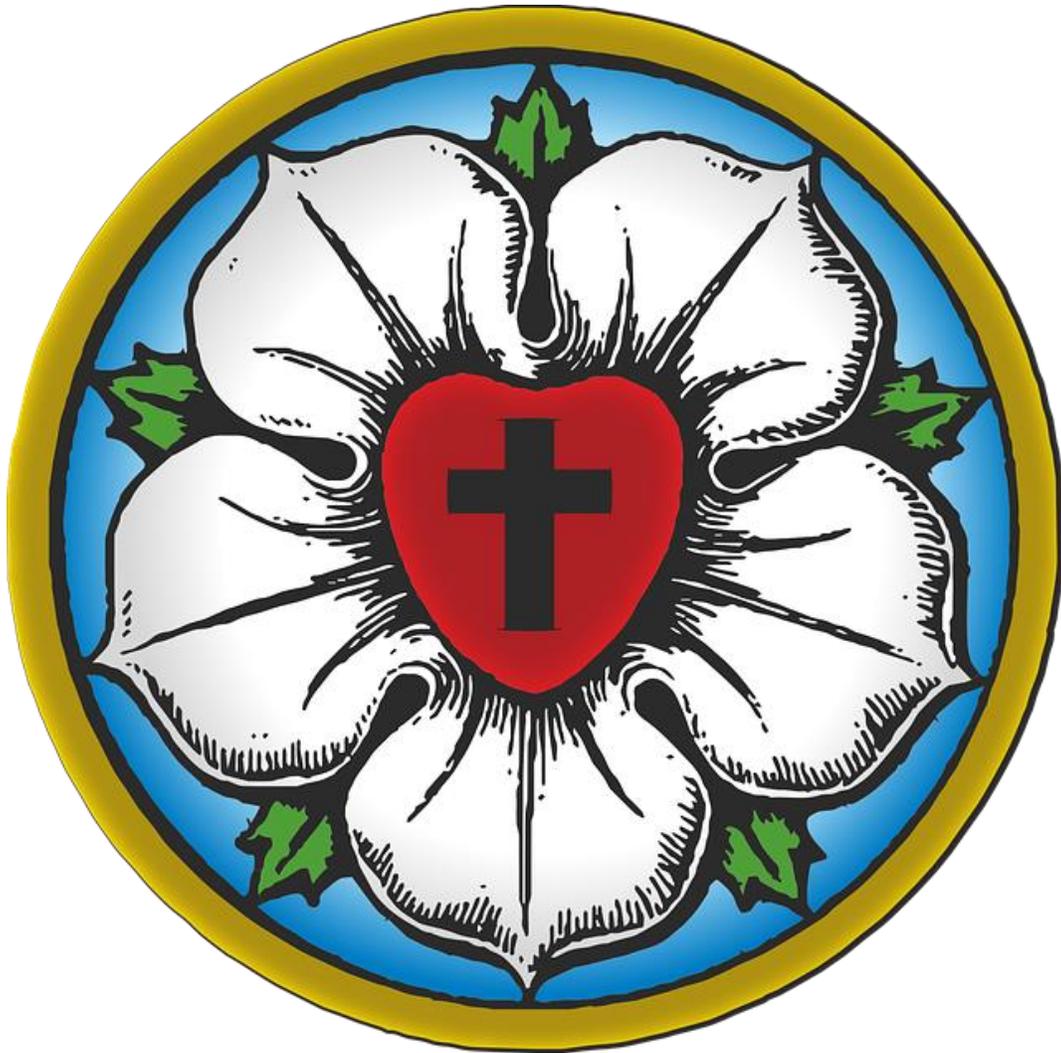


# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Reformation

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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 Bible teaches that one of the signs of the Last Days is that most will turn away from the truth of God's Word. More than that, they will persecute those who proclaim that truth. Martin Luther and the Reformers saw that. They stood up for the Gospel, and many of them paid with their lives. Do we not see the same today? Today, Christians worldwide are martyred in significantly greater numbers than at the height of the Roman persecution by Nero. In our own country there are those who want to label some Christian doctrine as hate speech. Clearly, we are living in the Last Days. Is this a reason to panic? Not at all. However, it is a good reason for Christians to cling ever more tightly to God's Word, to faithfully confess that Word no matter the consequences, and to seek the family fellowship God offers in his Church.

## 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.

**Musician: Mrs. Jackie Bondow**

### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:15 am Bible Class (Psalms) 7:00 pm Bible Class (Psalms)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am Worship inside (Lord's Supper) 9:15 am – 9:45 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship in parking lot (Lord's Supper)

# ORDER OF SERVICE

REFORMATION

## 202 If God Had Not Been on Our Side



1 If God had not been on our side And had not  
2 Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly  
3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could



come to aid us, Our foes with all their pow'r and  
have con - sumed us And as a deep and yawn - ing  
not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride Would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, For we, his  
pit With life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish  
net; They could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear The dev - il's wolves, both far and  
storm would o'er us roll From Sa - tan, who de - sires our  
bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is



near, Who rise in might a - gainst us.  
soul And seeks to o - ver - whelm us.  
he Who made the earth and heav - ens.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
Tune: WÄCHTERLIED (87 87 887) Christian Egenolff, 1502–55, adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.  
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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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line ends with a double bar line.

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ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; 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

**Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23**

<sup>10</sup> Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

<sup>11</sup> Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

<sup>12</sup> So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

<sup>16</sup> So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

<sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. <sup>18</sup> Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup> At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

<sup>21</sup> Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

<sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.



God is our refuge and strength,\*  
 an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way\*  
 and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
 though its waters roar and foam\*  
 and the mountains quake with their surging.

***Refrain***

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\*  
 the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;\*  
 God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;\*  
 I will be exalted among the nations,  
 I will be exalted in the earth.”

**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 LESSON**

**2 Timothy 4:9-18**

<sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me quickly, <sup>10</sup> for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. <sup>12</sup> I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. <sup>15</sup> You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31, 32)

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

**Matthew 10:16-23**

<sup>16</sup> "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup> On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup> for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup> "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup> You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

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# HYMN OF THE DAY

REFORMATION

## 200

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.  
He holds the field for - ev - er.  
One lit - tle word can fell him.  
The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.  
Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

## SERMON

## 2 Timothy 4:9-18

### Faithfully Confess to the End

#### I. Never alone

#### II. Never in doubt

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.**

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## **THANKSGIVING**

### **OFFERING**

*STAND*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**[M]:** Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**[C]:** **Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

**[M]:** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**[C]:** **Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

**[M]:** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**[C]:** **Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

**[M]:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

***Silent prayer.***

**[M]:** Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**[C]:** **Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

**[M]:** Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**[C]:** **Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.**

**[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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CHURCH

## 541 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,  
2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!  
3 In these last days of sore dis - tress  
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,  
5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - ven - tide,  
Through - out the earth no rest is found,  
Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness  
For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.  
The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,  
And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,  
That pure we keep, till life is spent,  
Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,  
Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.  
And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.  
Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.  
And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.  
Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.  
So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,  
Your Word alone is our defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word  
We here may live and die, dear Lord,  
And when our journey's ending here,  
Receive us into glory there.

Text: *Geistliche Psalmen*, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532-92, st. 2, 4-7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite.  
Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS (LM) *Geistliche Lieder*, Leipzig, 1589, alt.

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

Bryce Jones purchased the chancel flowers in honor of Avaughn's birthday. As this little boy continues to grow and flourish may he always know that his church family is here to pray for him and guide him in the path that leads to life everlasting as we encourage one another with the good news of Jesus, our Savior.



## WORK DAY



On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have a work day at Prince of Peace to beautify and maintain the wonderful property God has blessed us with. Our property manager, Paul Sherman, is working on a list of matters that need attention. Everyone is able to help in some way. We will be mindful to maintain social distancing and take precautions and most of the work will take place outside. Put this on your calendar and please make plans to come help out!

## GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Right now, you can still participate for the 2020 tax year (and get your refund when you file in 2021)**

Don't forget you can participate in the APOGEE program to support our preschool. If you are a Georgia resident and pay Georgia state income tax, you can redirect up to \$2,500.00 of the money you pay to the government in the form of income tax to Prince of Peace Preschool through this program. Redirecting your tax dollars in this way helps us grow our school and financial aid resources. For more information contact Jeanne Thomas or Ann Wendt. You can also check out the Apogee website at [www.apogee123.org](http://www.apogee123.org)



### Operating Offerings

10/18/20	\$ 3,870.20
Month to Date	\$ 12,010.20
YTD	\$ 170,404.00
Budget YTD	\$ 196,525.00
2019 YTD	\$ 168,592.00

### Attendance

8:00 am	21
10:00 am	38
Total	59

### Mortgage Progress

10/18/20	\$ 460.00
Month to Date	\$ 2,185.00
YTD	\$ 36,395.00
Budget YTD	\$ 27,954.00
2019 YTD	\$ 24,315.00

**Weekly needs October Operating Offering**

**\$ 4,839.00**

**Monthly Mortgage Payment**

**\$ 2,867.00**

**Reminder:** On-line giving is available on our website should you be unable to join us for worship. Remember to watch the worship service online when you are not here!

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