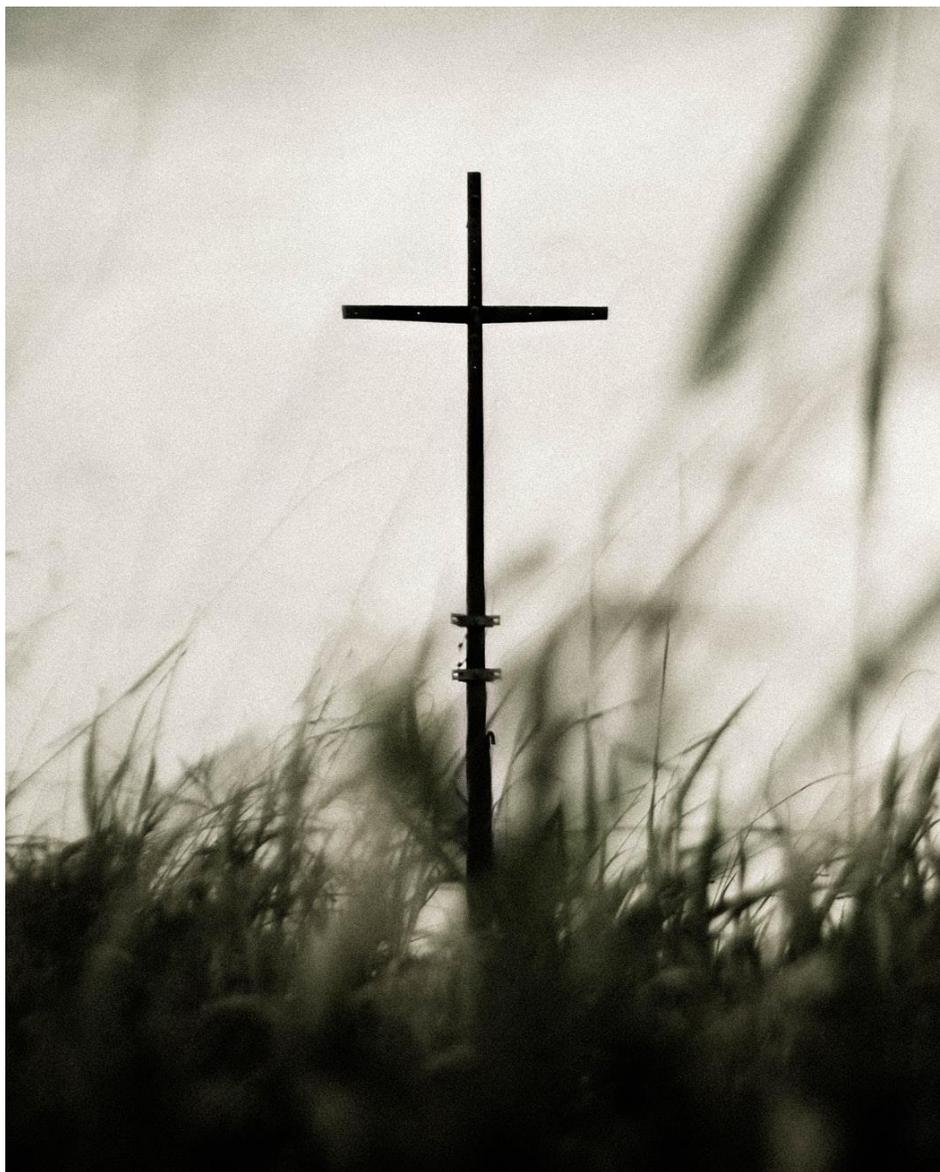


Prince of Peace
Evangelical Lutheran Church



God Open Our Eyes to See:
What The Walk of the Cross is Like

17th Sunday after Pentecost

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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

When we understand what Jesus is all about, then we can understand our lives as Christians as well. Our life is about the way of the cross just as Jesus’ life was. No, our way of the cross doesn’t save anyone’s soul, not even our own, but our crosses are a part of staying close to Jesus. What is the cross? Jesus defines it when he says, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves.” The cross is that which calls us to deny our sinful selfish impulses for the sake of the faith. With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

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

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 19th | — | What the Walk of the Cross is Like |
| Sunday, September 26 th | — | 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 428

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

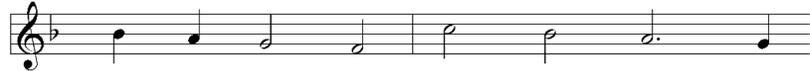
428 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me?
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me,
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness,
 4 Since I know God nev - er fails me,



Christ is near With his cheer; Nev - er
 Though their weight May be great, They will
 And I will Trust him still When he
 In his voice I'll re - joice When grim



will he leave me. Who can rob me
 not de - feat me. God, my lov - ing
 sends me sad - ness. God is good; his
 death as - sails me. Trust - ing in my



of the heav - en That God's Son For
 Sav - ior, sees them; He who knows All
 love at - tends me Day by day, Come
 Sav - ior's mer - it, Safe at last, Trou -



me won When his life was giv - en?
 my woes Knows how best to end them.
 what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
 bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, st. 1-3, abr.; Harlyn J. Kuschel, b. 1945, st. 4; tr. composite, st. 1-3.
 St. 4 © 1993 Harlyn J. Kuschel. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
 Tune: WARUM SOLLT ICH MICH DENN GRÄMEN (8 33 6 D) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.

STAND

[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

CONFESSON 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, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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

Isaiah 50:4-10

Isaiah speaks in prophecy. His words are the words of the promised Christ. He speaks about the good work of his approaching suffering as well as the victory his suffering would win for mankind. His victory would earn for us all forgiveness from God, eternal life and salvation. Isaiah was active as the Lord's prophet some 700 years before Christ came to be our Savior.

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.

⁶I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.

⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!

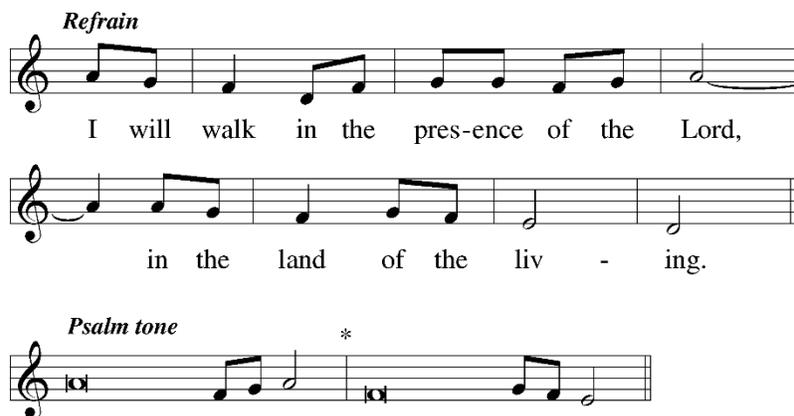
Who is my accuser?
Let him confront me!

⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.
Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the word of his servant?

Let the one who walks in the dark,
who has no light,
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on their God.



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;*
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,*
I will call on him as long as as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;*
when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD*
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call on the name of of the LORD.

**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 2:1-5,8-10,14-18

James impresses upon us that faith without works is no faith at all. To be sure, good works do not save any person. Nor do they in any way assist in salvation. James merely points out that faith always gives evidence of itself by works done according to God's will—as a thankful response to his saving grace in Christ Jesus.

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.
² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

(Philippians 4:4 RSV)

STAND



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

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

Peter makes the good confession that Jesus is the Christ prophesied in the Old Testament Scripture. Still, Peter did not understand when Jesus spoke about the suffering and death he was about to endure. Peter failed to understand how necessary Jesus' suffering was for man's salvation. We have come to understand who Jesus is and what he did for us. Let us also understand that faith shows itself by enduring suffering for Jesus' sake —by denying oneself and taking up a cross to follow him.

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

²⁸ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.



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

COMMITMENT

453 **Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke**



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



way a - bid - ing. De - ny your - selves; the
 life dis - play - ing. I bid you walk as
 love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my
 souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.
 in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.
 lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.
 guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.
 to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take
 I am the way, and well I show How
 My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To
 I am the ref - uge of the soul And
 For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 you should jour - ney here be - low.
 God I yield; on him I call.
 lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.
 Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

SERMON

Mark 8:27-35

A Life About The Cross

- I. Jesus' Life
- II. Our Lives

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

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

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: 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

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.

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

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

[M]: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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

HOLY COMMUNION

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er -

fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take
liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will

leave. The sup - per is end - ed; Oh, be now ex -
face. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er

tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be -
car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and

lieve. The seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep -
race. With your feast you feed us; With your

tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for
light now lead us; U - nite us as one in this

God and for all. His grace did in - vite us; His
life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing With

love shall u - nite us To work for God's
praise and thanks - giv - ing Give hon - or to

king - dom and an - swer his call.
Christ and his name that we bear.

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

FLOWERS



The Thomas family has purchased the chancel flowers today for the occasion of Pete’s and Sally’s birthdays. Happy birthday to Peter and Sally! May God keep you both in his loving care and reassure you always that birthdays come and go but the life we live has no end through faith in Jesus Christ. Enjoy living your life to his glory and praise.

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



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>	
9/12/21	\$ 5,315.00	8:00 am	36	9/12/21	\$ 215.00
Month to Date	\$ 8,341.00	10:30 am	42	Month to Date	\$ 2,315.00
YTD	\$ 137,433.00	Total	78	YTD	\$ 31,765.00
Budget YTD	\$ 148,609.00			Budget YTD	\$ 24,370.00
2020 YTD	\$ 151,034.00			2020 YTD	\$ 32,630.00

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

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