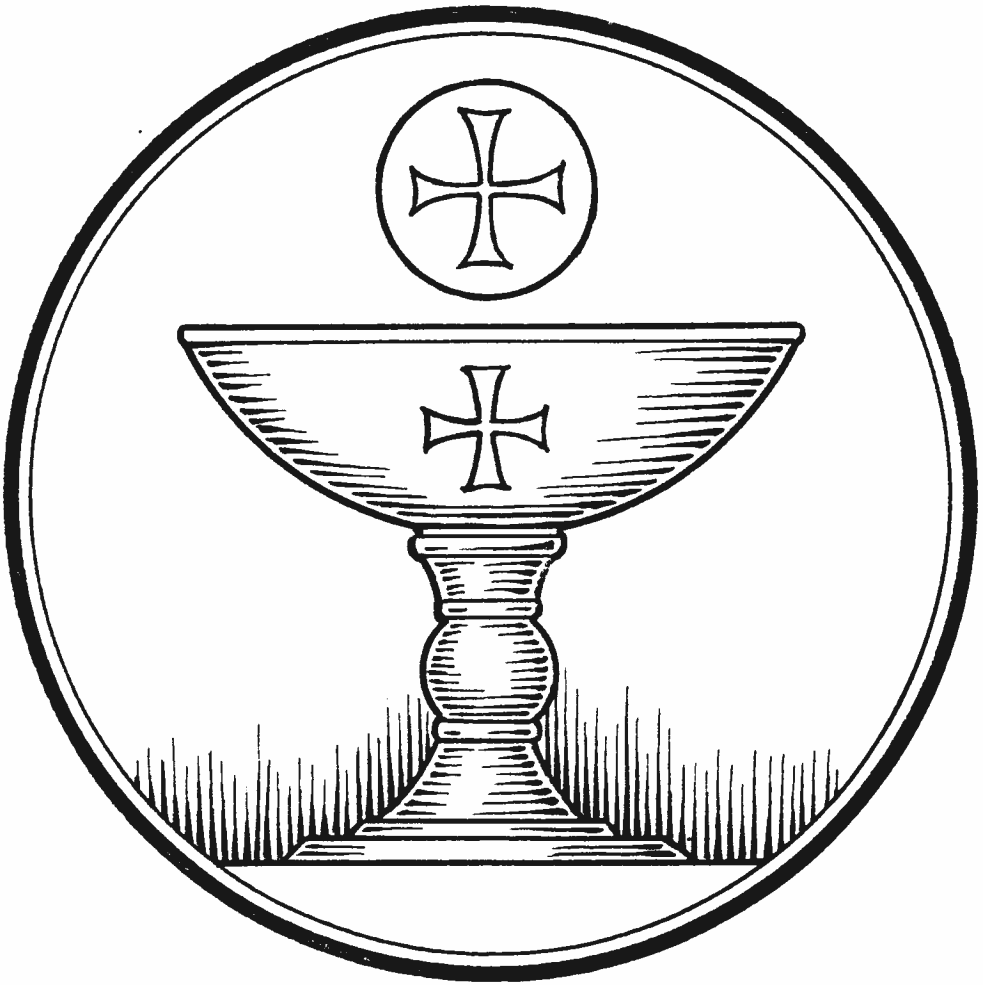
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"
"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 31st, 2025



Welcome! We are glad you are here today!

Our mission here at Prince of Peace is to exist to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our message is that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have questions about the Christian faith or Prince of Peace, our pastor or one of our elders would be happy to talk with you.

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Our Communion Practice

Prince of Peace is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS practices the Biblical and historical practice known as Close or Closed Communion (1 Corinthians 11:18-22). In this Supper of Our Lord, we receive the real presence of Jesus Christ's true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). Since this is also a sign of our communion, or common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are catechized members in good standing of the congregations of the LCMS or those in fellowship with the LCMS, such as The American Association of Lutheran Churches (TAALC).

It is indeed a consequence of the division in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive the Lord's Supper. Reception of the Sacrament of the Altar by those who are not fully united with us would confess a oneness that does not yet exist and for which we must all pray. New member classes are offered regularly, so that those who are not in fellowship with us can be welcomed to the Lord's Table in the future! We thank you for your respect for our Biblical and historical practice. Guests, please ask an elder or Pastor Adelsen before the service if you have any further questions concerning the Sacrament of the Altar, including the desire to become a member so we can all join together at the Lord's Table.

Please let us know you were here.
Please fill out a yellow attendance card, an Usher will collect it.
Thank you!

Theme for Today's Service

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: "Come, eat of My bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Forsake foolishness and live and go in the way of understanding" (Proverbs 9:5-6). This is the call of Christ to believe the Gospel and receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus' earthly ministry, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles. When we respond to the Gospel call, we receive the foretaste of the wedding feast to come in the Lord's Supper which will have no end as we receive the fruits of His cross: forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Opening Hymn **904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

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Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Prayer for Forgiveness

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

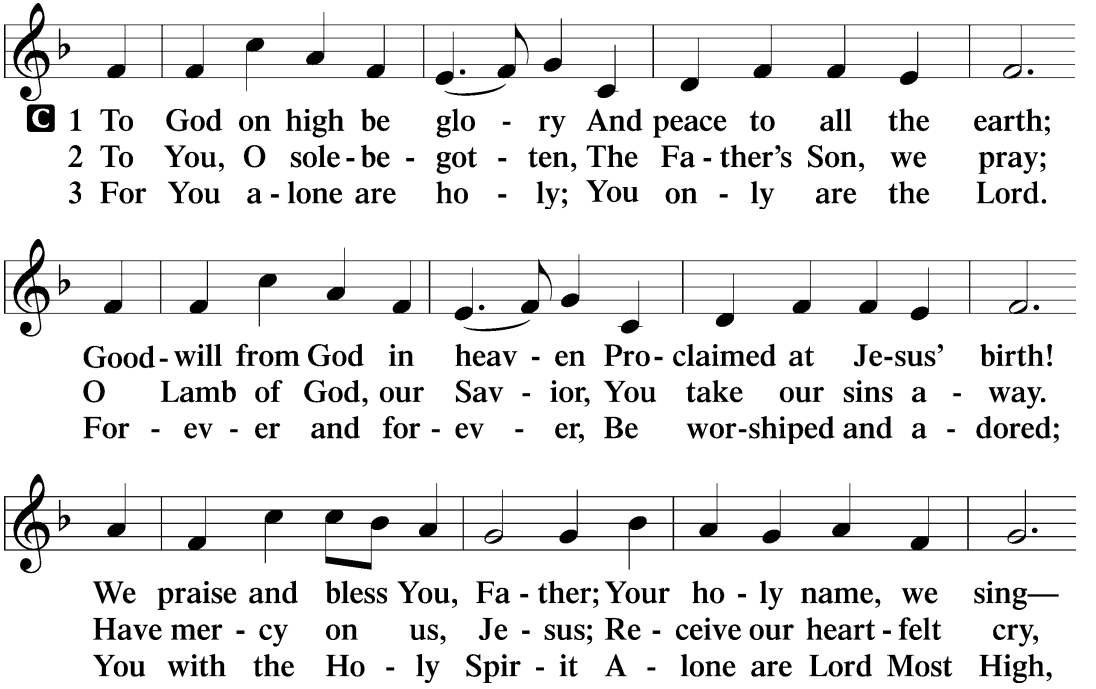
Psalm 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7

It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.
We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.

At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.
For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.
But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
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.
It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

Kyrie *Mark 10:47*

Gloria in Excelsis *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 25:2–10

Proverbs 25:2–10

2 It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things
out. 3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is
unsearchable. 4 Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material
for a vessel; 5 take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne
will be established in righteousness. 6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's
presence or stand in the place of the great, 7 for it is better to be told, "Come up
here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have
seen 8 do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your
neighbor puts you to shame? 9 Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and
do not reveal another's secret, 10 lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 34:9,19

Fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle: Hebrews 13:1–17

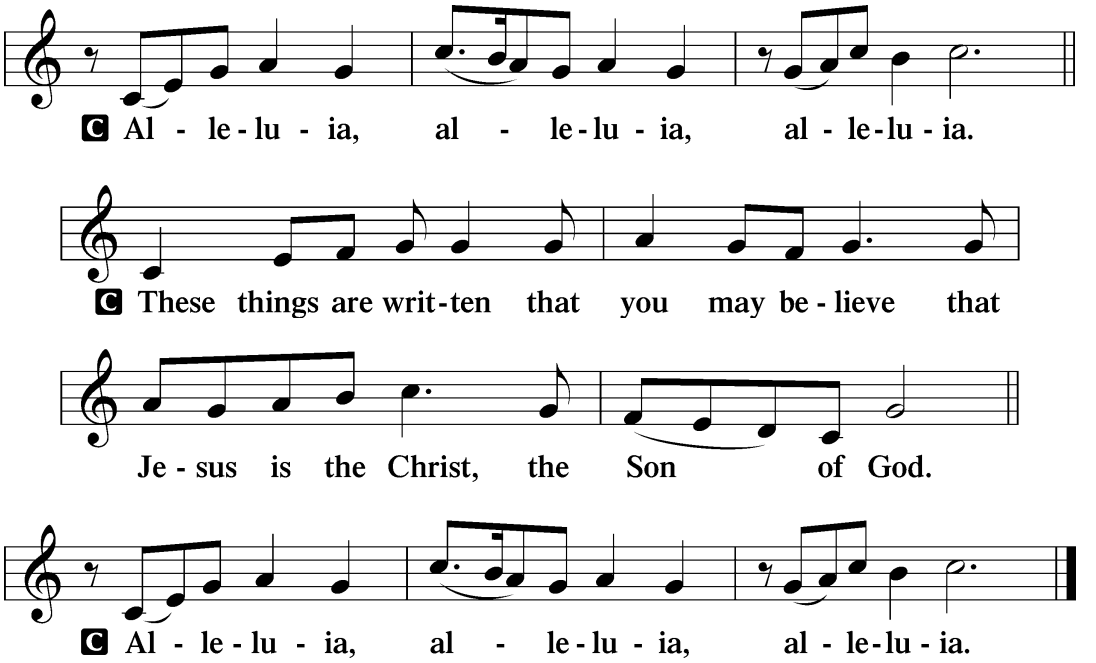
Hebrews 13:1–17

[1]Let brotherly love continue. [2]Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. [3]Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. [4]Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. [5]Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." [6]So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" [7]Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. [8]Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. [9]Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. [10]We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. [11]For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. [12]So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. [13]Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. [14]For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. [15]Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. [16]Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. [17]Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 12-24

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. … [12] Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. [13] But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, [14] and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." [15] When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." [16] Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. [17] At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' [18] "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please

excuse me.' [19] "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' [20] "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' [21] "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' [22] "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'
[23] "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. [24] I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

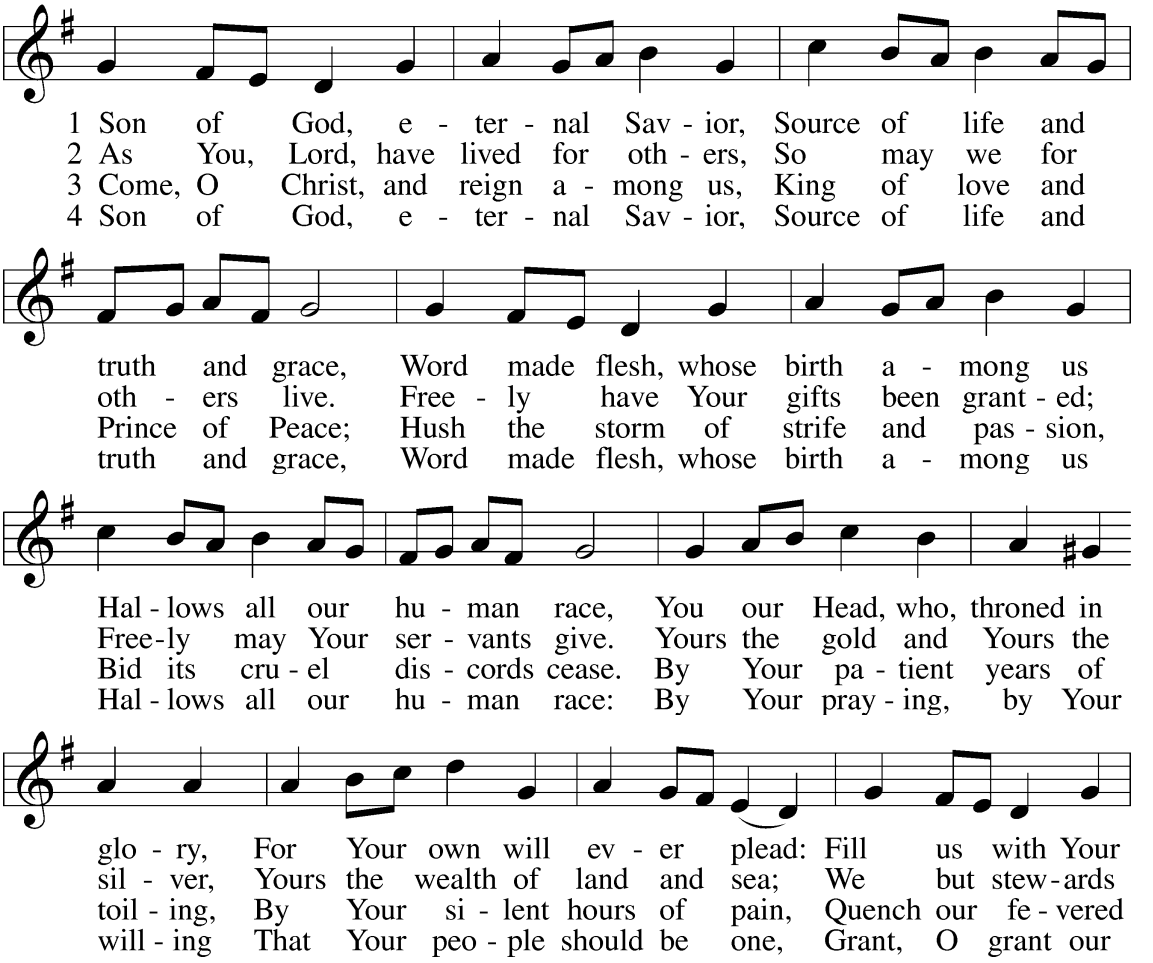
Teaching Faith from the Catechism, The First Article of the Creed, Part 2

P I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
What does this mean?

C **He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. This is most certainly true.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day **842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**



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Sermon "Come, Everything is Ready!", Luke 14:1,12-24

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Prayer of the Church

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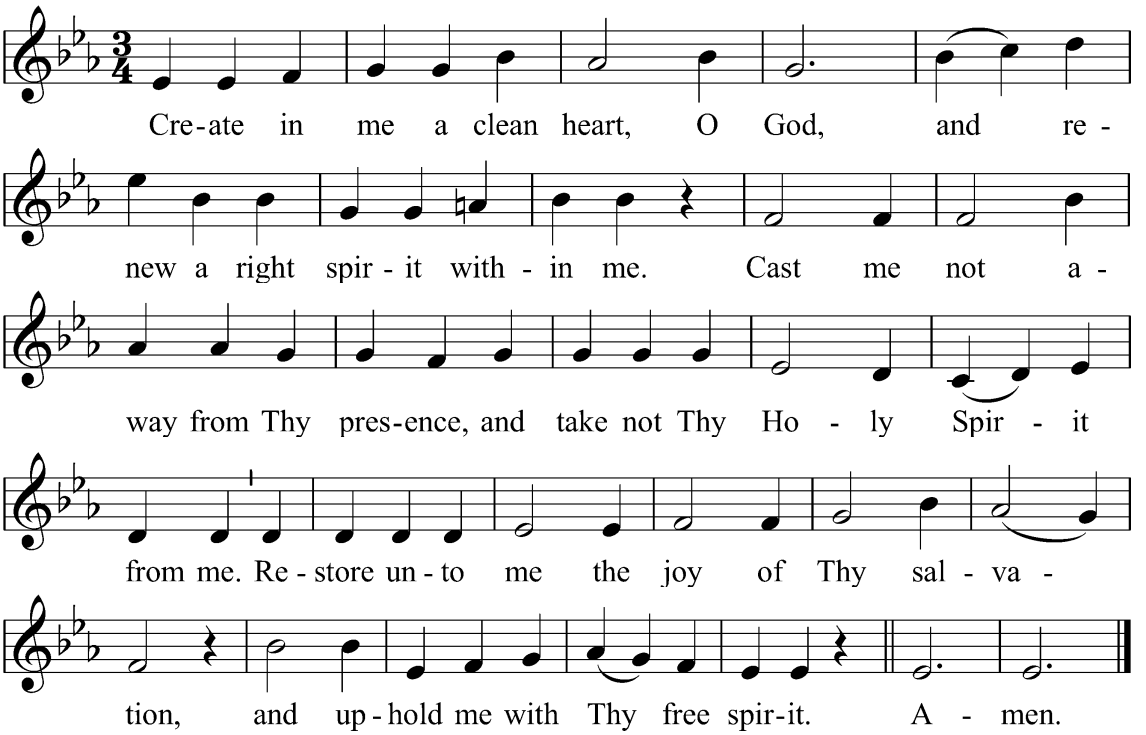
Offering

Offertory



Service of the Sacrament

Stand

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

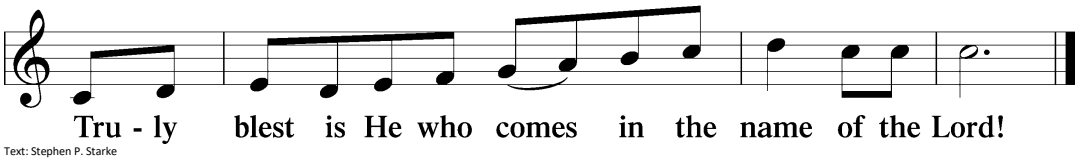
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

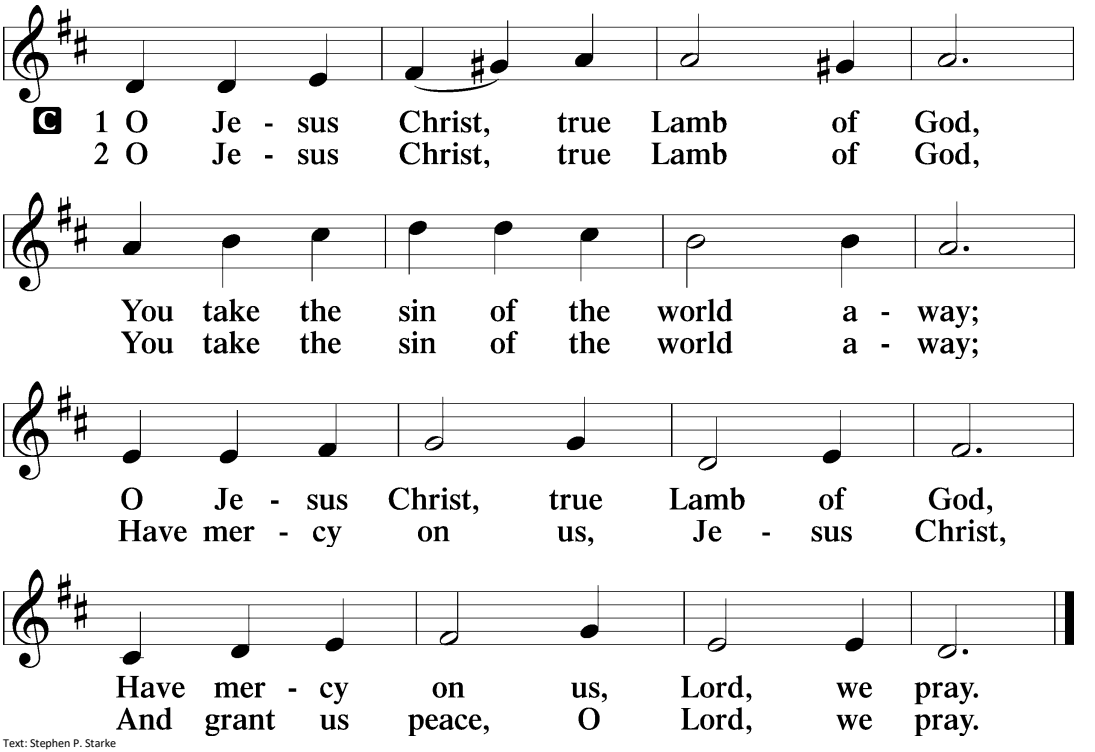
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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Distribution Hymns

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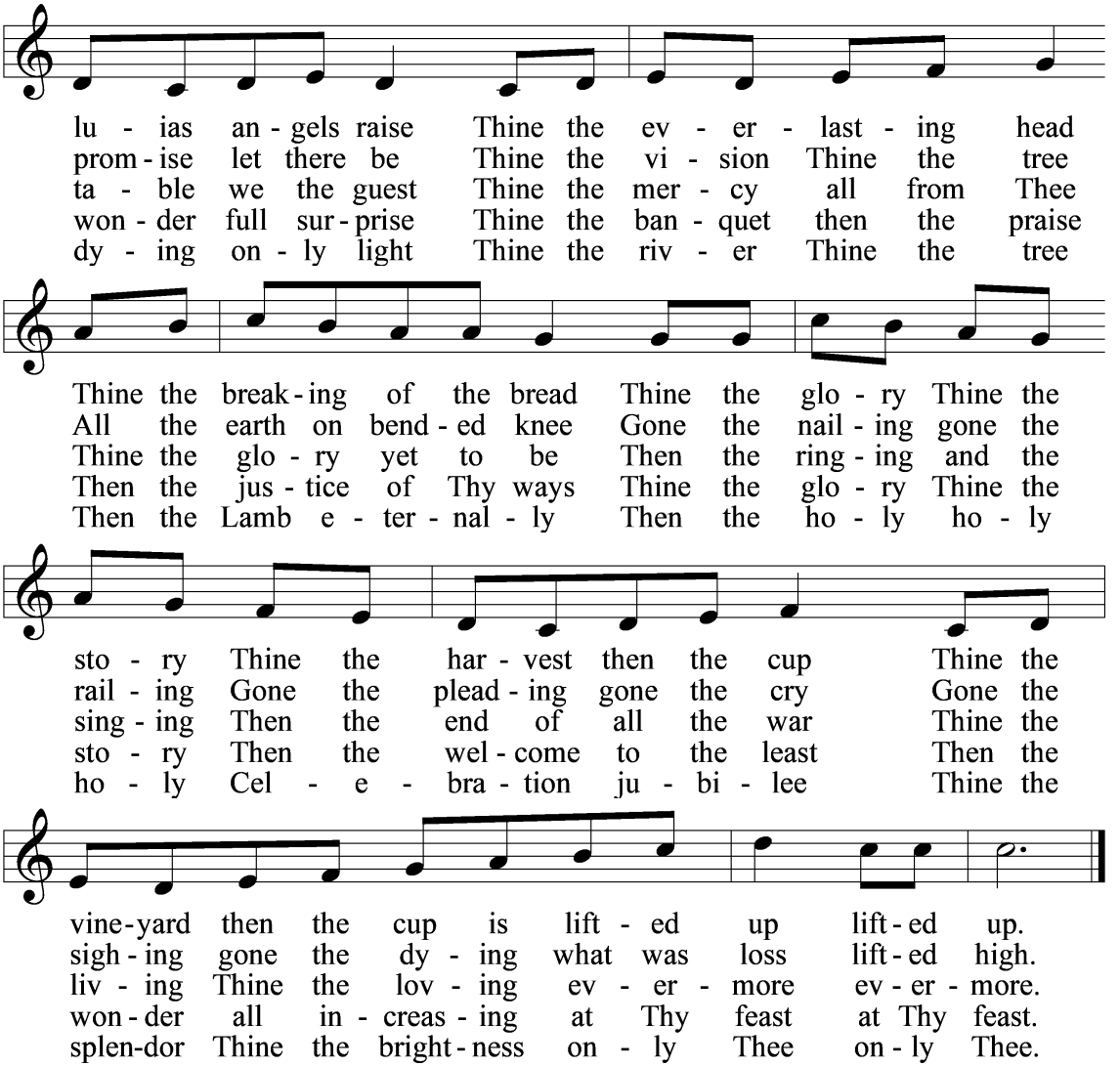

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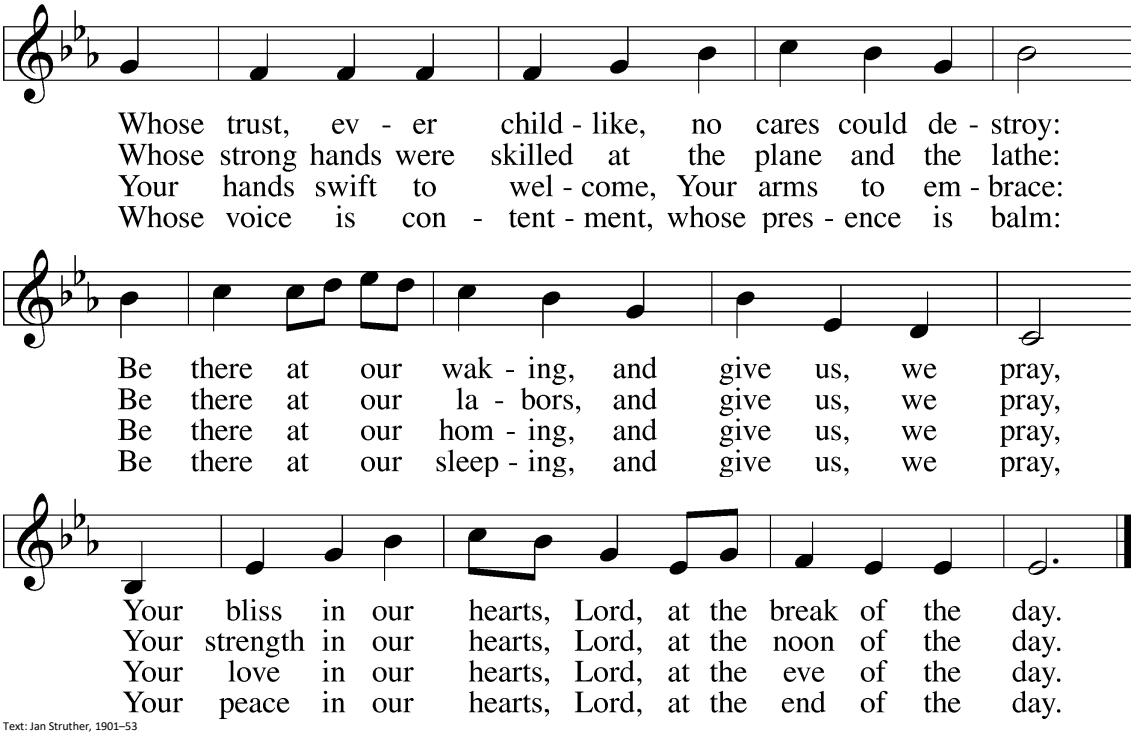

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622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

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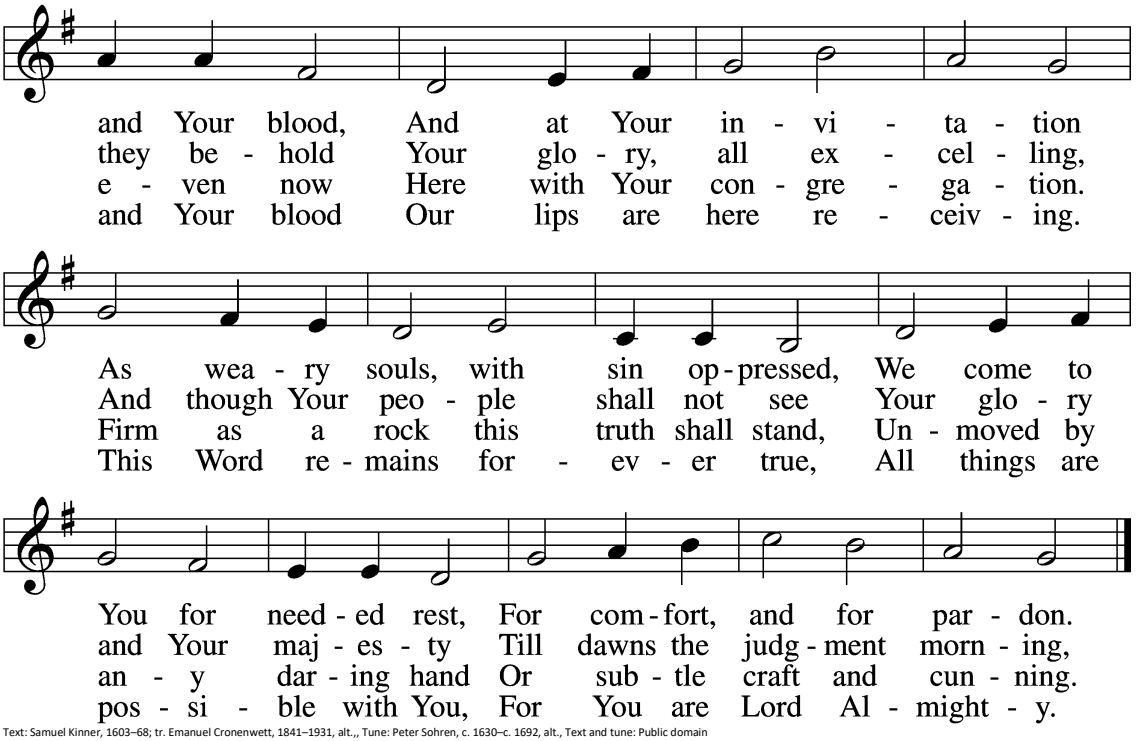

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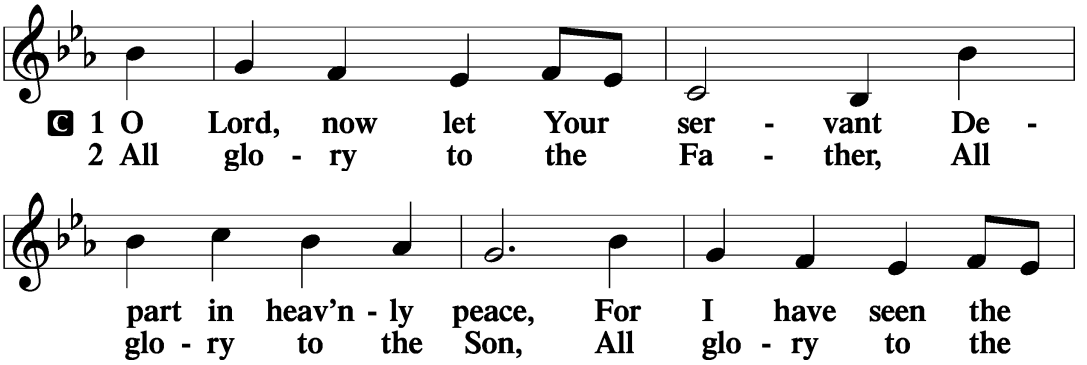
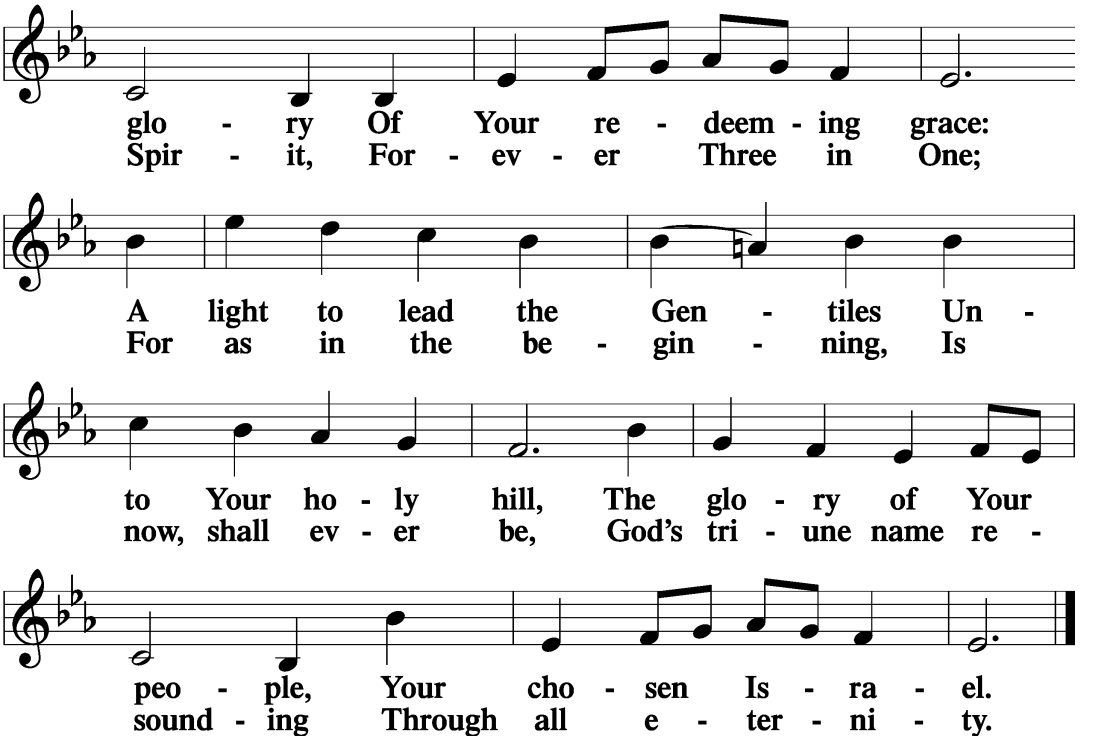
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **Peace be Yours**

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Peace be yours, May the Lord be with you,
As we gather now and your whole life through,
Blessing and mercy and wholeness, too.
May God's peace be yours.

Peace be yours, as you scatter from here.
Anywhere you go, God is always near,
Loving and calming your deepest fear.
May God's peace be yours.

Seek your strength where the Lord does abide,
When the greatest evil is at your side.
In Word and Sacrament, Christ resides.
May God's peace be yours.

Always know He has conquered the one,
Who defies your life in God's only Son.
Yours is the struggle that Christ has won.
May God's peace be yours.

Announcements

Church Picnic Meal Prayer

The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing (Psalm 145:15-16). Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts, which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Common Table Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest

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Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 31, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum*, Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Dan & Karen Moen; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Lori Peters, Deb Dunnum; *Altar Guild for August:* Elaine Schmidt, Carolyn Dosland

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Willie & Leatta Danielson; *Money Counters*: Barb Hinds, Ona Childs; *Altar Guild for September:* DeAnne Otto, Melissa Adelsen

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 54
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of Aug. 24 Offering: $2,935.00

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

August 31 – September 7

Today	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Church Picnic and Grill Out
	Note: ..... No Adult Bible Study
Mon. Sep. 1	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tues. Sep. 2	5:00 pm ..... Men's Bible Study at Feature's
Weds. Sep. 3	9:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
Sat. Sep. 6	9:00 am ..... LWML Meeting
Sun. Sep.7	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Mornings after Fellowship: Join us next Sunday for adult Bible Study today as we continue our study on Proverbs*! "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."* Proverbs 30:5

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Join us at 9:30am as we continue our study on the Gospel of John. Martin Luther regarded the Gospel of John as a cornerstone of Christian faith, placing it among the most important books of the New Testament.

Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to our study on Timothy and Titus. This month they will be meeting on the Sep. 2nd, 16th and the 30th at 5:00pm at Features in West Salem.

Women's Bible Study – The focus of the study is writings by Sharla Fritz, and it's called "Measured By Grace." In the Bible, you'll find people with no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and brokenness. They can be marked with failure. Explore instead how they are transformed. ***Note, this group meets online on Saturdays.*** See Ginny Emmons or Debbie Dunnum about how to join in online.

Free Lectures: "Deliver Us: God's Rescue Story in Exodus": Friday, Sept. 12th, at UWL Student Union Room 3120, from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Professor at Concordia University/St. Paul will engage the audience and show how God's act of deliverance makes a difference in your life now. Or, plan on attending the expanded lecture **Saturday, Sept. 13th** at Faith on Main Church in La Crosse from 9am-Noon. Dr. Lessing is also an author of many books about the Old Testament.

Shepherd of the Hills in Onalaska - is hosting a **Fish Fry** Fundraiser for **Hope High School** on Friday, **September 12th** from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at SotH Church Office or on the day of the event. Menu includes: battered or baked fish or chicken strips, baked potato or French Fries, coleslaw, dinner roll. Desserts are available with free-will donation; milk, lemonade and coffee available for those who dine in. This will be open to the public. Help support quality Christian Education by dining with them!

Prayer Chain – POP Prays! Do you know that Prince of Peace has an email prayer chain? If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain to pray for others, please email Bill Stichman at wstichman@charter.net. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances- for this is the will of God!

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life – God in His glory disguises the sanctity of life so that we may know the joy of finding it (Proverbs 25:2). Great delight awaits those who search beyond appearances, behind ages, beneath abilities to receive every neighbor as a blessing. May we with both lips and fingers reach into sin's hiding places to pull sons and daughters out. (Lk. 14:5).

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You need not be a member to stay interested in the announcements here at Prince of Peace. Let us know your information!

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the Invocation?

At the beginning of the Divine Service, you will hear Pastor say: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" as he makes the sign of the cross. This is the Invocation. The word "invocation" comes from a Latin word that means "to call upon."

Why do we begin the Divine Service with the Invocation?

The Small Catechism says that the right way to use God's name is to "call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks." The Invocation and the sign of the cross begins the Divine Service by "calling upon" God who, through the power of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, called us to faith in Jesus. When we call, He comes to be with us, giving us His wonderful gifts of salvation!

Can I call upon God in this way in my own daily devotions?

Of course! Speaking the Invocation and making the sign of the cross is a wonderful way to begin and end your daily devotions. Go ahead and try it!

Parents: During the service, help your children listen for times when the Pastor speaks the name of our Triune God. Practice speaking the Invocation and making the sign of the cross with your children during family devotions. Remind them that this reminds us of our Baptism.

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ONE THING'S NEEDFUL

In Luke 10:42, Jesus says, "one thing is needful," referring to the importance of prioritizing time with God and listening to his word, as exemplified by Mary, over being consumed by worldly tasks like Martha's serving. It emphasizes that nurturing one's spiritual life through intimacy with God is more essential than getting caught up in external activities, even those done with good intentions.

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

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MEDITATION Read Psalm 131 This is a Psalm of instruction. It speaks against the proud saints who comfort themselves by placing confidence in their great services and not in the forgiveness read about in Psalm 130. Instead, the Psalmist instruction everyone to trust and hope in God and depend only on His grace. He has the sustenance promised.

DAILY READINGS

31 Aug	1 Kings 16:29—17:24	2 Cor 9:1–15	2 Cor 10:1—13:13
1 Sept	1 Kings 18:1–19	Eph 1:1–23	
2 Sept	1 Kings 18:20–40	Eph 2:1–22	
3 Sept	1 Kings 19:1–21	Eph 3:1–21	1 Kings 20:1—22:53
4 Sept	2 Kings 2:1–18	Eph 4:1–24	
5 Sept	2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7	Eph 4:25—5:14	
6 Sept	2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37	Eph 5:15–33	

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- That those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to His fold
- Josh Leyh and family at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne IN
- Pray for our members: Joe & Brooklynn Scholze, Lyle Anderson, Brian Horstmann, Bill & Sal Stichman. Also for Bryana & Corey Fravel (daughter and son-in-law of Linda Williams) and for infant Amanda Jean, who is with the Heavenly Father.
- Pray for our congregation: that we would worship and fellowship with one another.

LEARN BY HEART Luke 14:11 *"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace*. (Numbers 6:24-26)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Deut. 30:15-20; Phlm. 1-21; Luke 14:25-35