

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



A Precious Yet Hard Truth

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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

When Jesus finishes his discourse on the bread of life what happens? Many of those who were his disciples decided that they could not follow this hard teaching and returned to their homes. We're again reminded by Jesus that faith is the gift of God. What does that faith look like? That can be summarized in the words of Peter speaking on behalf of the Twelve: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life?"

WORSHIP SERIES

During this last part of the season of Pentecost the Scripture readings (especially the Gospel) focus us to see that God is our all in all. There is no church life and "other life." For the Christian, there is one life—the Christian life. Throughout this series we'll take a look at the many ways God opens our eyes to see how we can consider every facet of our life as an essential element in the whole of our Christian lives. So we pray:

GOD, OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE

Sunday, September 5 th	—	What Makes Real Godly Obedience
Sunday, September 12 th	—	What Need and Suffering Show us About You
Sunday, September 19 th	—	What the Walk of the Cross is Like
Sunday, September 26 th	—	The Importance of a Servant Attitude
Sunday, October 3 rd	—	More Deeply How to Consider Ourselves
Sunday, October 10 th	—	How Marriage is Meant to Display Your Love
Sunday, October 17 th	—	How We Ought to Think about Our Possessions
Sunday, October 24 th	—	What Kind of Ambition We Ought to Have

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 466

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose

COMMITMENT

466 Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose



1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road
 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
 3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.
 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;
 5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,
 That leads the soul a - way from God,
 From him my life, my all, re - ceive,
 To him I look; on him I call.
 Soon shall I end my tri - als here,
 Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street.
 This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:
 To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,
 He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply
 Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.
 And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,
 To live and die en - tire - ly thine.
 Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
 In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
 To live is Christ; to die is gain.
 "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745-88, alt.
 Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698-1768, alt.

STAND

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

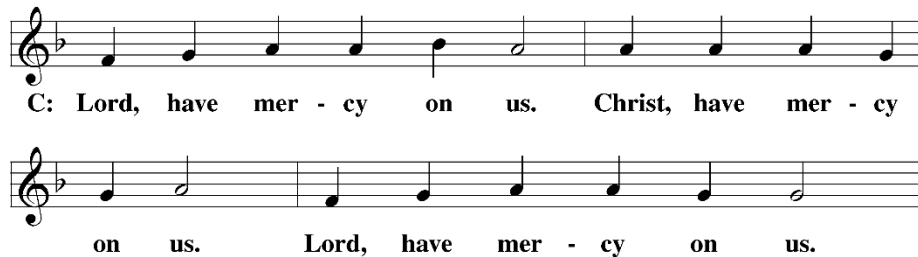


C: A - men.

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.



[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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



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 al - so with you.

[M]: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

Joshua recalled for Israel the grace of God toward them that they might reconfirm their commitment of service to the Lord. The result was that the grace of God toward Israel moved the people to declare that they would serve the Lord. This is the only correct response of God's people to his saving Word and works.

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

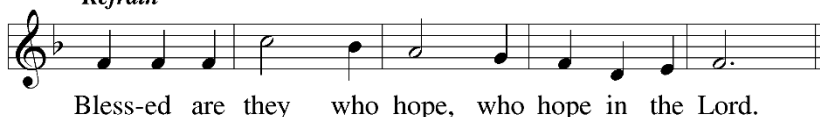
¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.

¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 71

Refrain



Psalm tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;^{*}
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;^{*}
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;^{*}
For you are my rock and my fortress.

Refrain

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,*
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,*
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,*
your might to all who are to come.

**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

Ephesians 5:21-31

It is God's grace in Christ Jesus that moves the Christian to strive to have God's will reflected in his/her marriage.

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV)



STAND



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

The stumbling block thrown in his path by the rationalism of many in the crowd does not move Jesus to soften the message. Instead he repeats it with emphasis. Still many came and then went away. How many times in your life have you been tempted to go away to what your own wisdom preferred? But today, hear his voice and answer: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God!

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!

⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

EVANGELISM

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Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in
 reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and
 furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the
 save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death
 life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who
 dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out
 free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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SERMON

John 6:60-69

How Do You React to a Hard Teaching?

I. Does it offend you?

II. Do you want to leave, too?

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

WORD OF GOD

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Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 You give peace and words of par - don.
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

STAND

[M]: 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.



[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.



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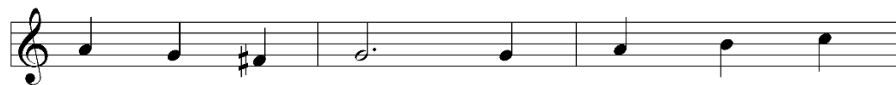
JUSTIFICATION

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Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
 the dread - ful load; Of sins that none
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 like mine Would have been all too few.
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain

To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.
 Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship (Lord's Supper) 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Lord's Supper)

FLOWERS

The Henry's have provided the flowers today in celebration and thanksgiving of the birth of Eyden Keda Brown, son of Carlos and Justine Brown. God blesses us with family and the gift of life so that we might use our energy to serve him faithfully each day of our lives while we await our Lord's return to bring us home to heaven. May we all value the gift of life and use the time God has given us wisely! May God guard and keep Eyden safe in his loving arms.



DIRECTORY PICTURES



Put on your Sunday best and smile for the camera! It's been a while since many of our directory pictures have been updated. Let's use the Sundays of September to make an effort to get updated pictures for the directory and board in the narthex. This is a great way to help one another put a name to a face! Please let Mike Hilbert know when you have your whole family present to take an updated picture in front of the altar.

QUESTIONS FOR VIDEOS

Pastor will once again be making videos for the web, answering your questions about the Bible and church, but first he needs your questions! If you have any questions or curiosities that you'd like to have answered, email them to pastorjonathanneumann@gmail.com.



<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
8/22/21	\$ 2,260.00	8:00 am	27	8/22/21	\$ 415.00
Month to Date	\$ 13,694.47	10:30 am	35	Month to Date	\$ 2,910.00
YTD	\$ 127,066.00	Total	62	YTD	\$ 29,435.00
Budget YTD	\$ 136,283.00			Budget YTD	\$ 22,363.00
2020 YTD	\$ 140,108.00			2020 YTD	\$ 30,629.00
Weekly needs August Operating Offering					\$ 4,075.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment					\$ 2,867.00

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