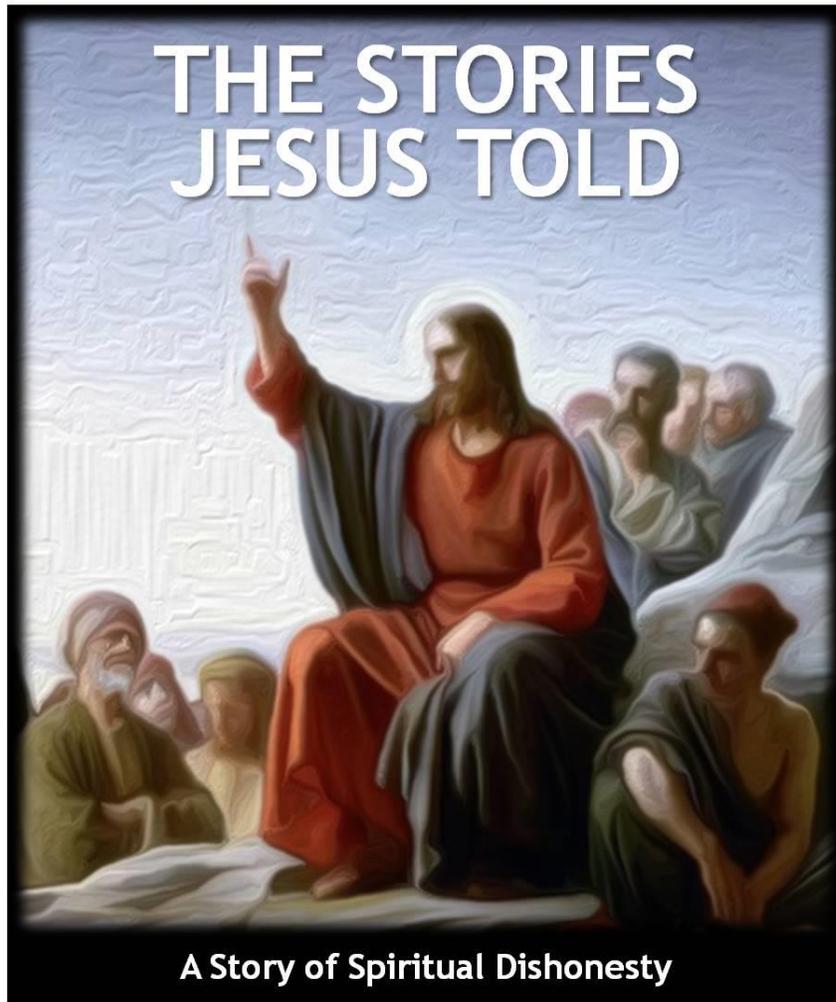


Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



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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

You have maybe heard the accusation, or perhaps even made it yourself. "She's so fake!" That charge claims that someone's friendliness or kindness is a sham. It bothers us when people are disingenuous. We would generally rather someone be honest about how they feel about us than be fake. And God feels the same. In his parable this week, Jesus tells us that God isn't even close to happy when Christians simply go through religious motions. God yearns for our love to be sincere.

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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Drawn to the Cross



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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 e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: 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 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 LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“ ‘The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?”

³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious
ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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

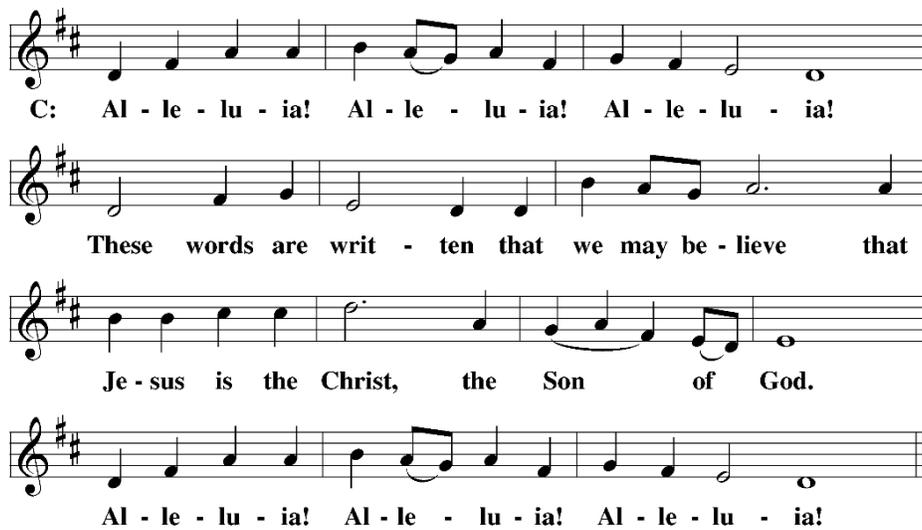
SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:5-8

⁵ Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? ⁶ And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. ⁷ Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. ⁸ For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11)



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

Matthew 21:28-32

²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Before You, God the Judge of All



1 Be - fore you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I
2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh, cast me not in
3 O Je - sus, let your pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,
wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



My sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
But let him draw to you my heart That tru - ly
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.
Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

Which Son Are You?

- I. The one with empty words?**
- II. The one with repentant actions?**

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.**

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saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

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]: 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]: Amen.

456 Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
 2 Oh, let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill The task your
 3 May I find you at my right hand; Your eyes see
 4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke And ev - 'ry
 5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy What - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, De - ter - mined on - ly
 wis - dom has as - signed And do your good and
 tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at
 mo - ment watch and pray And still to things e -
 you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know In all I think or speak or do.
 per - fect will— In all my works your pres - ence find!
 your com - mand And of - fer all my works to you.
 ter - nal look And has - ten to your glo - rious day.
 course with joy And close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.
 Tune: LAKEWOOD (LM) Barry L. Bobb, b. 1951. © 1981 Barry L. Bobb. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class (Psalms) 7:00 pm Bible Class (Psalms)
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Class @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

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kyung Mi Schroeder was recently hospitalized and is now at home receiving hospice care. During these difficult times we entrust her into the Lord’s hands. Please keep Kyung Mi, Myron, and their family in your prayers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School materials are available at church for Families who are not yet returning to full in-person worship activities. WELS has also provided video lessons, taught by WELS teachers, which accompany the physical materials. Those videos can be found on the Northwestern Publishing House YouTube channel. Simply look for the lesson and age category that correspond in the video description. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Neumann.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

Karen Thomasson has presented the chancel flowers today to give thanks to God for all the blessings that family brings into our lives. God has given us families to fill our lives with joy while serving Him in our lives. May we never take our families for granted. But thank God daily for the blessings they bring into our lives. Thanks to Karen for reminding us!



Operating Offerings

09/20/20	\$ 2,175.00
Month to Date	\$ 11,060.00
YTD	\$ 154,734.00
Budget YTD	\$ 177,237.00
2019 YTD	\$ 153,201.00

Attendance

8:00 am	36
10:00 am	37
Total	73

Mortgage Progress

09/20/20	\$ 390.00
Month to Date	\$ 2,095.00
YTD	\$ 33,145.00
Budget YTD	\$ 25,087.00
2019 YTD	\$ 20,011.00

Weekly needs September Operating Offering **\$ 4,771.00**
Monthly Mortgage Payment **\$ 2,867.00**

Reminder: On-line giving is available on our website should you be unable to join us for worship. Remember to watch the worship service online when you are not here!

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