



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
September 14, 2025
Holy Cross Day

Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

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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

2 Timothy 3:16

*¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,*

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Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

1 I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares
If I should fail to watch and pray. I walk in danger all the way.

2 I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending.
When in adversity I know not where to flee,
When storms of woe my soul dismay, I pass through trials all the way.

3 And death pursues me all the way, Nowhere I rest securely;
He comes by night, he comes by day, He takes his prey most surely.
A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie
To face eternity today As death pursues me all the way.

4 I walk with angels all the way, They shield me and befriend me;
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me;
They are my sure defense, All fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's pow'r assails me;
And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,
When God's good healing shall allay All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.
Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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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.**

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 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2*

P The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

C With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

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 The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

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.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Numbers 21:4–9*

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For

Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *LSB 190*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 12:20–33*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.
²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

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 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay;
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, As a victim won the day.

2 Tell how, when at length the fullness Of the appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us His Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.

3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing, Did His work, and met His death;
Like a lamb He humbly yielded On the cross His dying breath.

4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thine equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption, For the weight that hung on thee!

5 Unto God be praise and glory; To the Father and the Son,
To the eternal Spirit honor Now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest While the timeless ages run.

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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

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, ...

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, ho-
sanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

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 *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 mercy 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

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!"

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449 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1 O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

4 Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

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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...

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 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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Peace Notes

Wednesdays at 6:30pm join Pastor Hinojosa as we continue our 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. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Hinojosa.

A Special Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 28 immediately following worship where we will vote to elect/ratify a lay delegate for the Synod Convention next year. We will be voting to nominate Kurt Vaaler for this position. Please be sure to attend this quick meeting! If you have any questions, talk with Pastor Hinojosa.

The **Board of Elders Meeting** has been changed to Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM at POP

Ladies tea on September 27 from 2- 4pm. Join us for a refreshing afternoon of tea and snacks. Please be sure to sign up in the narthex. All ladies are welcome.

Get ready for Fall Fun Fest on Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., celebrating families, 19 sports participants, and boy scouts! There will be donuts and cider, a bounce house, piñatas, sack races, and fun for all. *We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy and small toys for the piñatas. Please indicate donations are for Fall Fun Fest and place in the chest in the narthex.* Also, please consider volunteering to help with the event and sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have questions, talk to Ed or Sharon Kaiser. Thank you.

As the weather changes, our collection for **Operation Christmas Child** changes to hygiene items: Combs, toothbrushes, wash cloth, nail clippers, hair accessories, socks, bandaids (non-medicated), sunglasses, caps, eating utensils, stick deodorant, etc. please no soap, toothpaste or liquids. Thank you for your donations.

Another Way Pregnancy Center Annual Fall Banquet. Join our friends on October 23 at 7pm at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia for "An inspiration evening of courage, redemption, and life" This years keynote speaker is Rebekah Hagan. She will share her story of reversing a chemical abortion and choosing life for her son. Purchase your tickets today here: <https://awpcfriendeds.org/events>

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

Bible Study 8:30am

Worship at 9:30am

Monday, September 15

Family of God 5:15pm

Tuesday, September 16

Prayer Team 7:15pm

NA meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday, September 17

Membership class 6:30pm

Family of God 5:15pm

Friday, September 19

NA meeting 11 a.m

AA Meeting 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

Work morning 8am

Sunday, September 21

Bible Study 8:30am

Worship at 9:30am

COMING UP

Wednesday, September 24

Membership class 6:30pm

Sunday, September 28

Special Voters' meeting

Saturday, October 4

Fall Fun Fest 10am-1pm

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 recovery & healing for Paulette Schonsheck (relative of Elaine Echols)
- ✚ For peace here in our country and to stand firm in God's Word & His promises
- ✚ For families to prioritize faith in God above all else
- ✚ For the health concerns of: Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Helen Nye, and Rachel Svoke, Dennis Coffey, Jean Karpinski, Janice Kaminski, Joan B., Britta Wofford, Christine Smith, Mike Hodgins, Tim Hegner, Kelly Green, Barb Dunigan, Judy Traum, William Proctor, Nancy M., Kyle Duby, Sharon Geisinger and Jeff Geisinger, Mary Watson, Rev. Aaron Sterling, Phyllis Thatcher, Betty Burrell, Ed Kaiser

Readings for the Week *The Time of the Church*

14 Sept: 2 Chr 33:1–25; Col 1:24—2:7
 15 Sept: 2 Chr 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33; Col 2:8–23
 16 Sept: 2 Chr 35:1–7, 16–25; Col 3:1–25
 17 Sept: 2 Chr 36:1–23; Col 4:1–18
 18 Sept: Neh 1:1—2:10; 1 Tim 1:1–20
 19 Sept: Neh 2:11–20; 4:1–6; 1 Tim 2:1–15
 20 Sept: Neh 4:7–23; 1 Tim 3:1–16
 21 Sept: Neh 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16; 1 Tim 4:1–16

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Service Schedule

	14-September	21-September	28-September
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
ELDER	Mike Beyersdorf	Charley Staab	Dick Walker
GREETER	Sharon & Ed Kaiser	Marabeth Warnke	Chris Moses
VIDEO OPERATOR	Lillian Harmon	Ed Kaiser	Jesse Brindle
TELLERS	Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild	Doug Butler Dick Walker	Barbara Moore Jim Hart
USHERS	Charley Staab Mark Wells Kurt Vaaler	Jesse Brindle Greg Echols Joe Svoke	Ed Kaiser Charley Staab Mark Wells