

Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



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Mission

The mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is to sow FAITH IN CHRIST, strengthen FAMILIES, serve our COMMUNITIES.



2020 Vision

Praise His Name and Love Him
Obey His Word and Serve Him
Pray His Promises and Believe Him

We Come to Worship!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME

(please rise)

SONG OF PRAISE: "Speak O Lord" (v. 1, 3)

Speak O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Speak O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord, till Your Church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

SONG OF PRAISE: "Thy Word"

Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path**

When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Chorus

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: Romans 8:18-27

I consider our present sufferings not worth comparing
to the glory to be revealed in us. For creation waits in ea-
ger expectation for God's children to be revealed. Crea-
tion was subject to frustration, not by its choice, but by
the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation
will be liberated from bondage to decay and brought to
the freedom and glory of God's children.

We know the whole creation has been groaning as in
the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not
only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the
Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption
to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope
we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all.
Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope
for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
For we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit
intercedes for us in groans that cannot be uttered. And
he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,
for the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance
with the will of God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:57-64

L: You are my portion, Lord;

C: I have promised to obey your words.

L: I have sought your face with all my heart;

C: be gracious to me according to your promise.

L: I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes.

C: I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.

L: Though the wicked bind me with ropes,

C: I will not forget your law.

L: At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.

C: I am a friend to all who fear you, to all who follow your precepts.

L: The earth is filled with your love, Lord;

C: teach me your decrees.

(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 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

"'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

"'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

THE MESSAGE: “Growing Like Weeds”

Romans 14:1—15:7

P: Accept one with a weak faith without any disputes.

C: One person’s faith allows them to eat anything,

P: but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.

C: Neither must treat the other with any contempt.

P: For God has accepted them. Who are you to judge?

C: Servants will stand or fall before their own master.

P: And they will stand for the Lord is able to make them.

C: One person considers one day more sacred.

P: Another considers every day to be alike.

C: Both should be fully convinced in their own mind.

P: Whoever considers a day special does so to the Lord.

C: Whoever eats meat gives thanks to the Lord God.

P: Whoever abstains does so to the Lord and thanks God.

C: For none of us lives for ourselves alone.

P: And none of us dies for ourselves alone.”

C: For if we live, we live for the Lord.

P: And if we die, we die for the Lord.

C: So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

P: For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life,

C: so he may be the Lord of both the living and dead.

P: You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister?

C: Why treat them with contempt?

L: For we all will stand before God’s judgment seat.

C: As it is written: As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; and every tongue will confess to God.

P: So each one will give an account of our self to God.

C: Then let us stop passing judgment on each other.

P: Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

C: For I am convinced, fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in and of itself.

P: If anyone regards something as unclean, it is for them.

C: And if your brother or sister is distressed by what you eat, you are no longer acting in love.

P: Do not destroy someone Christ died for by your food.

C: And do not let what is good be spoken of as evil.

P: For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking,

C: but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

P: Anyone who serves Christ in this way pleases God.

C: Let’s make every effort to do what leads to peace.

P: All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble.

C: Better not to eat meat, drink wine or do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

P: Whatever you believe, keep between you and God.

C: Whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat.

P: For anything that does not come from faith is sin.

C: Each of us should please our neighbors for good.

P: Build them up, for Christ did not please himself.

C: And we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves...

P: May God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same mind Jesus had toward each other,

C: so with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Accept one another, then just as Christ accepted you,

C: in order to bring praise to God.

(please rise)

SONG OF THE DAY:

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals he's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Chorus

**"Come home, come home
You who are weary, come home"
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner, come home"**

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies
Mercies for you and for me

Chorus

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Chorus

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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