

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Secure in Our Identity

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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. 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

Life as a Christian is not always smooth sailing. Indeed, often it is not. It can be easy for us to lose heart as we face the many difficulties of life. It can be hard for us to feel safe and secure in our identity as Christians. Often, we look to replace it with something else as we seek solace in new identities. However, with Christ on our side, we can always rest secure, knowing that he overcomes all. We are secure in who we are, because we are Christ's!

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 secured in our identity as Christ's 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 11 th	—	Rejected and Received
Sunday, July 18 th	—	Sent to Work
Sunday, July 25 th	—	Reinvigorated and Cared For

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 405

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

FAITH

405

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though
2 That will not mur - nor com - plain Be -
3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When
4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor
5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble
neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of
tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,
heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean
life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,
grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,
knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,
can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,
heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796-1877.
Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877.

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; 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 READING

Job 38:1-11

In the storms of life, we are tempted to take God to court and demand an accounting from him. However, in the storms of life, it is really God who is calling us to account: Will we trust his Word and promise or our own reason, will, emotions, and the outward evidence that all is lost? Though God owes us nothing, he does give us an all-sufficient explanation in his Word. In his Word he promises to always be faithful. In due course he will make his purposes clear, often in this life, but perfectly in heaven.

Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

- ² “Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?
³ Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.
- ⁴ “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?
Tell me, if you understand.
⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it?
⁶ On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—
⁷ while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels shouted for joy?
- ⁸ “Who shut up the sea behind doors
when it burst forth from the womb,
⁹ when I made the clouds its garment
and wrapped it in thick darkness,
¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it
and set its doors and bars in place,
¹¹ when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther;
here is where your proud waves halt’?



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 READING

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

How completely do we as Christians have new life? So much so that Scripture tells us we died with Christ. The old self has been buried, therefore live the new life! Our lives are directed by the love of Christ, which is so beautifully described here through the image of reconciliation.

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6 cf. NIV)

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

Mark 4:35-41

How strikingly the disciples reflect the mix of fleshly unbelief and childlike trust that describes us so often in our lives! On the one hand the disciples have heard Jesus' words of love and grace and have believed them;. But in their distress, they doubt that the Lord will keep his Word to them. He promised that they would be fishers of men, an impossible promise for him to keep if they perish! How kind of Jesus to patiently bear with us and help us learn to trust that our only ultimate help is from him, a lesson we would never learn without suffering. Hold fast to the promise that Jesus will not leave us or forsake, not even in death!

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"



BE SEATED

JUSTIFICATION

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By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound - less;
 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior,
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise
 4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble,
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing;



My soul, be - lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver
 Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be -
 When you are by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan
 In trib - u - la - tion's fur - nace tried— By grace, de -
 In Je - sus' prom - ise I re - joice. For though I



at this word of prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er
 cause of your own mer - it That Je - sus died your
 plagues your trou - bled con - science, And when your heart is
 spite all fear and trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is
 know my heart's con - di - tion, I al - so know my



false - hood taught? So then this word must true re -
 soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a -
 seek - ing rest. What rea - son can - not com - pre -
 o - pen wide. Where could I help and strength se -
 Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad; all grief has



main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
 lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
 hend God by his grace to you did send.
 cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
 flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709–61, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

SERMON

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Defined by Christ's Love

- I. In regard to our status
- II. In regard to our life

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.**

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

[M]: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

[C]: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

[M]: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

[C]: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

[M]: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

[C]: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

[M]: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

[C]: **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

[M]: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

[C]: **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

[M]: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

[C]: **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

[M]: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

[M]: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

[C]: **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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN 299

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us your

Lord's sal - va - tion; Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ,
Ho - ly Spir - it. Help us in our in - firm - i - ty

They are a new cre - a - tion. Through Christ's
Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it. Grant us

re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -

heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Tune: ES IST DAS HEIL (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich liden*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

STAND

[M]: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

TRUST

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If God Himself Be for Me

1 If God him - self be for me, I may a
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus
 4 He can - celed my of - fen - ses, De - liv - ered
 5 No sin can now con - demn me Or set my

host de - fy; For when I pray, be - fore
 make my boast, That God is my dear Fa -
 and his blood, A - lone are my sal - va -
 me from death; He is the Lord who clean -
 hope a - side. Now hell no more can claim

me My foes, con - found - ed, fly. If Christ,
 ther, My friend who loves me most, And that,
 tion, My true, e - ter - nal good. With - out
 ses, My soul from sin through faith. In him
 me; Its fu - ry I de - ride. No sen -

my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from
 what - e'er be - tide me, My Sav - ior is
 him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less
 I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on
 tence now re - proves me; No guilt de - stroys

a - bove, What foe or what dis - as -
 at hand Through storm - y seas to guide
 on earth; The gifts I have from Je -
 my way; In him I am not fear -
 my peace, For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves

ter Can drive me from his love?
 me And bring me safe to land.
 sus A - lone have price - less worth.
 ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.
 me And shields me with his grace.

6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,
 No earthly tyrant's anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.
 Though earth should break assunder,
 You are my Savior true;
 No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing
 And can no more be sad.
 'Tis full of joy and singing,
 Sees only sunshine glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
 The heav'n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abt.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, st. 1–3, 6–7, alt.; unknown, st. 4–5, alt.
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship with Lord's Supper (Inside) 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Lord's Supper (Outside)

FLOWERS

There are still opportunities to provide flowers to beautify the altar. Please sign up if you can – the cost is \$35, and you can take them home with you after the second service. If there is a special occasion you would like mentioned, please write it in on the calendar by Pastor's office. Thank you.



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Open house for Prince of Peace Preschool is scheduled for July 18th, 1:00 pm. 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!

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

The entire Bible is meant to point us to Christ, yet sometimes we struggle to make the connections from the Old Testament to the Gospels. Let Jesus guide you in your understanding! Starting next Sunday, we'll begin a study of all the quotations of the Old Testament that Jesus makes in the Gospels. Come and see how Jesus uses the written scripture to point people to himself, teach them about God, and warn them about sin.

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
6/20/21	\$ 2354.00	8:00 am	28	6/20/21	\$ 3115.00
Month to Date	\$ 10258.99	10:30 am	47	Month to Date	\$ 5770.00
YTD	\$ 94010.00	Total	75	YTD	\$ 22975.00
Budget YTD	\$ 99683.00			Budget YTD	\$ 16486.00
2020 YTD	\$ 106912			2020 YTD	\$ 24856.00

Weekly needs June Operating Offering

\$ 4,028.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 2,867.00

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