

*“Look at the birds of the air;
they do not sow or reap or store
away in barns, and yet your
heavenly Father feeds them.*

*Are you not much more
valuable than they?”*



M A T T H E W 6 : 2 6 , N I V

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
November 17, 2024
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark Schumm
Music Director, Karen Turgeon
Office Manager, Laura Dygert
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

Money Talks!

That's the name of the three-week sermon series we're in.

Today's money talk comes from 2 Kings 5. The focus?

A greedy man named Gehazi.

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Opening Hymn Hymn: 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Confession and Absolution:

Pastor: Jesus says, “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money” (Matthew 6:24) Almighty God—

People: If we are honest with you, we have a hard time believing this verse.

Pastor: We become anxious about money and we won't let go.

People: We think we can manage it without you.

Pastor: We have a difficult time believing that you will care for us.

ALL: O God, we need your help.

Pastor: Break us open.

People: Lead us to recognize our sin.

Pastor: Grant us repentance.

People: Forgive us and take us back.

Pastor: Free to be yours.

People: Free to serve in Christ's holy name.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination]

Pastor: Jesus died on the cross to free us from the dark prison of greed. He rose from the dead to shatter the doors of guilt and shame. For his sake and by his command I announce to you that your sins are fully and forever forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn: 809 Great is Thy Faithfulness stanza 3

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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Prayer of the Day:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, almighty Father, you have shown to the world your love in the most glorious sacrifice of your beloved Son. Fill us with this same sacrificial love that we may offer our resources for the sake of your kingdom and the salvation of many; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 5*

Reader: A reading from the second book of Kings, chapter five.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So

Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." ¹⁶But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mules' load of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. ¹⁸In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." ¹⁹He said to him, "Go in peace."

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, ²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." ²¹So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?" ²²And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me to say, 'There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two festal garments.'" ²³And Naaman said, "Be pleased to accept two talents." And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two festal garments, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. ²⁴And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. ²⁵He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere." ²⁶But he said to him, "Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? ²⁷Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever." So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Timothy 6:11–16*

Reader: A reading from the first book of Timothy, chapter six.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: 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 *Matthew 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Al-

mighty. From thence 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.

Hymn of the Day 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

3 Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering LSB 786 Lord of All Good st 1

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now; Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill. Tokens of love and pledges they shall be That our whole life is offered to Your will.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 208*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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 *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

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

Pastor: 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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

- 1 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.
- 2 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

Please Sit

Distribution Hymns

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

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650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

1 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.

2 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

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Benediction: (From Ephesians 3:20–21)

Pastor: Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine—

People: According to his power that is at work within us.

Pastor: To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!

ALL: Amen.

Closing Hymn 785 We Praise You, O God

1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.

When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Peace Notes

Calling all hands on deck, TODAY! Join us after worship for packing of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Through your generosity, we hope to fill 100+ boxes with lots of love! 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!

Our next movie night is coming up on December 27 at 5pm Join us for a showing of *Secondhand Lions*- this movie tells the story of fourteen-year-old Walter Caldwell who's irresponsible mother Mae sends him to live with his bachelor uncles, Hub and Garth. Starring Haley Joel Osment, Michael Caine and Robert Duvall, this movie is sure to entertain! Join us for a free dinner and a great time. Please note, there is no movie night in the month of November.

Worship on Thanksgiving eve will be held at Christ Our Savior on Wednesday, November 27 at 7pm. 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.

Join us for a fun Countdown to Christmas Breakfast right here on Saturday, December 7 from 10-11:30am. Great food, fun and crafts for the kids! Invite your family and friends and be sure to join us! All are welcome! Sign up in the narthex if you can lend a hand! Our December work morning will be that day as well beginning at 8am we will decorate the church for Christmas! Make a day of it!

Coming up in December we will again host the Novi Choralaires for their popular Christmas concert! If you can help us host, we are asking for our talented cookie bakers to again provide cookies for attendees! Sign up in the narthex today!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

Bible Study 8:30am
Worship at 9:30am
Bible Study 10:30am
OCC shoebox packing!

Monday, November 18

Family of God 5:15pm

Tuesday, November 19

Bible Study at noon
ESL Tutoring 1-7pm
Prayer Team 7:15pm
NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20

Noon Bible study

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

Women's Study 10am

Sunday, November 24

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

COMING UP

Wednesday, November 27

7pm Worship at Christ Our Savior

Thursday-Friday Nov 28-29

*Church office closed
Happy Thanksgiving.*

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.
- ✝ For helping hands to pack shoeboxes today and for those who will be receiving them.
- ✝ For our upcoming holiday events-for our volunteers and those who will attend.
- ✝ For God's peace within our families and friends as we move forward to the coming holiday gatherings
- ✝ 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

	17-November		24-November		1-December	
	9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.	
ELDERS	Dick Walker		Greg Echols		Charley Staab	
READER	Susan Vaaler		Karen Turgeon		DeColle Abbott	
GREETER	Susan and Kurt Vaaler		Elaine Echols		Marabeth Warnke	
VIDEO OPERATOR	Ed Kaiser		Ron Donoghue		Chris Moses	
TELLERS	Doug Butler Ron Donoghue		Barbara Moore Jim Hart		JoAnn Lind Mike Hodgins	
USHERS	Kurt Vaaler Greg Echols	Mark Wells	Jesse Brindle Doug Butler	Charley Staab	Joe Svoke Dick Walker	Kurt Vaaler

Altar server for the month of November is Lynne Bauer

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