

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Engaged in Battle

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021



“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

As children of God, resting in Christ, it is important to know that we live in hostile territory. Indeed, we are constantly engaged in battle against the world, the devil, and our sinful flesh. God placed enmity—hostility—between the offspring of Eve (believers) and the offspring of Satan precisely so that Satan would not overtake us and so that God would triumph. We need to remember that the battles we face are real battles and they are spiritual battles. However, we have on our side Christ, who defeated Satan and the Word of God which is our powerful defensive weapon.

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.

Christian Identity: Who are we?

Sunday, May 30 th	—	Children of God
Sunday, June 6 th	—	Weak On Our Own
Sunday, June 13th	—	Engaged In Battle
Sunday, June 20 th	—	Growing In Grace
Sunday, June 27 th	—	Secure In Our Identity

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 455

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

COMMITMENT

455 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You



1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you,
2 Je - sus, all your chil - dren cher - ish,



O Chris - tians, lest the foe de - stroy you, For Sa - tan
And keep them that they nev - er per - ish Whom you have



has de - signed your fall. Wield God's Word, a weap - on
pur - chased with your blood. Let new life to us be



glo - rious; A - gainst each foe you'll be vic -
giv - en That we may look to you in



to - rious; Our God will set you o'er them all.
heav - en When - ev - er fear - ful is our mood.



Fear not the prince of hell— Here is Im - man - u - el!
Your Spir - it on us pour That we may love you more,



Sing ho - san - na! The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield,
Hearts o'er - flow - ing; And then shall we, From sin set free,



And we as con - qu'rors hold the field.
Sing praise through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Wilhelm E. Arends, 1677–1721, abr.; tr. John M. Sloan, 1835–after 1890, alt.
Tune: WACHET AUF (898 898 664 448) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

STAND

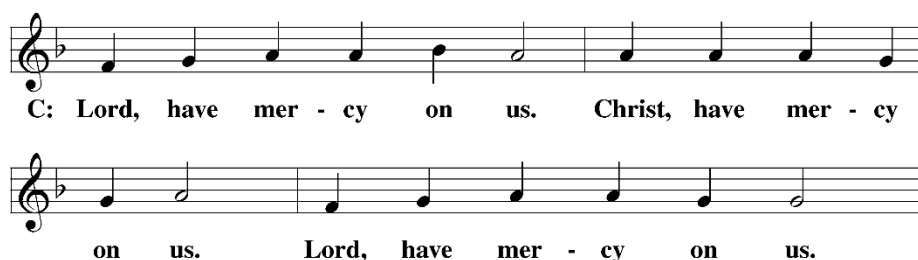
[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

[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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

[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.



C: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: The Lord be with you.

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

[M]: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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 READING

Genesis 3:8-15

Where does evil come from? This reading from Genesis 3 presents the aftermath of the fall into sin. God questions Adam and Eve who deflect the blame for their sinful actions. The result is that they will live under the curse of sin, death. Yet, God also promises redemption. He will provide offspring of the woman who will crush the serpent. Between this offspring and the offspring of the serpent will be enmity, hatred. That explains why the world and the Church are constantly engaged in battle, yet on our side is the one who crushes the Satan.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock

and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly

and you will eat dust

all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity

between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers;

he will crush your head,

and you will strike his heel."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51a



Have mercy on me, O God,*
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,*
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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

Revelation 20:1-6

The center of everything worth seeing is Christ. He defeated and has locked up the one whose head he crushed, but whom we see so often in the temptations that surround us and rise within us. Christ is the one who unmasks that deception, and thereby brings us to confession. Christ is the one who not only redeemed us but has made us heirs of eternal life and holy priests before his Father.

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

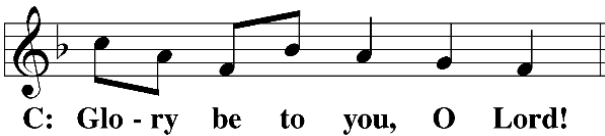
⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV)



STAND



GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-25

To the sinful nature, the work of God seems foolish. That's why Jesus' family said he was out of his mind. That's why his opponents foolishly accused him of driving out demons by the power of Satan. What a foolish thought! The offspring of the woman and the offspring of Satan are in conflict with one another. The reality is not that Satan would weaken himself, but that Satan is powerless against Christ our conqueror.

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot 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

CONFIRMATION

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Let Me Be Yours Forever



1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, My faith - ful
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my
 3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort -



God and Lord; Let me for - sake you nev - er
 life di - vine, My on - ly con - so - la - tion,
 er and guide, Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it



Nor wan - der from your Word. Lord, do not
 To you I all re - sign, For you have
 I al - ways may con - fide, Him to the



let me wa - ver But give me stead -
 dear - ly bought me With blood and bit -
 end con - fess - ing Whom I have known



fast - ness, And for such grace and fa - vor
 ter pain. Let me, since you have sought me,
 by faith. Give me your con - stant bless - ing



Your ho - ly name I'll bless.
 E - ter - nal life ob - tain.
 And grant a Chris - tian death.

Text: Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 1; *Gesangbuch*, Rudolstadt, 1688, st. 2-3; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
 Tune: ICH DANKE DIR, LIEBER HERRE (76 76 D) *Musika Teutsch*, Nürnberg, 1532, alt.

SERMON

Mark 3:20-25

Christ is our Champion

- I. Who opposes Satan
- II. Who is with his people in battle

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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.**

BE SEATED

TRUST

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O God, Forsake Me Not



1 O God, for - sake me not! Your gra - cious pres - ence
 2 O God, for - sake me not! Take not your Spir - it
 3 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli -
 4 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, I am yours for -



lend me; Lord, lead your help - less child; Your
 from me; Do not per - mit the might Of
 ca - tion! In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help
 ev - er. Oh, keep me strong in faith That



Ho - ly Spir - it send me That I my course may
 sin to o - ver - come me. In - crease my fee - ble
 me o'er - come temp - ta - tion; And when the prince of
 I may leave you nev - er. Grant me a bless - ed



run. Oh, be my light, my lot, My staff,
 faith, Which you a - lone have wrought. Oh, be
 hell My con - science seeks to blot, Be then
 end When my good fight is fought; Help me



my rock, my shield— O God, for - sake me not!
 my strength and pow'r— O God, for - sake me not!
 not far from me— O God, for - sake me not!
 in life and death— O God, for - sake me not!

Text: Salomo Franck, 1659–1725, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (I) (67 67 66 66) *New Ordentlich Gesangbuch*, Braunschweig, 1648, alt.

STAND

[M]: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, 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.

BE SEATED

HYMN 387

Drawn To The Cross

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.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.
 Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class
THURSDAY	5:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:00 pm Council Meeting
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship (Inside) w/Holy Communion 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Inside) w/Holy Communion

FLOWERS

There are still opportunities to provide flowers to beautify the altar. Please sign up if you can – the cost is \$35, and you can take them home with you after the second service. If there is a special occasion you would like mentioned, please write it in on the calendar by Pastor's office. Thank you.



SUMMERVILLE PASTOR INSTALLATION

On Sunday July 18th, at 4:00 pm, our neighboring WELS church in Summerville, SC will install their new pastor, Rev. Michael Otterstatter. If you have any interest in attending this installation service and dinner, please let Pastor Neumann know before July 10th and he will let the Summerville congregation know how many visitors from our congregation to expect. Praise be to God for sending a worker to this congregation.

CHURCH CARE

There are still quite a few open spaces on the sign-up sheets for upcoming communion set up dates and church cleaning dates. As we get back to more of the normal activity of our church it will become important to once again give some regular attention to these service opportunities. If you have any questions, you can ask Pastor and he will connect you with someone who has experience with these procedures so that you can assist without any concern for not knowing how or what to do.

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
6/6/21	\$ 3,615.00	8:00 am	27	6/6/21	\$ 2,115.00
Month to Date	\$ 3,615.00	10:30 am	57	Month to Date	\$ 2,115.00
YTD	\$ 87,366.00	Total	84	YTD	\$ 19,320.00
Budget YTD	\$ 91,626.00			Budget YTD	\$ 15,052.00
2020 YTD	\$ 96,901.00	Youtube Views:	15	2020 YTD	\$ 22,899.00

Weekly needs June Operating Offering	\$ 4,028.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,867.00

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