

*"For all those who  
exalt themselves  
will be humbled,  
and those who  
humble themselves  
will be exalted."*



LUKE 18:14, NIV

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
August 31, 2025  
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

Pastor, Rev. Alex Hinojosa  
Music Director, Karen Turgeon  
Office Manager, Laura Dygert  
Church Office Hours: T-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.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a congregation that is a part of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and we adhere to the practice of closed communion. We ask that all visitors please seek to speak to Pastor Hinojosa before the service begins if you wish to receive the sacrament.

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 Worship**

*Life is often hard, for many reasons. So we gather to be fed and  
strengthened by Jesus, our Good Shepherd;  
to be assured of his presence and goodness.  
Welcome to worship.*

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**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Hymn 433 Glory Be to Jesus**

1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

2 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

3 Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!

4 Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the**

sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

**Introit** *Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b*

**P** God is in his holy habitation; [he] settles the solitary in a home.

**C** **The God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.**

**P** God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

**C** **But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!**

**P** O God, when you went out before your people, in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**C** **Blessèd be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.**

*Sing*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**P** God is in his holy habitation; [he] settles the solitary in a home.

**C** **The God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.**

**Kyrie** *LSB 186*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon**

**us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading** *Genesis 4:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” <sup>2</sup>And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

<sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup>and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup>Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup>And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup>When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” <sup>13</sup>Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup>Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle** *Ephesians 2:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Alleluia** *LSB 190*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **Holy Gospel** *Luke 18:9–14*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, 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 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion**

- 1 Oh, how great is Your compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!
- 2 Your great love for this has striven That we may, from sin made free,  
Live with You eternally. Your dear Son Himself has given  
And extends His gracious call, To His supper leads us all.
- 3 Firmly to our soul's salvation Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,  
In Your Sacraments and Word. There He sends true consolation,  
Giving us the gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
- 4 Lord, Your mercy will not leave me; Ever will Your truth abide.  
Then in You I will confide. Since Your Word cannot deceive me,  
My salvation is to me Safe and sure eternally.
- 5 I will praise Your great compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

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### **Sermon**

#### **Offertory** *LSB 192*

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.

### **Offering**

**Prayer of the Church** page 265

**P** ...let us pray to the Lord

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface** *LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

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

**Sanctus** *LSB 195*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 196 sung*

**P** 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ev-  
er. Amen.

**The Words of Our Lord** *LSB 197*

**Pax Domini** *LSB 197*

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

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mer-  
cy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Please sit*



## Distribution Hymns

### 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.  
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### 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt.  
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### **Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving** *LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

### **Benedicamus** *LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Benediction** *LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

### **Closing 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

**Special thank** you to Tom Schroeder from Christ Our Savior for filling in for music director, Karen Turgeon today! We appreciate your service.

**Beginning Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm** Join Pastor Hinojosa right here at Prince of Peace for a Lutheran Membership class/Faith Refresher. This class is for everyone! Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran or wanting to find out more about our faith, this class is a welcoming space to learn and explore the core beliefs that make a Lutheran a Lutheran. Classes will run about 8 weeks on Wednesday evenings. All members and non-members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Hinojosa.

**Ladies tea on September 27 from 2-4pm.** Join us for a refreshing afternoon of tea and snacks. Come out and welcome Abbey Hinojosa to our wonderful group of ladies! All ladies are welcome.

**Family of God URGENT NEED:** Pastor Ogden at Family of God has let us know about an urgent need at Family of God for personal care items to support their ministry. We are collecting donations of bar soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, etc. to deliver along with our lunches and dinners in the coming weeks. Please leave items in the trunk in the narthex labeled for FoG and we will do the rest to get the items into the hands of those at Family of God. Thank you for your support!!

**Join us for our Church Picnic** as we call it a wrap on the summer of 2025! All of the fun will be right here on our porch on Sunday, September 7 immediately following worship. Please be sure to sign up in the narthex so we are able to plan for food.

**More Opportunities to Serve at Family of God.** With the generous grant from the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod to support our service at Family of God we have been able to help even more people in need by providing a warm nourishing meal. We are serving not only dinners, but also providing support of their sack lunch outreach that Family of God provides in Clark Park. Our regular Monday group will serve dinner again on September 15. We are looking for a group of volunteers to join us to serve again on Wednesday, September 17. We will carpool from Prince of Peace at 5:15pm and return by 8:15pm. Sign up in the narthex and join us! Talk with Sharon Moses if you have any questions.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Today

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

### Tuesday, September 2

Prayer Team 7:15pm  
NA meeting 7:30pm

### Friday, September 5

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

### Saturday, September 6

Popsicle outreach 10am

### Sunday, September 7

Bible Study 8:30am  
Worship at 9:30am  
*Pop Picnic after worship*

## COMING UP

### Sunday, September 7

Church picnic!  
*Immediately following worship*

### Monday, September 8

Board Meeting 7pm

### Wednesday, September 10

Membership class 6:30pm

### Saturday, September 20

Fall Fun Fest 10am-noon

## Keep in Prayer this week

- ✝ For resolution to conflict and peace in the areas of the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-torn nations in the world.
- ✝ For our friends and families suffering through loss. That they may be reminded of God's provision and love, always.
- ✝ For Joe and Rachel Svoke celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary
- ✝ For God's protection on students and staff as school year begins and for those affected by recent the Minneapolis shooting
- ✝ For favorable weather and great time of fellowship for church picnic next week
- ✝ For the health concerns of: Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Helen Nye, and Rachel Svoke, Dennis Coffey, Jean Karpinski, Pat, Sharon and Jeff Geisinger, Janice Kaminski, Joan B., Ann Maciejewski, Nick Brennan, Britta Wofford, Christine Smith, Mike Hodgins, Tim Hegner, Kelly Green, Barb Dunigan, Judy Traum, William Proctor, Nancy M., Jim Hart, Kyle Duby

### Readings for the Week *The Time of the Church*

31 Aug 1 Kng 16:29—17:24; 2 Cor 9:1–15  
 1 Sept 1 Kng 18:1–19; Eph 1:1–23  
 2 Sept 1 Kng 18:20–40; Eph 2:1–22  
 3 Sept 1 Kng 19:1–21; Eph 3:1–21  
 4 Sept 2 Kng 2:1–18; Eph 4:1–24  
 5 Sept 2 Kng 2:19–25; 4:1–7; Eph 4:25—5:14  
 6 Sept 2 Kng 4:8–22, 32–37; Eph 5:15–33  
 7 Sept 2 Kng 4:38—5:8; Eph 6:1–24

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### Service Schedule

	31-August	7-September	14-September
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
ELDER	Greg Echols	Greg Echols	Mike Beyersdorf
GREETER	Elaine Echols	Elaine Echols	Sharon & Ed Kaiser
VIDEO OPERATOR	Jesse Brindle	Chris Moses	Lillian Harmon
TELLERS	Barbara Moore	JoAnn Lind	Sharon Moses
	Jim Hart	Mike Hodgins	Irene Rothschild
USHERS	Kurt Vaaler	Joe Svoke	Charley Staab
	Dick Walker	Ed Kaiser	Mark Wells
	Jesse Brindle	Dick Walker	Kurt Vaaler