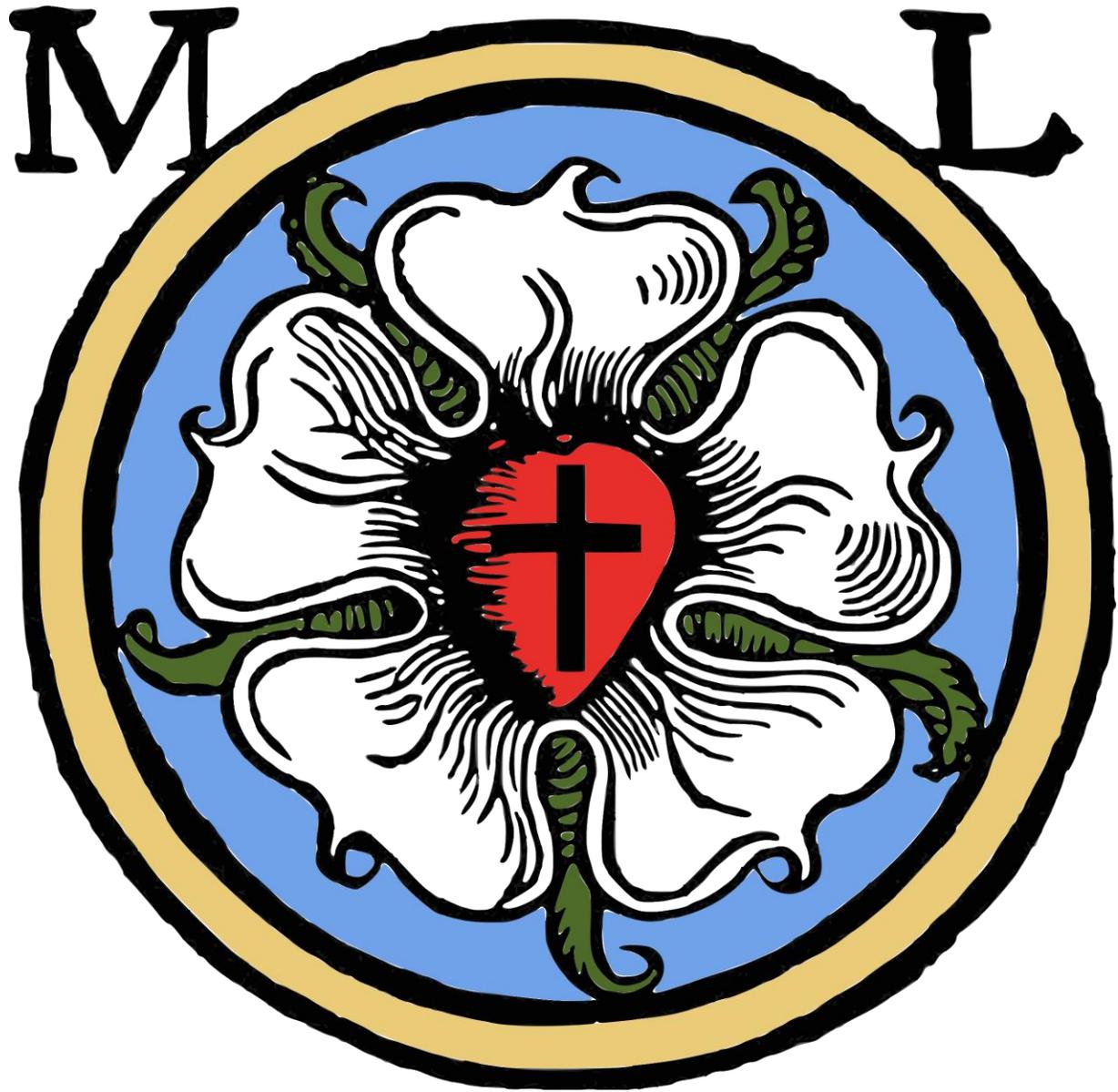


Prince of Peace  
Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Truth Will Set You Free

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022



***“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**

Jesus helps us understand true freedom when he says, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” A key principle Martin Luther established through the Reformation is *sola scriptura*—Scripture alone. The heritage of the Reformation is holding to Jesus’ teaching. On what basis is a belief or practice justified or rejected? Scripture alone. Who or what is the final judge of truth? Scripture alone. Does restricting ourselves in this manner restrict freedom? Just the opposite is true. God’s divinely inspired truth brings freedom. It frees us from slavery to sinful delusions, the burden of guilt, and the curse of death. Instead, it makes us heirs of salvation. The truth sets us free.

*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*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.  
**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

CW 157



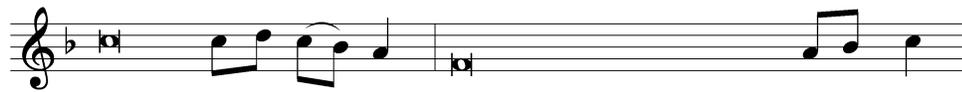
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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 Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; 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*

## Children's Choir

*Say to the Lord I Love You  
This is Amazing Grace*

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

*The old covenant of law could tell people how to act. It could not create the desire to freely do so. The new covenant of grace transforms people's hearts, so they freely and joyfully follow God's will.*

<sup>31</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,”  
declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,

and they will be my people.  
<sup>34</sup>No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,"  
declares the LORD.  
"For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm of the Day**

*Psalm 46*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
<sup>5</sup>God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.  
<sup>6</sup>Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
<sup>7</sup>**The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**  
<sup>8</sup>Come and see what the LORD has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup>He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."  
<sup>11</sup>**The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## Second Reading

Galatians 5:1-6

*St. Paul encourages us to stand firm in the freedom that we have in Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup>Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup>Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. <sup>4</sup>You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup>For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 8:31,32



*Refrain*



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

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.  
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

*Refrain*

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## Gospel

John 8:31–36

*The truth of the gospel sets us free.*

<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## 863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863

### Sermon

John 8:31–36

- Remain in the Word of Jesus
- I. To truly be disciples
  - II. To truly be free

*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.*

Almighty and eternal God, when the set time had come, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and endure the just punishment for our sins. You raised him from death in glorious splendor and for his sake, you richly and daily forgive sins.

**Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

When the set time had come, you poured out your Spirit on your people and called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation to all the world.

**The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

When the set time had come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure teaching of the Scriptures. You granted power and success to the proclamation of the gospel, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

When the set time had come, you made our fathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. Guided by your Spirit, they joined hands and hearts under a shared confession and with a determined resolve to work together in the ministry. You have blessed their sons and daughters and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel of your Son.

**Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

Let this be the time when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the fathers of our church's past.

**May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us or forsake us.**

Let this be a time to imitate the kind-hearted souls in our church who served the sick, helped the disabled, cared for the abandoned, and comforted the dying. Provide occasions to serve them and times to pray for them. [We pray especially today for... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Keep all your children in your powerful and gracious care.

**As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

Let this be a time when we recommit ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is your will, success in our labor. And give us faith to take up again the trumpet none can silence or mistake and grant us courage to proclaim once more for all the world to hear: The feast is ready! Come to the feast!

**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer.*

Let this time and all our times be used to give thanks for your grace in Christ and to praise you for calling us into your mission to save.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love and establish the work of our hands. Amen.**

## Offering

**650 From Depths of Woe, Lord God, I Cry**

CW 650

*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.**

## **654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive**

CW 654 6-7

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 pm Catechism
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class 7:00 pm BIC Class
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Lord's Supper

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

Joe Henry is celebrating his birthday! Chris has purchased the chancel flowers today to offer the family's gratitude to God for all the blessings Joe has enjoyed during his life and for the blessings he has brought into their family life! Happy Birthday Joe!!!!



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

The board of Elders has decided that we will move forward with the proposed one-service worship schedule. That means that the new regular Sunday schedule will be: Sunday School and Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**



“Taste and See” — A morning of refreshment for you and your sisters in Christ...  
 COME... Taste and see that the Lord is good. Psalm 34:8  
 COME... Refresh your heart in Christ. Philemon 20  
 COME... Let us consider how we may spur one another on...let us encourage one another. Hebrews 1:24 & 25

Please come Saturday, November 12, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM and bring a Guest!

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
10/23/22	\$ 1,648.00	8:00 am	20	10/23/22	\$ 97.00
Month to Date	\$ 11,693.00	10:30 am	47	Month to Date	\$ 2,906.00
YTD	\$ 146,399.00	Total	67	YTD	\$ 36,349.00
Budget YTD	\$ 166,128.00	35 % of total membership		Budget YTD	\$ 28,097.00
2021 YTD	\$ 158,215.00			2021 YTD	\$ 35,530.00
<b>Weekly needs October Operating Offering</b>					<b>\$ 3,996.00</b>
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>					<b>\$ 2,867.00</b>