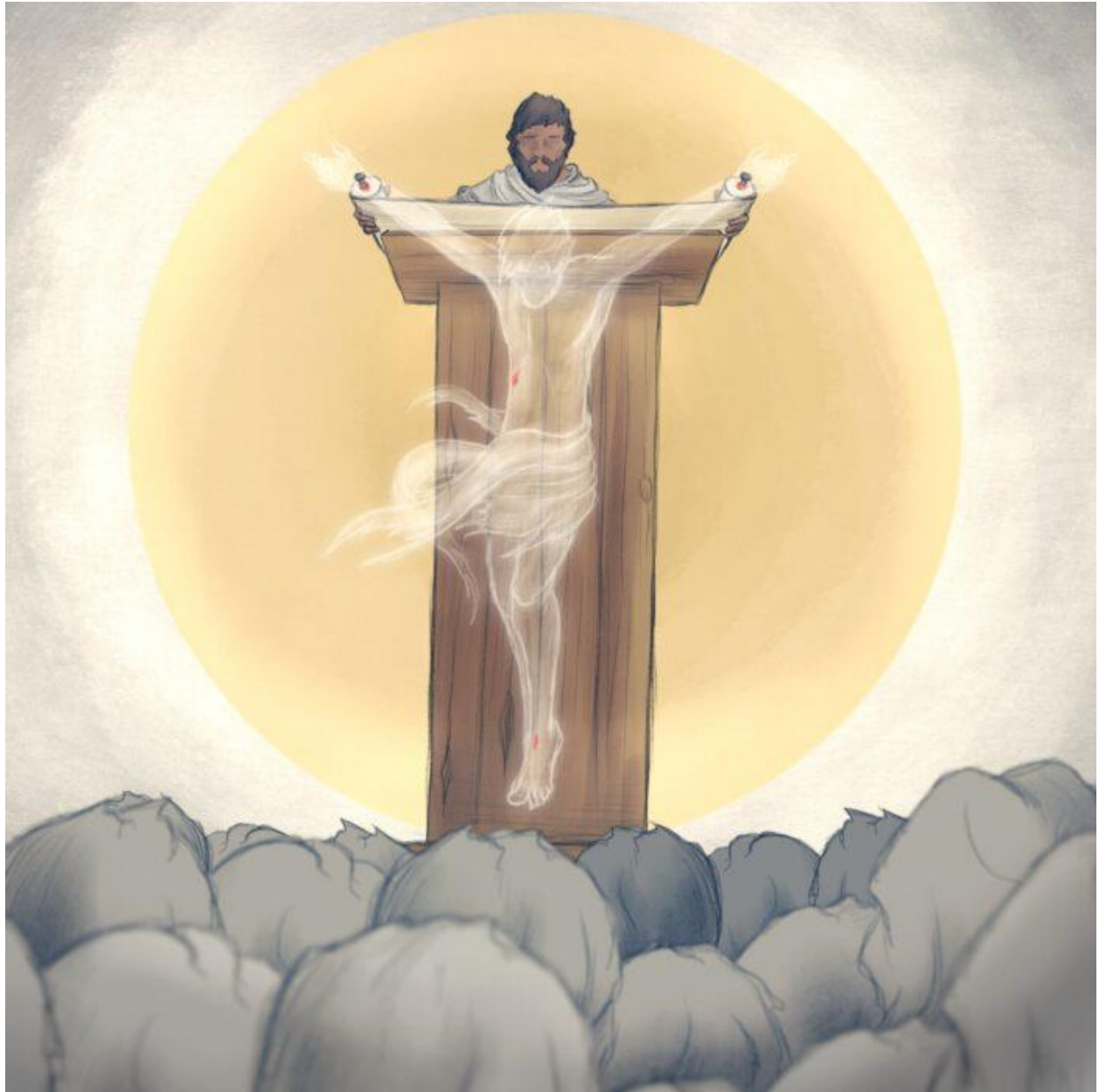


Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



A Church Willing To Say Hard Things

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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! May God bless our worship today! If you are visiting with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out one of the information cards found in the pews next to the hymnals. We look forward to getting to know you better in order to serve you fully with God's word!

THEME FOR TODAY

Warning against sin is not easy. It upsets people, even offends them. But saying hard things is the loving thing to do when it is a matter of eternal life and death. A church that does not preach repentance is not the church at all. A church that does not preach repentance is not a church that is worth anyone's time either. However, those on the side of truth will testify to the truth out of love and concern for lost souls. Though it may be difficult and unappealing, this is what God says his church does.

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 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,



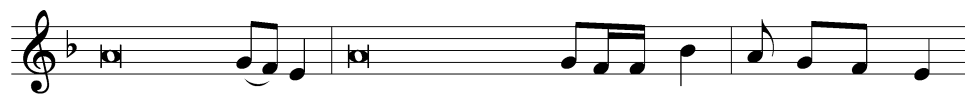
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



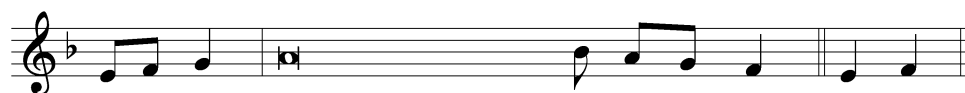
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your neverfailing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–11

The LORD told the prophet Ezekiel if he didn't warn the Israelites about their sin, he was going to hold Ezekiel accountable for their blood.

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹“Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

32A I Turn to You, O LORD

Psalms 32A

Second Reading

Galatians 2:11–16

The Apostle Paul confronts Cephas (also known as Peter) in order to bring him back in line with the truth of the gospel.

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 Timothy 2:4



Refrain



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

God wants all people to be saved
and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 18:15–20

Jesus teaches us how to lovingly practice Christian discipline as we seek to win our straying brother or sister over.

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654

Sermon

Let's Be In Line With the Truth of the Gospel

Galatians 2:11–16

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 God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

637 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

CW 637

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.

982 With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

CW 982



1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, a trem - bling
2 I bow my head by sin dis - tressed, with deep and
3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes nor dare up -
4 No gifts, no deeds that I have done can for a
5 And when, re - deemed from sin and hell, with all the



sin - ner, Lord, I cry. Your par - d'ning grace is
pain - ful guilt op - pressed, the cross of Christ my
lift them to the skies, but you can all my
sin - gle sin a - tone. To Cal - va - ry a -
ran - somed souls I dwell, my joy - ous song shall



rich and free— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
on - ly plea— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
an - guish see— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
lone I flee— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
ev - er be: God has been mer - ci - ful to me!

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY	Pastor @Circuit Meeting in Moncks Corner, SC
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/Lord's Supper

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Carolyn Schroeder's birthday is today! Myron Schroeder purchased the chancel flowers today to praise and glorify God for all the blessings she continues to enjoy as His child. As we celebrate the gift of physical life, we especially celebrate the eternal life that Carolyn enjoys along with all who believe God's wonderful promises to us in Christ! Happy birthday Carolyn!

WORK DAY

Mark your calendar for Saturday September 30th (morning). More details to follow. There will be plenty to do. Many hands make light work!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Saturday, October 7, the Prince of Peace Women's Bible Study group will meet at 10:00 AM in the Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall. All women are invited and warmly welcomed to attend! If you weren't able to come last year, please consider attending this year. There is much we as Christian women can learn from God's Word and a special joy we can share when doing so together! There are no materials to purchase.

The study of several women of the Bible and names of Jesus will be our dual focus for 2023-2024. We will alternate between the two themes, starting in October with a look at Eve, the mother of all mankind, followed in November with the study of Jesus, Our Righteousness.

Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM Come join your sisters in Christ as we learn more about Eve, how God showed his grace to her, and discuss how God's grace to Eve flows into our lives as Christian women living in the 21st Century. BRING A FRIEND!

Operating Offerings		Attendance		Mortgage Progress	
9/3/23	\$ 3,393.00	9/3/23	48	9/3/23	\$ 415.00
Month to Date	\$ 3,393.00			Month to Date	\$ 415.00
YTD	\$ 134,846.00			YTD	\$ 26,750.00
Budget YTD	\$ 135,685.00			Budget YTD	\$ 23,653.00
2022 YTD	\$ 124,503.00			2022 YTD	\$ 30,821.00

Weekly needs September Operating Offering
Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 3,880.00
\$ 2,867.00