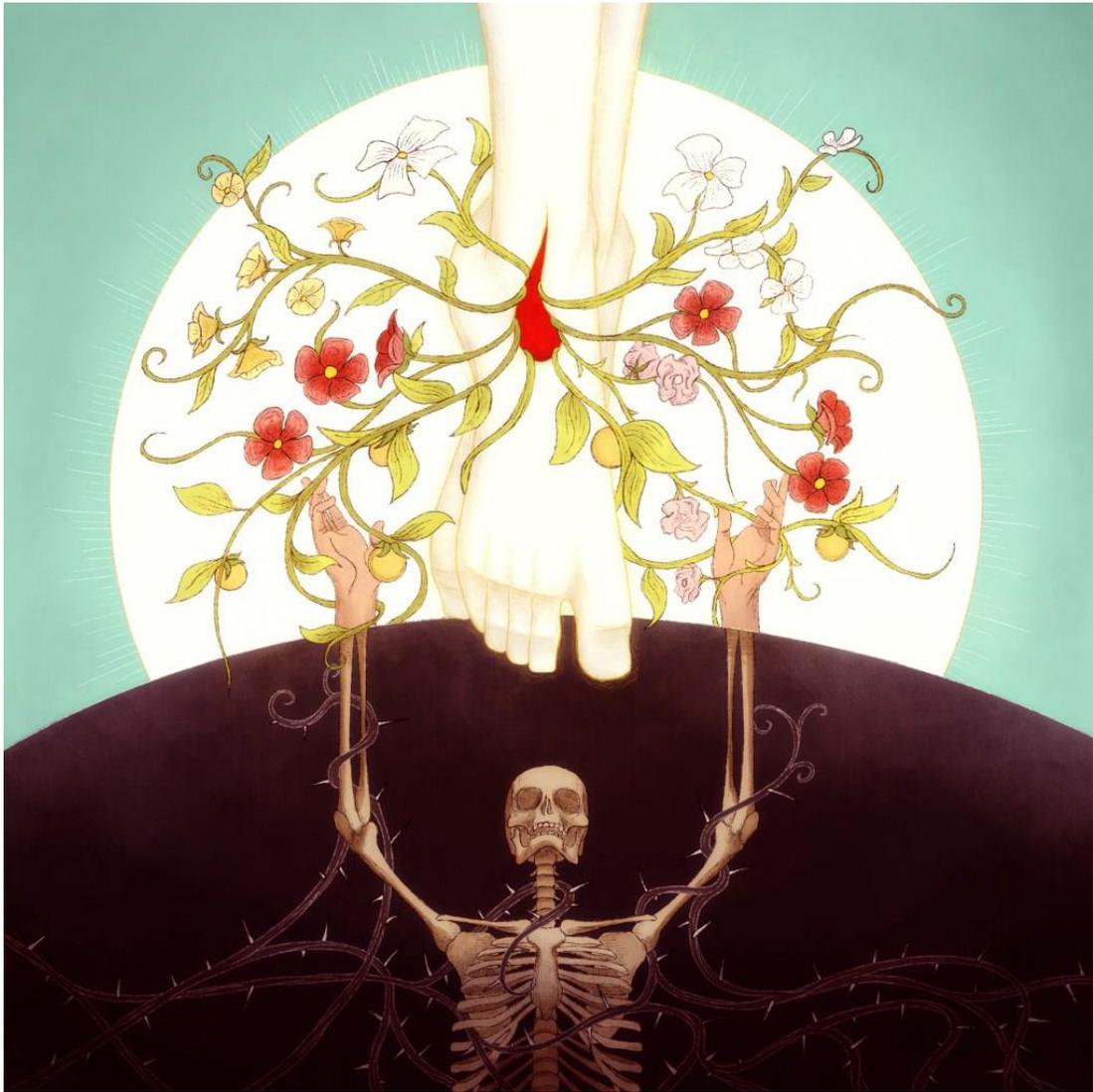


# Prince of Peace

## Evangelical Lutheran Church



God Open Our Eyes to See:  
What Need and Suffering Show us About You

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      September 12, 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

How can suffering show us that God is good? How does being in need teach us about God’s grace? Rather than being evidence of God’s absence or disinterest, such situations are opportunities God uses to lead us to rely only on him. We have nothing without him, but with him we have everything!

## 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.

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 236

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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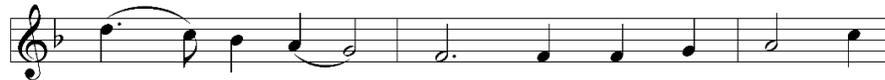
1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, The  
2 I cried to him in time of need: Lord  
3 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, His  
4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, To  
5 Then come be - fore his pres - ence now And



God of all cre - a - tion, The God of  
God, oh, hear my call - ing! For death he  
cho - sen gen - er - a - tion; He is their  
God give praise and glo - ry! All who the  
ban - ish fear and sad - ness; To your Re -



won - ders, pow'r, and love, The God of  
gave me life in - deed And kept my  
ref - uge and their rock, Their peace and  
Fa - ther's pow'r pro - claim, To God give  
deem - er pay your vow And sing with



our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing balm my  
feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks shall  
their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
praise and glo - ry! All i - dols un - der  
joy and glad - ness. Though great dis - tress my



soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry sor - row  
end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with  
ten - der hand He leads his own, his cho - sen  
foot be trod; The Lord is God! The Lord is  
soul be - fell, The Lord my God did all things



stills— To God all praise and glo - ry!  
me— To God all praise and glo - ry!  
band— To God all praise and glo - ry!  
God! To God all praise and glo - ry!  
well— To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–90, abr.; tr. composite.  
Tune: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR HEIDEN ALL (87 87 887) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615.

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.

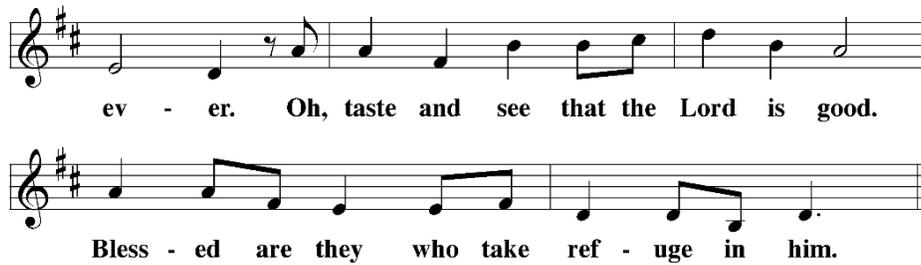
**[C]:** **Amen.**

## 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 e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[M]:** Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**[C]:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

*This reading depicts our spiritual needs in physical terms. Physical weakness and trouble mirror the absolute need in which we were born. The reading is a promise of just such help from the Messiah, who alone can solve that absolute spiritual need and who alone rules over the physical reflections of that need so that they are turned to blessing.*

<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
“Be strong, do not fear;  
your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
he will come to save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.  
Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert.

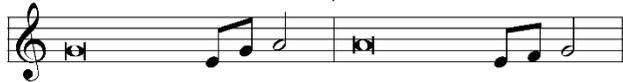
<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

*Psalm tone*



Praise the LORD, O my soul.\*  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,\*  
in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

*Refrain*

The LORD gives food to the hungry,\*  
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,\*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast\*  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.\*  
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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

James 1:17-27

*If there is any doubt about the goodness of God, listen to the clear words of James. As a result of God's goodness to us, so too will we reflect that goodness in our own actions.*

<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

(Philippians 4:4 RSV)

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

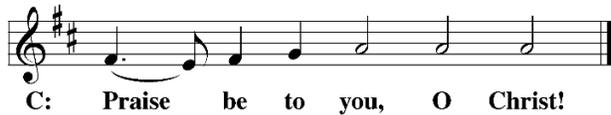
Mark 7:31-37

*Mark records a fulfillment of Isaiah's words in the first lesson. "The ears of the deaf unstopped" took place both physically and spiritually when Jesus came. The spiritual opening of ears is especially joyous. It points us to the perfect conditions we will know in heaven because of Jesus and his Gospel.*

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.<sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

<sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup> At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

<sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



BE SEATED

## HYMN OF THE DAY 235

Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

## 235 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
 Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark  
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can  
 heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
 help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 less. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.  
 Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 88 8) *New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665, alt.

SERMON

Mark 7:31-37

### He Does All Things Well

- I. For His Creation
- II. For 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](http://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.**

SOCIAL CONCERN

# 520 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was  
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave  
 3 Oh, be our great de - liv - 'rer still, The



strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o'er dis -  
 speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
 Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ease and death, All dark - ness and the grave. To  
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed you, Lord of light. And  
 soothe and bless, With your life - giv - ing breath. To



you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par - a -  
 now, O Lord, be near to bless, Al - might - y  
 hands that work and eyes that see Give wis - dom's



lyzed and lame, The lep - ers in their  
 as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
 heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
 weak and strong May praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-91, alt.  
 Tune: KINGSFOLD (C.M.D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

**[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.

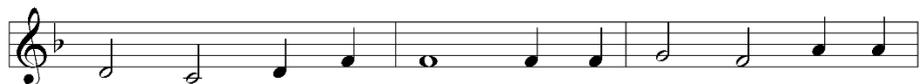
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REDEEMER

## 353 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a  
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a  
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the  
 strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out  
 suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing  
 Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing  
 des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing  
 what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
 wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

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Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800-79.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>MONDAY</b>	Pastor @Circuit Meeting in Summerville, SC
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:00pm Elders Meeting 6:00pm Council Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	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

Paul and Susan Sherman purchased the flowers for the chancel area today in loving memory of their son, Austin. We long for that day when God's Church will be united in heaven's glory to praise our God together for all the blessings we enjoy for Jesus' sake. We join the Shermans' in giving thanks to God for the blessings God's children bring into our lives while we enjoy their companionship here, confident always of a blessed reunion in heaven for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.



### 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.

### CHURCH WORK DAY

On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> we will have another work day at church. The main task to be completed is the spreading of wood chips on the preschool playground, but there will be plenty of other tasks to accomplish as well! If you are able to help, please set aside some time on that Saturday morning to help care for the church grounds we have been blessed with!



<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
9/5/21	\$ 3,026.00	8:00 am	17	9/5/21	\$ 2,100.00
Month to Date	\$ 3,026.00	10:30 am	28	Month to Date	\$ 2,100.00
YTD	\$ 132,118.00	Total	45	YTD	\$ 31,550.00
Budget YTD	\$ 144,483.00			Budget YTD	\$ 23,653.00
2020 YTD	\$ 147,354.00			2020 YTD	\$ 31,840.00

**Weekly needs September Operating Offering**

**\$ 4,126.00**

**Monthly Mortgage Payment**

**\$ 2,867.00**