

# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Faith Doesn't Fear the Future

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023



*“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

Faith Doesn’t fear the Future — What will happen tomorrow? Who knows! You can make a pretty good guess and most things will probably happen just as you planned or expected, but not always! And, the most unexpected things are, well, unexpected! That can cause a lot of anxiety. That can lead to a lot of worry. What am I going to become? What will happen to me? How can I know? God reminds us that he is in control. More than that he is with us. Gently, he invites us to put our trust in him and find rest from our burdens and worries. He knows the future, he is with us, and he will bless us. Faith doesn’t fear our future with God.

## JULY WORSHIP SERIES

### Real about Faith

- July 2 - Faith trusts that God is enough
- July 9 - Faith doesn’t fear the future**
- July 16 - Faith comes from hearing the Word
- July 23 - Faith isn’t worried about the world
- July 30 - Faith wants God not things

*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*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



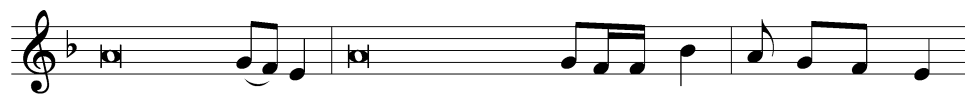
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



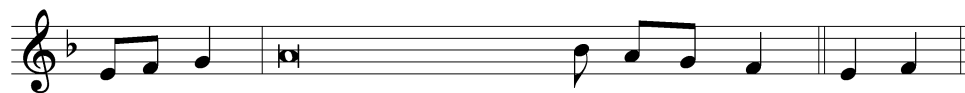
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; 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

Exodus 33:12–23

*The LORD reassures Moses by promising that his Presence will go with Israel and allowing Moses to see a glimpse of his glory.*

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ <sup>13</sup>If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup>How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

<sup>18</sup>Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

<sup>19</sup>And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup>But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

<sup>21</sup>Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup>When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

Romans 7:15–25a

*We place our trust in Jesus Christ to deliver us as we wrestle with our sinful nature.*

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup>And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup>So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup>For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; <sup>23</sup>but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup>What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 11:28



*Refrain*



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

*Refrain*

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## Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

*Jesus invites those who are weary and burdened to come to him for rest.*

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

<sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup>“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## 706 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

CW 706

## Sermon

*Do Not Worry! God is Present*

Exodus 33:12–23

*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 God, with your almighty power and wisdom you guide and guard the universe you created. Every planet and every star remain in place according to your design. You know the far reaches of space and observe even heavenly lights we cannot see.

**Lead us to marvel every day at the wonders of your creation.**

You created our planet to proclaim the depth of your majesty and love. At your command the world turns, the breezes blow, and the waters surge. Here you placed the crown of your creation, your human creatures, and gave us the bounty of the earth for our provision and pleasure.

**Help us to value and protect the blessings of nature you have given us.**



You have created the family, arranged society, and established governments to provide order and stability in our lives. You command us to respect and support the authorities that function with your permission. You teach us to love all people, those who are like us and those who are not, and to care for those in need of help.

**Move us to love others as your Son loved us.**

Guard and guide us when you allow serious diseases, financial uncertainty, and social unrest to torment our country. You surely punish the wicked in troubled times, but you also call people to turn away from sin to your forgiving love.

**Lead us to repent and examine our thoughts, words, and actions.**

Enable the medical community to discover cures for diseases and plagues that afflict our planet. Preserve the lives of your people that we may continue to share your love with others. Spare the lives of those who do not know you so they may find you and be saved.

**Give us confidence to place our bodies and lives into your protecting hand.**

Allow farms and factories, businesses and institutions, schools and communities to prosper and provide the blessings you desire to bestow on us. Use the blessing of wealth to enable us to spread the gospel throughout the world.

**Teach us to be faithful stewards of your blessings and lead us to manage them according to your will.**

Free us from all thoughts, words, and actions of prejudice and pride. Help us to see in all people the faces of those who have been redeemed by the innocent life and precious blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose for everyone from every nation under heaven.

**Help us to overcome the racial tensions that plague our land.**

Give wisdom to the leaders of our land and bend their will to yours. Drive away party spirit and harsh rhetoric that often deepen the divisions among people. Help our nation find contentment in helping and protecting one another.

**Guide us so we may avoid the pitfalls of anger and arrogance.**

Keep in your care all those who are sick and suffering in these troubled times. Restore health according to your will. Comfort those you are leading to heaven with the anticipation of their eternal home.

**Move us to pray fervently for those in need.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We come to you on behalf of the people and nation we love.

**Hear us for the sake of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

## Offering

### 814 Just as I am

CW 814

*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.**

### 839 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

CW 839

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:00 pm Board of Christian Education Meeting
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:15 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship w/Lord's Supper

### FLOWERS

Marcus and Emily Huebner are celebrating their wedding anniversary! We join them in giving thanks to God for the blessings they are enjoying as husband and wife. We also pray that Christ will continue to be the focal point of their lives. May they daily express God's love for them in Christ in all that they do. Happy anniversary!



### PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor is gone July 6-11 for vacation. If you need anything during that time, please contact one of the elders.

Operating Offerings		Attendance		Mortgage Progress	
7/2/23	\$ 4,403.00	7/2/23	60	7/2/23	\$ 15.00
Month to Date	\$ 4,403.00			Month to Date	\$ 15.00
YTD	\$ 106,935.00			YTD	\$ 21,765.00
Budget YTD	\$ 101,193.00			Budget YTD	\$ 17,776.00
2022 YTD	\$ 96,409.00			2022 YTD	\$ 20,155.00

**Weekly needs July Operating Offering**  
**Monthly Mortgage Payment**

**\$ 3,823.00**  
**\$ 2,867.00**