated pictures for the directory and board in the narthex. This is a great way to help one another put a name to a face! Please let Mike Hilbert know when you have your whole family present to take an updated picture in front of the altar.



<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
8/15/21	\$ 3,650.47	8:00 am	35	8/15/21	\$ 180.00
Month to Date	\$ 11,434.47	10:30 am	46	Month to Date	\$ 2,495.00
YTD	\$ 124,806.00	Total	81	YTD	\$ 29,020.00
Budget YTD	\$ 132,208.00			Budget YTD	\$ 21,790.00
2020 YTD	\$ 136,541.00			2020 YTD	\$ 30,208.00

Weekly needs July Operating Offering	\$ 4,075.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,867.00

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