

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Adopted as Children of God

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 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

Establishing our Christian identity and knowing who we are begins with knowing that we are children of God. We are all adopted sons—heirs of our Father's inheritance. That inheritance is our salvation; the promise of eternal life. In addition to this, we also know that as children of God we have been born again. We are set free from sin and are no longer damned to suffer its eternal consequence, neither does sin have a hold on us in this life. As God's children we are free to do good works and live in accordance with God's will!

JUNE SERMON SERIES

Our world is currently obsessed with questions about identity. But, this isn't just a modern phenomenon and it certainly isn't restricted to one specific area of life. Understanding one's identity has been important from the dawn of human existence. Identity has to do with who you are, the way you think about yourself, the way you are viewed by the world, and the characteristics that define everything that is you. Your identity shapes your purposes and goals and, well, everything you do in life. Therefore, having a clear picture of your identity and where it comes from is vitally important. For the Christian, identity begins and ends in Christ and is guided by God's Word for everything in between. When it comes to the important questions of identity, the Christian looks to God's Word and simply asks, "Who am I in Christ and what does that mean for my life?" Over the next several weeks we'll do just that as we consider the lives that flow from our Christian identity.

Christian Identity: Who are we?

Sunday, May 30th	—	Children of God
Sunday, June 6 th	—	Weak On Our Own
Sunday, June 13 th	—	Engaged In Battle
Sunday, June 20 th	—	Growing In Grace
Sunday, June 27 th	—	Secure In Our Identity

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 297

Baptized in Water

BAPTISM

297

Baptized in Water

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,

Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:

Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;

Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Tune: BUNESSAN (55 8 D) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

BAPTISM AFFIRMATION (8:00AM)

STAND

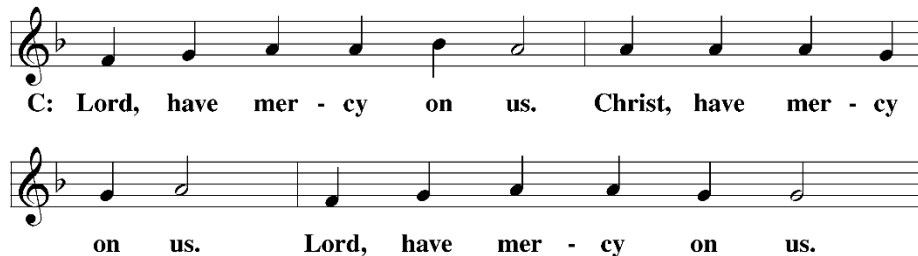
[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

[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.



[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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



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 also with you.

[M]: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

Today, we remember that our God, the only true God, reveals himself as one God in three persons. The three persons are often indicated in the Scriptures with trilogies, such as, "Holy, holy, holy," "Lord God Almighty," and "Who was, and is, and is to come." In this reading the one true God is presented in his work of making us sinners clean and fit for service to the Lord.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

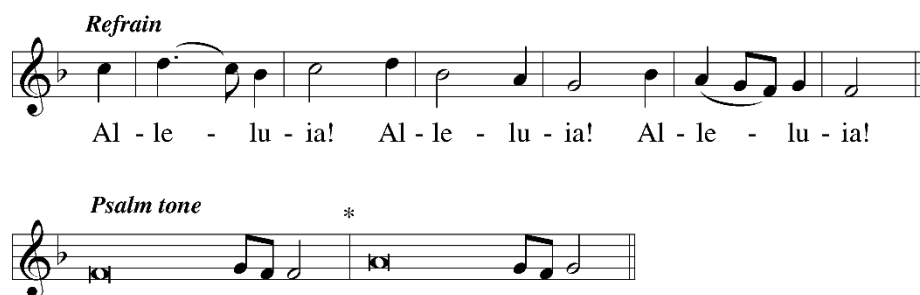
⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 150



Praise God in his sanctuary;^{*}
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;^{*}
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,^{*}
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,*
praise him with strings and flute,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,*
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Refrain

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.*
Praise the LORD.

**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

Romans 8:14-17

God even makes us his adopted sons. We are brothers of Christ the King, children of God the Father, impelled to live and work and pray by the Spirit who lives and works and prays within us. As sons we strive to live not according to our old lusts and desires, but as befits those whose Father is God, whose brother is Christ, whose leader is the Spirit in the Word. Paul is not a sexist with his use of the word sons; he is describing a relationship not just of children but of heirs; and that's what sons were, heirs of the father's estate.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.”
¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.
(Isaiah 6:3b)



STAND



GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

Faith in the divine mystery of the Holy Trinity is a miracle beyond all other miraculous signs and wonders. It is a miracle of new birth, altogether the doing of the Spirit when and where it pleases him. Its miraculous nature is evident in the mystery of the Trinity itself and in the core message of the Spirit: We worship God who has been surrendered by his Father to die and give eternal life only to those who trust in him alone for their salvation. The author of our salvation and the author of our trust is one and the same: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



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

BAPTISM

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God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



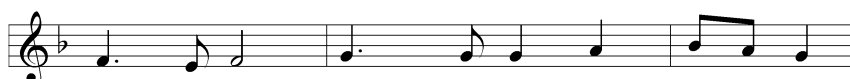
1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it:
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion:
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing



I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I
 To this life - long com - fort sure! O - pen -



cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -
 com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing
 ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so
 die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it
 eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll



demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures
 sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science
 soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've
 par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and
 sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its



man - y? I have one worth more than an - y
 seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me
 trav - eled, All your might has come un - rav - eled,
 ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:
 rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



That brought me sal - va - tion free,
 In a dear for - giv - ing flood,
 And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,
 Bap - tism has the strength di - vine
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ;



Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
 God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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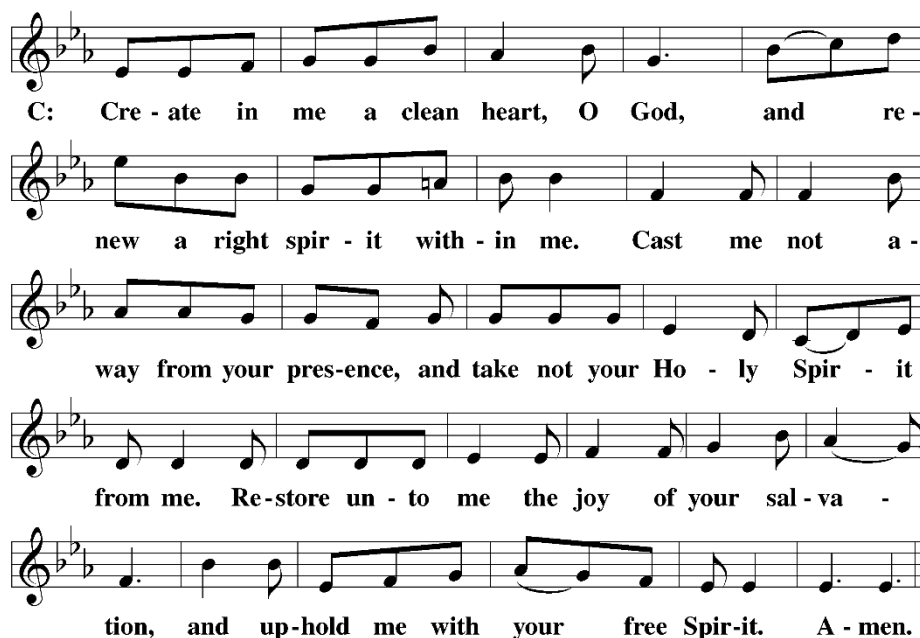
Tune: BACHOFEN (87 87 88 77) Johann Caspar Bachofen, 1695–1755, alt.

The Triune God Has Provided Your Salvation

- I. The Father gave his Son for you
- II. The Son Died on the cross for you
- III. The Spirit gives you life

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

JUSTIFICATION

391 God Loved the World So that He Gave



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the
 5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
 Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.
 soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (I.M) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

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.

HOLY TRINITY

195 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -

might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
 dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
 hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy
 might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in

song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
 glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
 earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

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 (Inside) w/Holy Communion 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Inside) w/Holy Communion

FLOWERS

The flowers have been provided to thank Jeanne Thomas, Nancy Majors, and the rest of the preschool staff. Not only are the children well prepared to enter kindergarten, but they all have learned what God has done to save them all! May God continue to watch over our preschool program and use the program to touch the lives of many with the good news of Christ.



MASKS



This past week the council voted to remove the mask requirement for indoor activities at church. We will continue to leave the tape up on the pews and the markers on the floor for communion as we transition back toward our normal worship practices. Please be gentle, patient, and considerate toward one another as we take this step back toward normal.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
(Ephesians 4:2–3)

OUTDOOR SERVICE

Starting next week, **Sunday June 6th, the 10:30 am service will move indoors.** It's time to escape the rising temperatures and begin our transition back to our normal worship routines.

COOKOUT/POTLUCK

Don't forget, next Sunday, June 6th is our cookout/potluck at church following morning worship services. How good it will be to get back to having fellowship events! If you have any questions, please contact Ray Bain.

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
5/23/21	\$ 2,620.00	8:00 am	27	5/23/21	\$ 0.00
Month to Date	\$ 14,125.01	10:30 am	41	Month to Date	\$ 2,870.00
YTD	\$ 80,598.00	Total	68	YTD	\$ 16,800.00
Budget YTD	\$ 83,596.00			Budget YTD	\$ 13,762.00
2020 YTD	\$ 87,677.00	Youtube Views:	13	2020 YTD	\$ 21,154.00
Weekly needs May Operating Offering					\$ 4,003.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment					\$ 2,867.00