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Evangelical Lutheran Church



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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

Pentecost is the last big festival in the festival portion of the church year. We've been celebrating the resurrection for weeks, we've been strengthened by the ascension of our Lord and now, we remember the Advocate that Christ has given to us to enliven and empower us, the Holy Spirit. Though he has withdrawn his visible presence, Jesus is closer to us than ever. Therefore, whatever the future holds, we will not fear!

ABOUT THE COVER

About the cover art: The Spirit illumines and ignites the self-revelatory words of the Son so that, in Him—who shows us the Father—we have Peace!

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.

Musician: Mr. Isaac Roeseler

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 176

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

PENTECOST

176

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces
2 Come, ho - ly Light, Guide di - vine, And cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true; Grant us the will your



be out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do And in your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
And call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite
keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be
pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to your
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In him, our
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT (78 88 88 8 10 8) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524.

STAND

[M]: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[M]: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

[C]: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

[C]: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

[M]: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The breath of God is active and life-giving. How and where is he active in giving life? Where the Word is proclaimed exactly as he gave it. Ezekiel preaches only what God told him to preach, even when preaching to dry bones. The whole of humanity is nothing but dry bones until God breathes his Word on them.

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' "

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

Refrain

Psalm tone *

O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

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

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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

Acts 2:1-21

The breath of God is both violent and gentle. Its violence is in the mighty wind. It is in the signs and wonders that he will speak into being to accompany the end of the age, prefigured by the mighty wind on this day. His violent breath however does not create faith. It is when he breathes words through his apostles and prophets that he is most mighty for us. For then he creates faith which calls on the Name of the Lord, the Savior. That is the Spirit's real work and glory, bringing us to trust in Jesus for our salvation.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ " 'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

John 14:25-27

Jesus promises the out pouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. He calls him the Advocate, the one at our side, whose holy work of teaching us through the Word causes us to see who Jesus is, what he has done for us sinners, and to call upon his name for salvation.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

PENTECOST

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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
 2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
 3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
 4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
 5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
 gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
 love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
 bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
 both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
 tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
 ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.
 Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533.

SERMON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pentecost Power? It's In The Word!

- I. It's a power greatly needed
- II. It's a living and active power
- III. It's a power promising salvation

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.

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

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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
(vs. 5-6)

STAND

[M]: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: **Amen.**

[M]: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

HYMN 182

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

PENTECOST

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Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the



ho - liest realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Church's ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Church's min - is - try, Teach - ing, strength-'ning,



ev - er brood - ing O'er a world of gloom and night,
 ev - er striv - ing Through us in a cease - less strife,
 and ab - solv - ing, Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free,



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing Those on earth to
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing In the Church the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing Age to age and



thrones on high, Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing
 mind of Christ, You we praise with end - less
 soul to soul In com - mun - ion nev - er



Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 wor - ship For your gra - cious gifts un - priced.
 end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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Tune: IN BABILONE (87 87 D) *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse . . . Contradansen*, Amsterdam, c. 1710.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| TUESDAY | 5:00 pm Catechism |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class |
| SUNDAY | 8:00 am Worship (Inside) 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Outside) |

FLOWERS

The flowers for this Sunday were donated by Isaac Roeseler. He asks that you would pray for students around the country and world that God may bless their studies and that God would also bless them and many others with good jobs and good education. May God indeed shower his blessings upon his glorious creation!



BAPTISM

This past Thursday, May 20th, 2021, Wesley Thomas McBride, son of Noah and Holly McBride was baptized. Praise be to God for adding this child to His family through the grace of baptism!

PRESCHOOL WEEK IN REVIEW

This was the last week of school for Prince of Peace Preschool for the 2020/2021 school year. The week was filled with many end-of-year activities including a chapel sing of all the songs we learned this year, a graduation ceremony for the 4k classroom and a farewell event on the last day of school. It's been a year of challenges, both the usual that go along with preschool operation as well as COVID related, but God has blessed us in so many ways! May he continue to bless our preschool and help us to nurture this wonderful ministry which is ours by his grace!



COOKOUT/POTLUCK

On Sunday, June 6th we will be having a cookout/potluck at church following morning worship services. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from Pastor's office next to the restrooms. The sign up sheet will both help us anticipate how many people will be in attendance and provide a space to sign up to bring sides and drinks. Make sure to check out the sign-up sheet next time you are at church! If you have any questions, please contact Ray Bain.

| <u>Operating Offerings</u> | | <u>Attendance</u> | | <u>Mortgage Progress</u> | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 5/16/21 | \$ 3,395.00 | 8:00 am | 21 | 5/16/21 | \$ 390.00 |
| Month to Date | \$ 11,505.01 | 10:30 am | 46 | Month to Date | \$ 2,870.00 |
| YTD | \$ 77,978.00 | Total | 67 | YTD | \$ 16,800.00 |
| Budget YTD | \$ 79,593.00 | | | Budget YTD | \$ 13,189.00 |
| 2020 YTD | \$ 83,459.00 | Youtube Views: | 20 | 2020 YTD | \$ 20,388.00 |
| | | | | | \$ 4,003.00 |
| | | | | | \$ 2,867.00 |

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