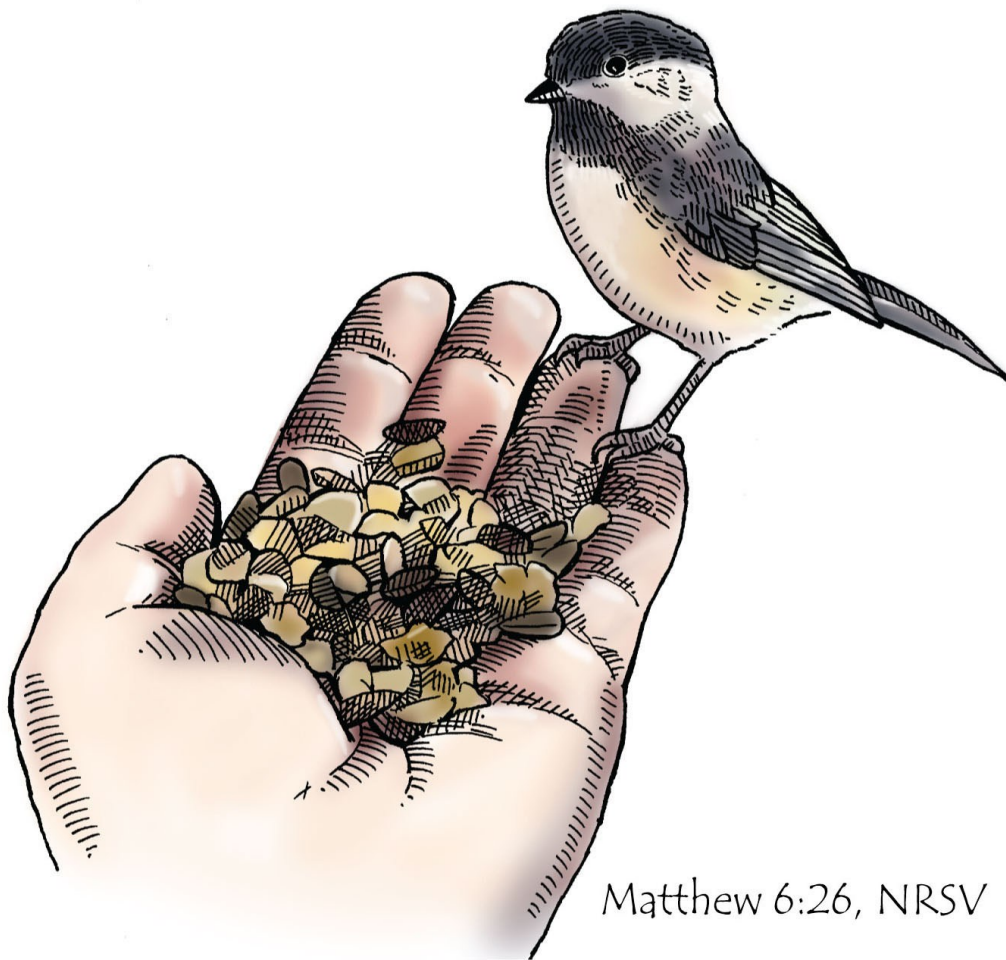


Look at the BIRDS of the air;
they neither SOW nor REAP
... your heavenly FATHER
feeds them. Are YOU not of
more value than they?



Matthew 6:26, NRSV

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
September 28, 2025
Sixteenth 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

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 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

1 Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

2 Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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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 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3*

P Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

C Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.

P Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

C Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

P But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious; turn to me and be gracious to me;

C give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maid-servant.

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 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

C Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.

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.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *1 Kings 17:8–16*

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Galatians 5:25—6:10*

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *LSB 190*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 6:24–34*

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “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? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

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 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

1 What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.

My God indeed In ev'ry need
Knows well how He will shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.

2 What God ordains is always good: He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way, And never will He leave me.

I take content What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.

3 What God ordains is always good: His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup That my physician sends me.

My God is true; Each morning new
I trust His grace unending, My life to Him commending.

4 What God ordains is always good: He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm Though many storms may gather.

Now I may know Both joy and woe;
Someday I shall see clearly That He has loved me dearly.

5 What God ordains is always good: Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.

For after grief God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good: This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.

I fear no harm, For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

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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656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;

Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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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 506 Glory Be to God the Father

1 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!

2 Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!

3 Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

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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! All members and non-members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Hinojosa.

A Special Voters' Meeting is scheduled today 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.

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.

We will partner with the Farmington Hills Police Dept. again this year for **Faith in Blue Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 18**, noon to 3pm. at the Costick Center. We will need lots of treats to hand out so please start bringing in wrapped candy and other trick or treat items. Mark items for Trunk or Treat and place in the trunk in the Narthex. 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://awpcfriends.org/events>

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

Bible Study 8:30am
Worship at 9:30am
Voters' Meeting

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

Membership class 6:30pm

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

Popsicle outreach 10:30am
Fall Fun Fest 10a-1p

Sunday, October 5

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

COMING UP

Saturday, October 4

Fall Fun Fest 10am-1pm

Monday, October 6

Board Meeting 7pm

Saturday, October 18

Trunk or Treat 12-3pm

Thursday, October 23

AWPC Fall Banquet 7pm

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 the families of Gary Becker and Nancy Mihich who recently died and services were this week.
- ✚ For the people served at Family of God, that they may be always reminded of the peace and strength of our Lord.
- ✚ 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, Kyle Duby, Sharon Geisinger and Jeff Geisinger, Mary Watson, Rev. Aaron Sterling, Phyllis Thatcher, Betty Burrell, Ed Kaiser, Barbara Moore

Readings for the Week *The Time of the Church*

28 Sept: Deut 1:1–18; Matt 5:1–20
 29 Sept: Deut 1:19–36; Matt 5:21–48
 30 Sept: Deut 1:37–2:15; Matt 6:1–15
 1 Oct: Deut 2:16–37; Matt 6:16–34
 2 Oct: Deut 3:1–29; Matt 7:1–12
 3 Oct: Deut 4:1–20; Matt 7:13–29
 4 Oct: Deut 4:21–40; Matt 8:1–17
 5 Oct: Deut 5:1–21; Matt 8:18–34

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	Service Schedule		
	28-September	5-October	12-October
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
ELDER	Dick Walker	Greg Echols	Mike Beyersdorf
GREETER	Chris Moses	Elaine Echols	Sharon & Ed Kaiser
VIDEO OPERATOR	Jesse Brindle	Chris Moses	Lillian Harmon
TELLERS	Barbara Moore Jim Hart	JoAnn Lind Mike Hodgins	Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild
USHERS	Ed Kaiser Charley Staab Mark Wells	Dick Walker Kurt Vaaler Jesse Brindle	Greg Echols Joe Svoke Ed Kaiser