

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church November 3, 2024 All Saints' Day

### Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

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

We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assemblage than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses" (12:1) and tells of "the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven" and "the spirits of the righteous made perfect" (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that "the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake" (*TLH* 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God's grace we, too, will be "numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting" (*LSB*, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

#### November 3, 2024 All Saints' Day Your Future Is Bright and Glorious

#### PREPARATION

#### **Opening Hymn 677 For All the Saints**

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**Opening Sentences** *Psalm 34:1, 3, 8–9; 37:28; 97:11–12* 

- Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!
- **G** For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.
- **P** I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- **C** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!
- Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
- **C** Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

- Almighty God, we repent of our sins—the inherited sinfulness that is our original condition and our manifold sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever.
- Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you ever live as the saints with a bright and glorious future that you are in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

#### WORD

Introit *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b* 

**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- C In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me. For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.
- Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- 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. These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Kyrie LSB 152

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

#### Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### First Reading Revelation 7:2–17

L A reading from the book of Revelation, chapter seven.

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: <sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, <sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, <sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, <sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for-ever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle** 1 John 3:1–3

**L** a reading from the first book of John, chapter three.

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Verse Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

P Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
 C let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

#### Holy Gospel in Song *Matthew 5:1–12* 932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples

1 Jesus sat with His disciples On a mountainside one day; As the crowds of people gathered, He began to teach and say: "Blessèd are the poor in spirit, Heaven's kingdom they will share. Blessèd are the sad and mourning, Joy and comfort will be theirs.

2 "Blessèd are the meek and humble, All the earth to them is willed. Those who hunger to be holy, They are bless'd and will be filled. Yes, the merciful are blessèd, Mercy will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are blessèd, They have eyes for God alone.

3 "Blessèd are God's sons and daughters, Making peace where there is strife. Blessèd are the persecuted, Who for righteousness lose life; Their reward is great in heaven, In the kingdom up above— So be glad to share My suff'ring And rejoice to know My love."

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Hymn of the Day 676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,

Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!

With palms they stand; Who is this band

Before the throne of light? These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light. Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright.

2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;

But now, how glorious they appear!

Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near. On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,

Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears. They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;

The Lamb, their Lord. At festive board Himself is host and quest.

3 O blessèd saints in bright array

Now safely home in endless day,

Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way.

The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;

Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.

The myriad angels raise their song;

O saints, sing with that happy throng!

Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

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#### Sermon

**Creed** 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.

#### **Commemoration of the Saints**

## Prayer of the Church C hear our prayer.

#### 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. Amen.

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#### SACRAMENT

#### Preface

P The Lord be with you.C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### **Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly good, right, ...

#### Sanctus LSB 161

Holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### The Words of Our Lord

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, ...

#### 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.

## Pax Domini P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

#### Agnus Dei LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. *Please sit* 

#### **Distribution Hymns**

#### 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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#### 678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

1 We sing for all the unsung saints, That countless, nameless throng, Who kept the faith and passed it on With hope steadfast and strong Through all the daily griefs and joys No chronicles record, Forgetful of their lack of fame, But mindful of their Lord.

2 Though uninscribed with date or place, With title, rank, or name, As living stones their stories join To form a hallowed frame Around the myst'ry in their midst: The Lamb once sacrificed, The Love that wrested life from death, The wounded, risen Christ.

3 So we take heart from unknown saints Bereft of earthly fame, Those faithful ones who have received A more enduring name: For they reveal true blessing comes When we our pride efface And offer back our lives to be The vessels of God's grace.

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#### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at Your gracious Table. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received that we may be the peacemakers, the meek and the pure in heart. Keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom with saints and angels in light everlasting. This we

ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

G For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever. Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

#### **Closing Prayer**

P Let us pray.

Eternal Father, You have shown to us, in the words of Jesus Christ, Your Son, the way of those who are truly blessed. Grant us grace to live out our days as Your people who walk in ways of meekness and faith, following the path of our Lord and imitating the faith and virtues of the saints in our lifetimes. Send Your Holy Spirit to direct and counsel us in all things and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Christ, we pray.

**C** Amen.

#### **Benediction**

- **C** Amen.

#### **Closing Hymn 677 For All the Saints**

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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# Peace Notes

We are celebrating **All Saints' day** today. On this day, we remember all the faithful departed in the past year. (from November 1, 2023 to November 1, 2024.) Please keep our families and friends who have lost loved ones this past year in your prayers.

**10:45 Sunday Bible Study**: This week we'll look at the book of Numbers. How does God prepare the Israelites to enter the promised land? Due to unbelief, Israel must prepare two times, forty years apart, to enter Canaan. Join us!

**Please plan to attend the Voters' meeting** on Sunday, Nov. 10, as we share how God has been faithful through 2024 and as we look forward to 2025 with the ministry needs and opportunities ahead.

**DATE CHANGE Calling all hands on deck, Sunday, Nov. 17, for packing** and shipping of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Through your generosity, we hope to fill 100+ boxes with lots of love as each box should include school supplies, hygiene supplies, and a "wow" gift for each child. Samaritan Purse will provide the Gospel message and training. If you would like to donate to the shipping and their materials, please make a donation of \$10 per box and indicate it is for Samaritan Purse. Thank you!

**Worship on Thanksgiving eve** will be held at Christ Our Savior on Wednesday, November 27 at 7pm. Be sure to join our friends for this communion service celebrating all the bounty and blessings that God has given us. There is no worship service at Prince of Peace that evening.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>Today</u> Bible Study 8:30am Worship at 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am

Monday, November 4 Board Meeting 7:30pm

<u>Tuesday, November 5</u> ESL Tutoring 1-7pm Prayer Team 7:15pm NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6 Noon Bible study

<u>Thursday, November 7</u> AWPC class 5:30pm

Friday, November 8 NA meeting 11 a.m AA Meeting 8 p.m.

<u>Saturday, November 9</u> Noon Bible study

Sunday, November 10 Bible Study 8:30am Worship at 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am *Voters' Meeting* 

COMING UP

Sunday, November 17 OCC shoebox packing Following worship

Monday, November 18 Family of God 5:15pm

#### 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 wartorn nations in the world.
- ✤ For God's peace in this upcoming election this week and civility with the outcome.
- Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Olivia Frances Todd born on October 27. Prayers for new parents, Roxanne and Phillip and for the nurses and doctors who will be caring for Olivia as she will have an extended stay in the NICU.
- For God's peace and comfort for Pam Mogulski and her family as they navigate recent family conflicts.
- For Avery Comer who is hospitalized with pneumonia
- For the friends and family of little Andrew Hamilton who passed away on Oct. 17. Prayers of peace for his parents, Timothy and Kyah and siblings as they mourn his death but celebrate his life with Jesus.
- For the health concerns of: Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Helen Nye, and Rachel Svoke, Dennis Coffey, Jean Karpinski, Pat Geisinger, Janice Kaminski and Shari Thilking, Joan B., Ann Meciejewski, Mike Hodgins.

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- 1. Scan the QR Code below to be directed to our webpage.
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	Upcoming Service Schedule					
	3-November		10-November		17-November	
	9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.	
ELDERS	Charley Staab		Mike Beyersdorf		Dick Walker	
READER	DeColle Abbott		Ron Donoghue		Susan Vaaler	
GREETER	Barb and Ron Donoghue		Sharon and Ed Kaiser		Susan and Kurt Vaaler	
VIDEO OPERATOR	Chris Moses		Barb Donoghue		Ed Kaiser	
TELLERS	JoAnn Lind		Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild		Doug Butler Ron Donoghue	
USHERS	Jesse Brindle Doug Butler	Greg Echols	Charley Staab Joe Svoke	Ed Kaiser	Kurt Vaaler Greg Echols	Mark Wells