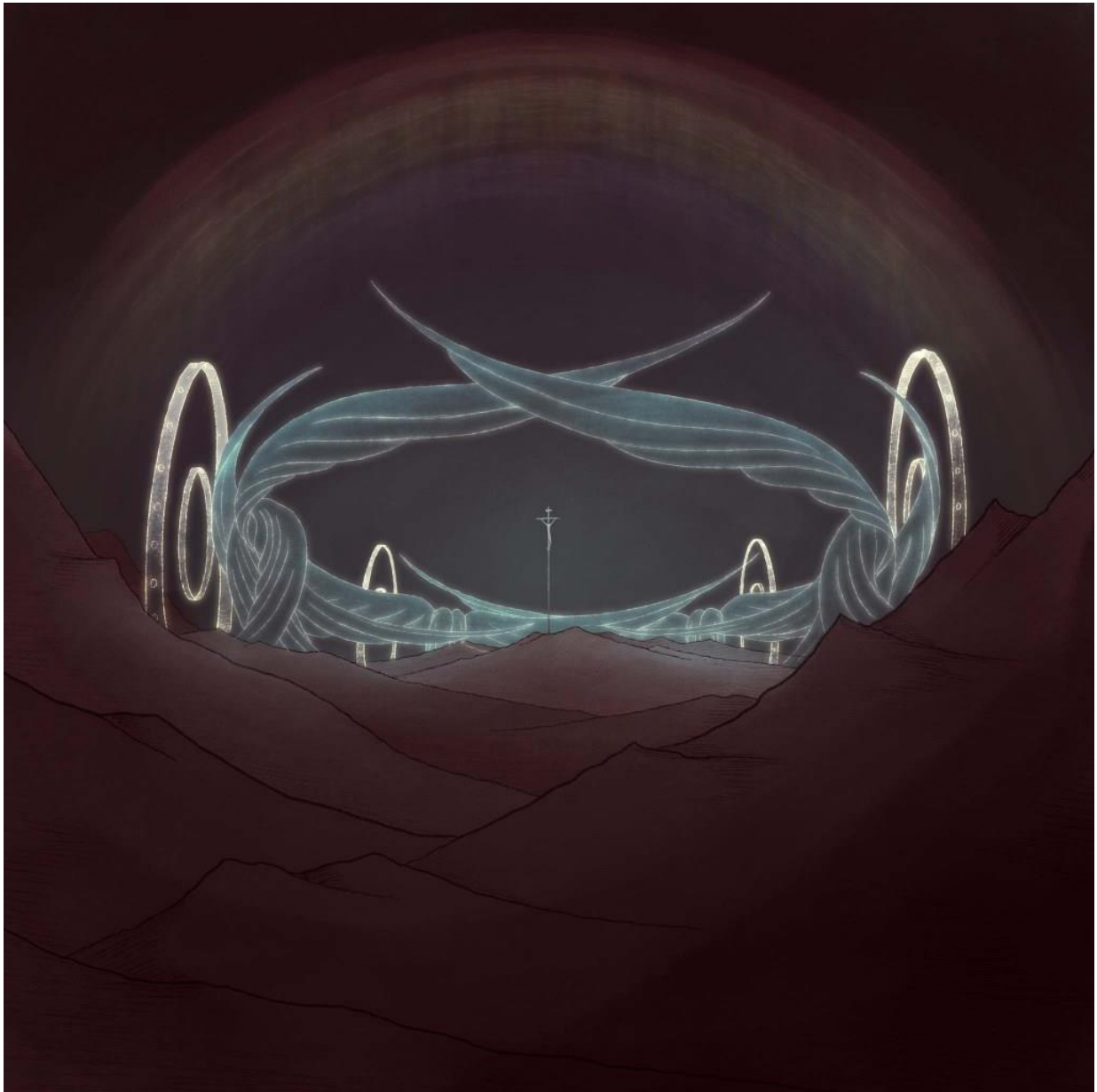


Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Rejected and Received

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 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

As Christians we are bearers of the message we have received. As we go, our faith bears our identity. Our faithfulness to the Word means that we will face persecution. We will find ourselves and our message rejected by some yet received by others. Still, through it all, our Savior abides with us preserving our faith even in the face of persecution. As Jesus said, "He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

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

Secure in Identity: Prepared for Life

Knowing who we are and being secure in our identity as Christians prepares us for the many and varied situations that life will throw at us. Because we still live in a sinful world and still retain our sinful nature we will encounter many things that may cause us to doubt. But, when we remember who we are and all that our identity as Christians means, we are prepared to face even the most difficult of times.

Sunday, July 4 th	—	In the Face of Tragedy
Sunday, July 11th	—	Rejected and Received
Sunday, July 18 th	—	Sent to Work
Sunday, July 25 th	—	Reinvigorated and Cared For

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 465

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

465

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
 They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
 Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
 hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
 ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
 heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in
 earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.
 shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.
 gath - er; All must work for good to me.
 glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.
 Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87.

STAND

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

[C]: Amen.

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

[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.

[C]: Amen.

You are seated at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: The Lord be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

[M]: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:1-3:4

Ezekiel was the Lord's spokesman to stubborn and rebellious Israel. He was to say what the Lord told him even though he would be hated for his message. Ezekiel's experience is not the exception but the paradigm. Faithful preaching points clearly to the problem of sin and then ushers the sinner to the foot of the cross of Jesus; the only hope and comfort of salvation. This was the kind of preaching Ezekiel was called to deliver. It is what every minister of Christ is called to do.

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." ² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

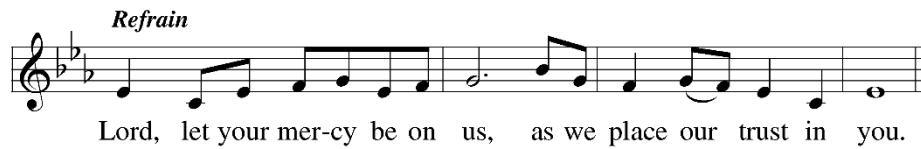
³ He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' ⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷ You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. ⁸ But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious people; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

⁹ Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, ¹⁰ which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

¹ And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel." ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

³ Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

⁴ He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the people of Israel and speak my words to them.



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;*
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,*
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;*
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quickly, O LORD;*
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

There is danger for God's preacher to think more of himself than he should because of his calling, even to the point of losing his salvation while saving others. Paul knew such temptations. Here he speaks of the "thorn in the flesh" given to him to keep him from sinful pride. It served to keep God's grace in Christ Jesus the center of his attention and not the great revelations he had received from the Lord.

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15 cf. RSV)

STAND



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

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

Hostility to Jesus' message is nothing surprising, but it is surprising from people who are expected to know better. Such discouragement can be a stumbling block to the faithful. Only the Word and reliance on it gets us past that stumbling block. Jesus promised such rejection, yet that does not diminish the magnitude of the message.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Praise be to you, O Christ! 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

CHURCH

536 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you
 lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing
 pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -
 fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built
 care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your
 vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That
 cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure
 sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word
 we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.
 grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things
 To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
 The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
 Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658-1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891-1976, alt.
 Tune: REUTER (87 87 65 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924.

Go and Speak

- I. God's Word
- II. Without Fear

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



Cre - ate in me a
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

HYMN 284

How Precious Is the Book Divine

WORD OF GOD

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How Precious Is the Book Divine



1 How pre - cious is the Book di - vine, By
2 Its light, de - scend - ing from a - bove Our
3 It shows to us our wan - d'ring ways And
4 This lamp through all the drear - y night Of



in - spi - ra - tion giv'n! Bright as a lamp its
gloom - y world to cheer, Dis - plays a Sav - ior's
where our feet have trod But brings to view the
life shall guide our way Till we be - hold the



doc - trines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.
bound - less love And brings his glo - ries near.
match - less grace Of a for - giv - ing God.
clear - er light Of an e - ter - nal day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, abr., alt.
Tune: WALDER (CM) Johann J. Walder, 1750–1817.

STAND

[M]: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

[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.

[C]: Amen.

HYMN 291

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word

WORD OF GOD

291 We Have a Sure Prophetic Word



1 We have a sure pro - phet - ic Word
2 By pow'rs of em - pire banned and burned,
3 What - e'er the Word in times of old
4 A - bid - ing, stead - fast, firm, and sure,



By in - spi - ra - tion of the Lord,
By pa - gan pride re - ject - ed, spurned,
Of fu - ture days and deeds fore - told
The teach - ings of the Word en - dure.



And, though as - sailed on ev - 'ry hand,
The Word still stands, the Chris - tian's trust,
Is all ful - filled while a - ges roll,
Blest all who trust this stead - fast Word;



Je - ho - vah's Word shall ev - er stand.
While haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust.
As traced on the pro - phet - ic scroll.
Their an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Text: Emanuel Cronenwitt, 1841–1931, alt.
Tune: WO GOTT ZUM HAUS (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class
THURSDAY	5:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:00 pm Council Meeting
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship with Lord's Supper 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Lord's Supper

FLOWERS

Karen Thomasson purchased the chancel flowers today for the occasion of her daughter, Brianna's birthday! Happy birthday to Brianna! 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!



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Open house for Prince of Peace Preschool is scheduled for July 18th, 1:00 pm-3:00pm. If you know of someone looking for a preschool for their child, this is a great opportunity for them to get a first-hand look at all that Prince of Peace Preschool has to offer!

Operating Offerings

7/4/21	\$ 2,916.00
Month to Date	\$ 2,916.00
YTD	\$ 100,681.00
Budget YTD	\$ 107,779.00
2020 YTD	\$ 115,398.00

Attendance

8:00 am	24
10:30 am	40
Total	64

Mortgage Progress

7/4/21	\$ 2,000.00
Month to Date	\$ 2,000.00
YTD	\$ 25,465.00
Budget YTD	\$ 17,919.00
2020 YTD	\$ 26,613.00

Weekly needs July Operating Offering

\$ 4,068.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 2,867.00