

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Joy Marches Over Circumstance

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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

Conventional wisdom says that joy is a direct result of circumstance. If that is the case, then our disposition is subject to the roller-coaster ride of ups and downs in the events, conditions, and relationships of which our life consists. Jesus offers us a joy that is superior. It is not a product of circumstance; it’s a product of his Easter triumph. Indeed, God even uses that which would normally cause only grief and anguish to be our greatest joy. Our risen Savior gives us a joy that remains constant in the highest of life’s highs and the lowest of life’s lows. It is a joy that can never be taken from us.

WORSHIP SERIES

Next Week: ***POWER FROM HEAVEN MARCHES VICTORIOUS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH***

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

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 mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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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,



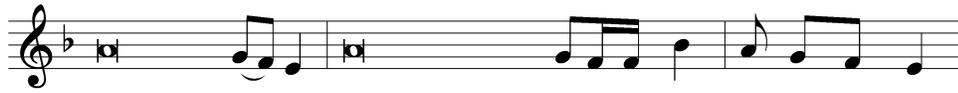
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



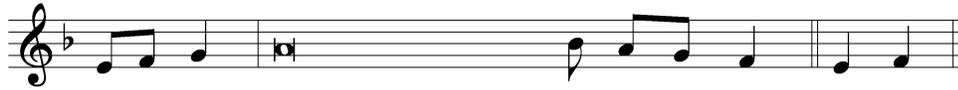
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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

First Reading

Acts 14:8–22

As a witness of Christ's resurrection, Paul's joy and his ministry were unaffected by circumstance.

⁸In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵“Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

²¹They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, ²²strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

65A The Seed That Falls

Psalm 65A

Second Reading

Revelation 21:21–27

The great joy we have now will soon be made perfect and complete.

²¹The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557 (vs 1-4)

Sermon

John 16:16–24

Joy is Made Complete
I. By Jesus' Work
II. By Realizing the Blessings of Jesus' Work

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

Offering

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557 (vs 5-10)

Stand

Prayer

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.

840 All Men Living Are But Mortal

CW 840 (vs 6-7)

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY	6:30 pm Catechism
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class Last Day of Preschool
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Willie & Barbara Smith are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. They have provided the chancel flowers today to thank God for the many blessings they enjoy as husband and wife. God has guided them to build their home on Jesus Christ and has been their constant companion. May God continue to fill their lives with joy as they serve Christ by serving one another in their marriage! Happy anniversary, Willie and Barbara!



GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Congratulations to those graduating from High School this spring: Carson Blackburn (Graduates May 25th); Jesus Vazquez (Graduates May, 27th); Logan Sommers (Graduates June 2nd). We thank God for the many blessings he has given these children of his and pray that he continue to bless them!



Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is a national, non-profit, layed organization that was formed to raise funds and award grants for sharing Christian fellowship and support with military men and women and their loved ones. LMSG is made up of more than 350 congregations and many individuals who are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Formed by veterans in 2015, LMSG has approved grants that contributed thousands of dollars toward local congregations to support and thank military men, women and their families.

Monday, May 30, is a special day for our country because we remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States. During this time of year, and also at Veterans Day, LMSG asks for donations to help carry out our work of sharing the Gospel with military members and their loved ones.

LMSG asks for your help with their "[Ammo Box](#)" donation drives scheduled to take place each year at Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

To learn more about LMSG and its work, visit <http://www.lutheranmilitary.org/>

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
5/15/22	\$ 2,072.00	8:00 am	28	5/15/22	\$ 447.00
Month to Date	\$ 10,029.00	10:30 am	35	Month to Date	\$ 2,909.00
YTD	\$ 76,237.00	Total	63	YTD	\$ 16,889.00
Budget YTD	\$ 76,146.00	32% of total membership		Budget YTD	\$ 13,189.00
2021 YTD	\$ 76,840.00			2021 YTD	\$ 15,895.00

Weekly needs May Operating Offering
Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 3,831.00
\$ 2,867.00