

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

HYMN: (p. 92)

C: 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, grant us peace.

BLESSING: (spoken, p. 95)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace

C: Amen

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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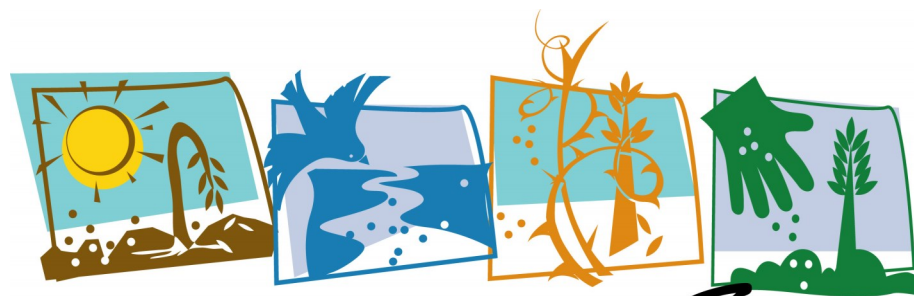
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Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



July 12, 2020



The Parable of the Sower

We Come to Worship!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME

(please rise)

SONG OF PRAISE:

"For the Fruit of All Creation" (blue WOV #760)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God
For the plowing, sowing, reaping
Silent growth while we are sleeping
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God
For the wonders that astound us
For the truths that still confound us
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God

SONG OF PRAISE: *"10,000 Reasons"*

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Chorus

Yes I'll worship Your holy name

OFFERTORY: (p. 86, 87)

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you
have first given us – our selves, our time, and
our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(please be seated)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

L: Lord, in your mercy...

C: **Hear our prayer.**

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 tres-
passes, 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.

TODAY'S READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and
do not return to it without watering the earth, making it
bud and flourish, so it yields seed for the sower and
bread for the eater, so is my word goes out from my
mouth:

It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what
I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and
instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the LORD's renown, an everlasting
sign to endure forever."

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 65:9-13

L: You care for the land and water it;

C: **you enrich it abundantly.**

L: The streams of God are provide people with grain,

C: **for so you have ordained it.**

L: You drench its furrows and level its ridges;

C: **you soften it with showers and bless its crops.**

L: You crown the year with your bounty,

C: **and your carts overflow with abundance.**

L: The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;

C: **the hills are clothed with gladness.**

L: The meadows are covered with flocks

C: **and the valleys are mantled with grain;**

L: They shout for joy and sing.

C: **For you hold the whole world in your hands.**

(please rise)

ALLELUIA: (p. 62)

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL TEXT: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown on the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

THE MESSAGE: "Be Fruitful and Multiply"

Spiritual gifts

Talents

Yearnings

Likes

Experience/education

(please rise)

SONG OF THE DAY: "Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He, sing a new song
To Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, Almighty

Who was, and is, and is to come

With all creation I sing, "Praise to the King of Kings

You are my everything and I will adore You"

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power
Be to You, the only wise King

Chorus

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water.
Such a marvelous mystery!

Chorus