

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



God's Word accomplishes
what He desires

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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

The way that God operates in bringing salvation to us is beyond our understanding. Who would think that the Gospel can produce the results that it does? It is God who produces these results through his powerful word! By his grace, God calls on us to proclaim his word faithfully and let him do what we cannot.

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. The nursery is staffed with a volunteer who is happy to assist you with your child.
- 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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN: # 544

"Preach You the Word"

MINISTRY

Preach You the Word

544

1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To those who
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be

like or like it not, The Word that shall en - dure and
bids us un - der - take: To preach your Word and nev - er
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that there may
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his heart cries

stand When flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
be The whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.
out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest-Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend his planted Word.

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]: Amen.

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 OF THE DAY

[M]: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

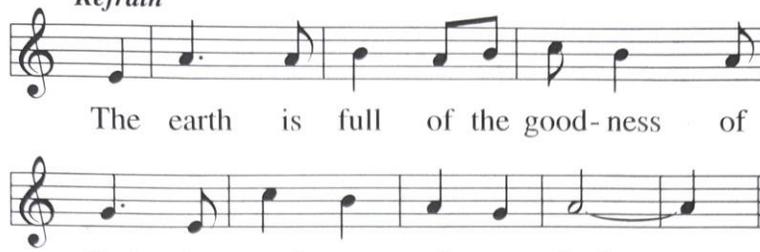
Isaiah 55:10-11

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
 come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
 without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
 so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
 It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
 and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 65

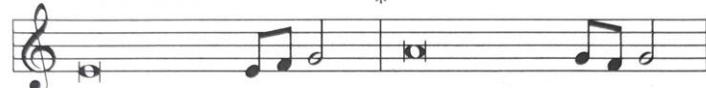
Psalm 65

Refrain



The earth is full of the good-ness of
God, the good-ness of our God.

Psalm tone



Praise awaits you, O God,*
you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;*
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water*
to provide the people with grain.

Refrain

You crown the year with your bounty,*
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;*
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;*
they shout for joy and sing.

**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.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14)

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

BE SEATED

CLOSE OF SERVICE

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

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1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast Like seed in - to the ground;
 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This ho - ly seed re - move,
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The ris - ing plant de - stroy,
 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, Life - giv - ing grace be - stow

Now let the dew of heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.
 But give it root in ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 But let it yield a hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 That all whose souls the truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

SERMON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Use your ears

- I. So that you know the dangers**
- II. So that you can produce fruit**
- III. So that you can sow**

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

OFFERING

This is a good time to pause your recording and prepare an online gift on our website under the tab "support" www.princeofpeacemartinez.com – you may also mail your offerings in to the church. Remember that offerings are NOT mandatory but a joyful expression of our gratitude for the Word of God and the Sacraments God has given to his church for our salvation.

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.

[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]: Amen.

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"On What Has Now Been Sown"

On What Has Now Been Sown

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1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -
 2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our
 3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you

stow: The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it
 pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don
 here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
 what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
 yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!
 ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
 home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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