

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Facing Tragedy

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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

Death is a consequence of sin entering the world. Death is ugly, death is sad. However, when we remember who we are — redeemed children of God — we do not fear death nor hopelessly mourn over those who die. We know that death has been swallowed up by death. Our Savior has triumphed over death! How can we endure living in a world so tarnished by death? It is only by the grace of God which gives us faith to believe even when death meets us face to face.

LORD’S SUPPER

Scripture teaches us that in the Lord’s Supper:

- The body and blood of Christ are really present with the bread and the wine. (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:27)
- Jesus gives true forgiveness, not just a symbol, to each recipient. (Matthew 26:28)
- We are united as one body of believers because we all partake the one body and blood of Christ. “Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.” (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

For these reasons we ask that, if you are not a part of a WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) or ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church that publicly confesses to believe these same scriptural truths, you speak with our pastor before you take the Sacrament. We do not wish to judge your faith, but want to make sure that we are in agreement before publicly declaring that we share a common faith.

We are careful about the way we celebrate the Lord’s Supper because we want to humbly accept this gift the way God intended.

WORSHIP SERIES

Secure in Identity: Prepared for Life

Knowing who we are and being secure in our identity as Christians prepares us for the many and varied situations that life will throw at us. Because we still live in a sinful world and still retain our sinful nature we will encounter many things that may cause us to doubt. But, when we remember who we are and all that our identity as Christians means, we are prepared to face even the most difficult of times.

Sunday, July 4th —	In the Face of Tragedy
Sunday, July 11 th —	Rejected and Received
Sunday, July 18 th —	Sent to Work
Sunday, July 25 th —	Reinvigorated and Cared For

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 534

In the Midst of Earthly Life

534

In the Midst of Earthly Life



1 In the midst of earth - ly life Snares of death sur -
2 In the midst of death's dark vale Pow'rs of hell o'er -
3 In the midst of ut - ter woe When our sins op -



round us. Who shall help us in the strife Lest the
take us. Who will help when they as - sail, Who se -
press us, Where shall we for ref - uge go, Where for



foe con - found us? You on - ly, Lord, you on - ly!
cure will make us? You on - ly, Lord, you on - ly!
grace to bless us? To you, Lord Je - sus, on - ly!



We mourn that we have great - ly erred, That our sins your
Your heart is moved with ten - der - ness, Pit - ies us in
Your pre - cious blood was shed to win Full a - tone - ment



wrath have stirred. Ho - ly and right - eous God! Ho - ly
our dis - tress. Ho - ly and right - eous God! Ho - ly
for our sin. Ho - ly and right - eous God! Ho - ly



and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful Sav - ior!
and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful Sav - ior!
and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful Sav - ior!



E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us lest we per - ish
E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us from the ter - ror
E - ter - nal Lord God! Lord, pre - serve and keep us



In the bit - ter pangs of death. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
Of the fier - y pit of hell. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
In the peace that faith can give. Have mer - cy, O Lord!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: MITTEN WIR IM LEBEN SIND (PM) Latin melody, 13th century, adapt.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

[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.

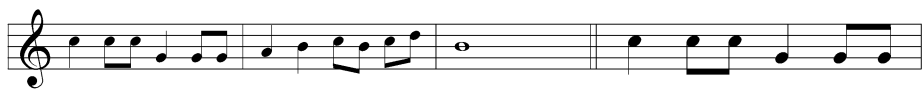
[C]: Amen.

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 seated 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.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 READING

Lamentations 3:22-33

This reading is a portion of Jeremiah's lament over the destruction of the temple, the destruction of Jerusalem, and the Babylonian captivity of the people of Judah. However, these verses are not an expression of grief and sorrow. They are words of hope to all who will put their trust in the Lord in times of trial and tribulation. Even in suffering and sadness the Christian has cause for rejoicing because the Lord's "compassions never fail. They are new every morning."

²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

²³ They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

²⁵ The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;

²⁶ it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷ It is good for a man to bear the yoke
while he is young.

²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence,
for the LORD has laid it on him.

²⁹ Let him bury his face in the dust—
there may yet be hope.

³⁰ Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him,
and let him be filled with disgrace.

³¹ For no one is cast off
by the Lord forever.

³² Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.

³³ For he does not willingly bring affliction
or grief to anyone.

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;*
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,*
but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,*
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;*
O LORD, be my help.

You turned my wailing into dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**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

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14

From this letter of Paul, it appears that the Macedonian Christians had learned the valuable lesson taught by Jeremiah in the previous reading. Despite the affliction of their poverty, they were shining examples of selfless generosity with their offerings to the collection for the needy in Judea. Paul points out that this was a result of their first having given themselves to the Lord, who had become poor so that we all might have the true riches of heaven. As we learn better to rejoice in our salvation through every trying circumstance of life, our offerings will become more generous.

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴ At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia. (Mark 8:34b)

STAND



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

GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

The Gospel reading for this Sunday shows clearly that Jesus is the Lord of life and death, with the power of life being in his word. This truth brings great comfort to us believers. Not only is our God compassionate, but he is able to help us. In fact, he has done so in Christ, his Son, and for his sake, he will continue to do so until we arrive safely in heaven.

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”

³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha kum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.



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

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

TRUST

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In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust



1 In you, O Lord, I put my trust—
 2 Oh, lis - ten, Lord, most gra - cious - ly,
 3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock,
 4 With you, O Lord, I cast my lot;
 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty



Leave me not help - less in the dust;
 And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea;
 My for - tress that with - stands each shock,
 O faith - ful God, for - sake me not,
 To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it be,



Let me not be con - found - ed.
 Make haste for my pro - tec - tion,
 My help, my life, my tow - er,
 To you my soul com - mend - ing.
 Our God for - ev - er glo - rious,



My faith, O Lord, Must in your Word
 For woes and fear Sur - round me here.
 My bat - tle sword, Al - might - y Lord—
 Lord, be my stay, And lead the way
 In whose rich grace We run our race



Be al - ways firm - ly ground - ed.
 Help me in my af - flic - tion.
 What can re - sist your pow - er?
 Now and when life is end - ing.
 Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

Text: Adam Reusner, 1496–c. 1575, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-4, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 5, alt.
 Tune: IN DICH HAB ICH GEHOFFET (887 447) *Davids Himmlische Harpffen*, Nürnberg, 1581, alt.

SERMON

Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

Don't Be Afraid; Just Believe

- I. Come to Jesus in fearful times
- II. Don't become discouraged
- III. Your faith will not be put to shame

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



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

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

[M]: The Lord be with you.

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

[M]: Lift up your hearts.

[C]: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

[M]: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

[C]: **It is good and right so to do.**

[M]: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[M]: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[M]: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C]: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The lyrics are: "In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

[M]: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

[C]: **And his mercy endures forever.**

[M]: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: **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.**

FAITH

404 Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven



1 Faith is a liv - ing pow'r from heav'n
 2 Faith finds in Christ what - e'er we need
 3 Faith in the Sav - ior brings us peace
 4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,
 5 As you have prom - ised, grant each soul



That grasps the prom - ise God has giv'n,
 To save or strength - en us in - deed,
 And bids the mourn - er's weep - ing cease;
 That you to us this faith have giv'n
 Its ho - ly faith's true end and goal:



A trust that can - not be o'er - thrown,
 Re - ceiv - ing grace from heav - en's throne
 By faith the chil - dren's place we claim
 Through might - y Word and sac - ra - ment
 The bless - ed - ness no foes de - stroy,



Fixed heart - i - ly on Christ a - lone.
 And hum - bly shar - ing cross and crown.
 And give all hon - or to one name.
 To trust the one whom you have sent.
 E - ter - nal love and light and joy.

Text: Petrus Herbert, d. 1571, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) As *hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, 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

Al and Deb Muehlfeld purchased the flowers for the altar today to give thanks and praise to God for the many blessings they have enjoyed from family and friends over the years. Over the course of our lives there are many people who impact our lives positively. Remember that all the relationships you have with others are gifts to you from God. Thank him for those who have made your life just a little sweeter. We struggle daily to live our lives for Christ. We join Al and Deb in thanking God for the positive encouragement so many loved ones have brought into our lives.



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Open house for Prince of Peace Preschool is scheduled for July 18th, 1:00 pm. If you know of someone looking for a preschool for their child, this is a great opportunity for them to get a first-hand look at all that Prince of Peace Preschool has to offer!

FELLOWSHIP HALL & PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS

The floors are done and it's time to move everything back into the preschool classrooms and fellowship hall. If you are able to assist with moving the fixtures and furniture back, please plan to stay after second service (or come back to help) to move everything back into place.

Operating Offerings

6/27/21	\$ 3,480.00
Month to Date	\$ 13,738.99
YTD	\$ 97,490.00
Budget YTD	\$ 103,711.00
2020 YTD	\$ 111,917.00

Attendance

8:00 am	29
10:30 am	52
Total	81

Mortgage Progress

6/27/21	\$ 490.00
Month to Date	\$ 6,260.00
YTD	\$ 23,465.00
Budget YTD	\$ 17,203.00
2020 YTD	\$ 25,835.00

Weekly needs June Operating Offering

\$ 4,028.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 2,867.00