



Mark 4:30-31, NRSV

He also said,  
"With what  
can we  
compare  
the kingdom of  
God ...? It is like  
a mustard seed ..."

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
June 16, 2024  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark Schumm  
Music Director, Karen Turgeon  
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Church Office Hours: M-F 8a.m.-4pm

As we gather today, our hope is that through this time of hearing and reflecting on God's Word, your faith is strengthened for service in Christ's name. Our mission is to Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known.

We pray that you will feel comfortable and at home during your worship experience. If you are here for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex. There you will find information about the church and ministry activities. Please fill out the welcome book located in the welcome center, so we may acknowledge your visit with us.

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an important part of Christian worship. At Prince of Peace, we practice "Communion Fellowship" which means that those communing at the altar have the following four beliefs in common.

1. I am baptized in the name of the Triune God - Matthew 28:19
2. I am a sinner and seek God's forgiveness through Christ.-1 Corinthians 11:29
3. I recognize the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.-1 Corinthians 11:29
4. I have a desire to live a God-pleasing life.-1 Thessalonians 4:12

If you are a first time visitor, please speak with the Pastor or Elder prior to communing. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it. *We request that those who join us in worship after the confession and absolution refrain from coming to the Lord's Supper until they have had opportunity to examine themselves. Please see pastor after service and he will commune you.*

To limit contact, our offering envelopes are available as you enter the sanctuary and may be left in the plate. We appreciate your support.

Thank you for joining us today as we worship our Lord and Savior.  
May you be richly blessed by our Prince of Peace!

## **Worship Today - 9:30 a.m.**

### **As We Gather**

Once again, the Word of God in our ears this day speaks of the glorious and happy goal that God's salvation promises to all who believe in His saving mercy, grace, and love. From of old, the Lord has promised a secure future in His presence both now and especially in the eternity of life in the resurrection. Though we experience the weakness and maybe even dread of growing old, by faith we are like firm trees planted by the strength of God. That faith is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit, which grows and remains strong regardless of our circumstances. So even though we become discouraged at times, our confidence is always renewed by God as we remain steadfast in connection with His mighty Word.

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### Gathering Hymn 605 Father Welcomes

Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain

2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain

3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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### Confession and Absolution

**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.

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

**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 1; antiphon: v. 6*

- P** <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- C** <sup>2</sup>**but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- C** <sup>6</sup>**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Kyrie** *LSB 204*

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 204*

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King. To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Ezekiel 17:22–24*

**A** A reading from the book of Ezekiel, chapter seventeen

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender

one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle** *2 Corinthians 5:1–17*

**A** A reading from the second book of Corinthians, chapter five.

<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel *Mark 4:26–34*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

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.

## Hymn of the Day 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

## Offering 956 Create in Me

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12 Text: Public domain

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface *LSB 208*

**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, ....

### Sanctus *LSB 208*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## 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**

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."

### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### **Agnus Dei** *LSB 210*

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*



## Distribution Hymns

### 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.

4 So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.  
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### 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
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### Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the  
glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to  
the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

### 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 an-  
other; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benedicamus** *LSB 212*

**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.**

## **Sending Hymn 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2 We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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# Peace Notes

**THIS IS IT!! Please turn in your baby bottles this weekend to support Another Way Pregnancy Center!** Think about giving just a little bit more as our offerings are being matched up to \$10,000 by LCMS Life Ministries. Checks MUST be made out to Prince of Peace **not** AWPC. Let's give Another Way Pregnancy Center this life changing gift! No bottle? You can simply and safely make a donation from our webpage by using the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

**Flowers on the altar** this morning are offered by Lynne Bauer in loving memory of her father, Harold Anderson. Thank you for your special gift honoring your dad, Lynne!

We celebrate DADs today. Fathers have important roles in our lives. As spiritual leaders, the Bible says: **Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.** Ephesians 6:4 NIV Thank a father and may God bless those who impact our lives in this way.

**Family of God service is coming up** on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining in with our team to serve a delicious hot meal to those in need. We also continue our support of Family of God mission by offering items from their "wish" list for 2024. Bring in your donations this weekend and they will be delivered to FoG! Supplies may be left in the trunk in the narthex. See the flyer attached for items they need year-round. Please continue to keep the ministry at Family of God in your prayers.

**June Movie night:** Join us for Mountain Top. A story based on A lawyer-turned-preacher living in a small Appalachian town who is pursued by an eccentric man to represent him in court. As always, we serve pizza dinner and friends are always welcome. Join us for a great night out on Friday, June 28 beginning at 5pm

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Today

Bible Study 8:30am  
Worship at 9:30am  
Bible Study 10:30am  
*Happy Father's Day  
Baby bottles due!*

### Monday, June 17

Family of God 5:15pm

### Tuesday, June 18

Prayer Team 7:15pm  
NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 19

Noon Bible Study

### Friday, June 21

NA meeting 11 a.m.  
AA Meeting 8 p.m.

### Saturday, June 22

Women's Bible study 10am

### Sunday, June 23

Bible Study 8:30am  
Worship at 9:30am  
Bible Study 10:30am

## COMING UP

### Thur. Fri, July 4-5

*4th of July  
Church office Closed.*

### Monday, July 8

Board meeting 7:30 p.m.

## Keep in Prayer this week

*Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...*

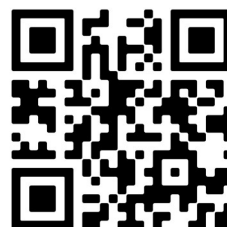
- ✝ For resolution to conflict and peace in the areas of the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-torn nations in the world.
- ✝ Thanksgiving for all fathers and those who mentor in a fatherly way to influence and bless our lives
- ✝ Thanksgiving for the support of life and AWPC ministry through the baby bottle campaign.
- ✝ For the health concerns of: Gloria Vaaler, Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Helen Nye, and Melody Rinn, Rachel Svoke, Dennis Coffey, Pat Geisinger and Shari Thilking, Alyssa B., Velte Toledo, Timmy Hamilton, Janice Kaminski

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## Upcoming Service Schedule

Altar server for the month of June is Lynne Bauer

Service Schedule						
	16-June		23-June		30-June	
	9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.	
<b>ELDERS</b>	Dick Walker		Charley Staab		Greg Echols	
<b>READER</b>	DeColle Abbott		Ron Donoghue		Susan Vaaler	
<b>GREETER</b>	Susan & Kurt Vaaler		Elaine Echols		Marabeth Warnke	
<b>VIDEO OPERATOR</b>	Chris Moses		Barb Donoghue		Ed Kaiser	
<b>TELLERS</b>	JoAnn Lind Mike Hodgins		Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild		Doug Butler Ron Donoghue	
<b>USHERS</b>	Joe Svoke	Kurt Vaaler	Dick Walker	Mark Wells	Doug Butler	Jesse Brindle