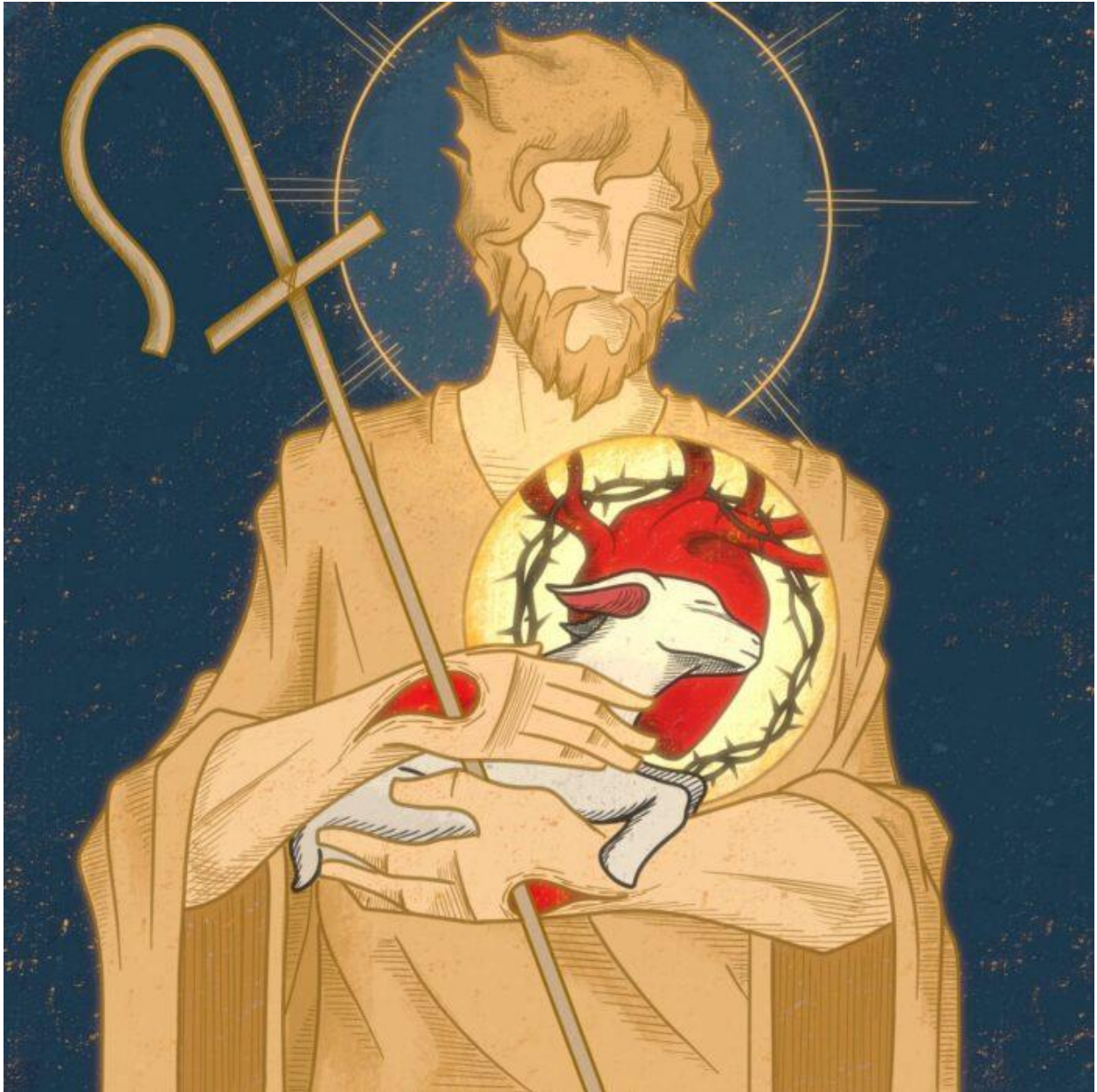


Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Compassionate Restoration

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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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. May God bless your worship today! If you are visiting with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out one of the information cards found in the pews next to the hymnals. You can either place the completed card in the offering plate or give it to the usher when being ushered out at the end of the service. We look forward to getting to know you better in order to serve you fully with God's word!

WORSHIP THEME

Christ's demonstrations of power prove that he's the almighty Son of God. That means that when he laid his power aside and submitted to the cross, his sacrifice was valuable enough to redeem the world. The love proven in his saving work enables us to trust that however Jesus uses his power now—to heal or not to heal, to provide or not to provide—is good and right. “He does everything well.”

765 O Son of God, in Galilee

CW 765

Stand

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

Confession

CW 154

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

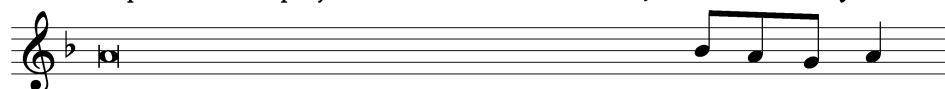
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son 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 de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

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Glory Be to God on High

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 reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly 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

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Through the prophet Isaiah God promised that he would come, making the blind see and the lame leap. But the ultimate purpose of his coming was to save us.

⁴say 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.”

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶Then 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.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

146A I Will Praise the Lord All My Life

Psalm 146A

Second Reading

Acts 3:1–10

Christ gave his follower Peter the power to heal a man who was lame from birth. When healed, the man does not go first to family and friends but to the temple to praise God.

¹One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ²Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

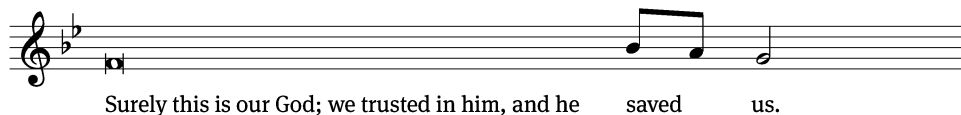
Isaiah 25:9



Refrain



Tone



Refrain



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Gospel

Mark 7:31–37

Jesus uses his power not to elicit praise from the crowd but to demonstrate his love for a man who was deaf and mute.

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

³³After 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. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

576 Amazing Grace

CW 576

Sermon

The Savior of Compassion

Mark 7:31–37

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

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

Our offerings are freely given as a response to God's gracious outpouring of love upon us.

537 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

CW 537

Stand

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.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist
 3 The name of Je - sus calms our fears And bids
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets
 5 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The Lamb



Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 our sor - rows cease. 'Tis mu - sic in the
 the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 of God was slain. His life was once an



God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of your name.
 sin - ner's ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
 off - 'ring made That you might live a - gain.

6 Glory to God and praise and love,
 Be ever, ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
THURSDAY	5:45 pm Spiritual Questions & Answers (BIC) Class
SATURDAY	11:00 am Prince of Peace Lake Day
SUNDAY	9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

WORK DAY

Saturday **September 21st** from 8:30 am – 12 noon. Many hands make light work! Details to follow.

WEEKLY CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Please consider signing up to help clean the church. There is a list of tasks to complete each week posted on the bulletin board, across from Pastor's office. You don't have to sign up for all of the tasks. "Buddy up" with someone to get the job done easier and faster! Thank you in advance for volunteering your time to help with these church cleaning tasks.

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Ray Bain has provided the flowers for worship today in loving memory of his wife, Cheryl, who fell asleep in Jesus in October, 2020. Let us remember the souls of those believers who are now living with Christ in glory, and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the blessings they have brought into our lives. Thank you for reminding us of those blessings Ray!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumes next Sunday.



PRINCE OF PEACE LAKE DAY



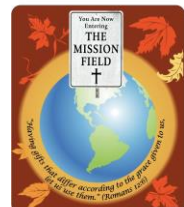
Mark your calendar! Saturday, **September 14th** is Prince of Peace Lake Day! Please check your mailbox for more details! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office, and we would greatly appreciate if you would sign up by September 8th, (Today) if you are planning to attend this fun day!

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Prince of Peace will have a booth at FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY, **September 27th** from 6 - 9 pm at Evans Town Center Park. Stop by and say hello!

LWMS FALL RALLY

Prince of Peace is hosting the Southern Hills LWMS Rally **September 27-28**. This entails providing Friday dinner for the Board (10-12 people) as well as breakfast and lunch Saturday for the Rally attendees. To help defer this expense to the church, please consider donating a food item. Check the hall bulletin board for a sign up sheet AND ladies, please sign up to attend the Rally!!



Operating Offerings		Attendance		Mortgage Progress	
9/1/24	\$ 3,315.00	9/1/24	42	9/1/24	\$ 6,045.00
Month to Date	\$ 3,315.00			Month to Date	\$ 6,045.00
YTD	\$ 123,518.00			YTD	\$ 35,833.00
Budget YTD	\$ 135,188.00			Budget YTD	\$ 23,510.00
2023 YTD	\$ 134,001.00			2023 YTD	\$ 27,584.00

Weekly needs September Operating Offering

\$ 3,863.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 2,867.00

Mortgage Balance as of 8/30/24 \$41,130.36