

# HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Appleton, Wisconsin  
June 4, 2023  
9:00 a.m. Service**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians,  
Growing in Faith and Reaching out in Love.*

**POP VISION 2024**

*We will be...an engaged and inclusive congregation of disciples,  
transforming the lives in our community through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*


**W**elcome to **God's House** which is the spiritual home of all who come to worship today. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we gather together in this church home to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is here, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this spiritual home to go out and live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

**W**e love kids in worship: young ones, old ones, squirmy ones, curious ones, crying ones, happy ones. Jesus loves them, too. In fact, one day when he was trying to explain to a bunch of adults who would enter the Kingdom of God, he plucked a child out of the crowd and said that if they wanted to enter his kingdom, they should be like this wide-eyed child! What an object lesson for us all and what hope, because we are all kids at heart, just trying to follow Jesus.

We know it is sometimes a challenge and, with our nursery closed for our youngest ones' safety during the pandemic, we have some ways to help you out. We have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the bathrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. We have a place for kids to play in our narthex, the **PRAYERGROUND**, which is stocked with toys and books and comfy chairs, and there are speakers projecting the service, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. *The space located at the back of the sanctuary, called the **PLAYDECK**, with a rug and some quiet toys where a child might need to hang out for a few minutes with mom or dad nearby.*

You can find changing tables in the bathrooms near the narthex **PRAYERGROUND** for your convenience. And, finally, we have ushers and greeters who love kids, too, who were once kids themselves, and who want to help you have a great worship experience! We are glad you are here!

**T**he Glass Cross on the Altar is **unique**. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources, and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.

 **A hearing loop system** is installed in our sanctuary. Those with hearing aid devices may activate their T-Coil technology.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS**

Preaching Minister	Pastor Roger McQuiston
Presiding Minister	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Assisting Minister	Dean Gruner
Musicians	Sondra Joten, Men's Ensemble
Technical Prep/Projection	Tom Richmond, Andy Palmbach
Ushers	Dave Rades
Greeters	Margie & Mike Bricco, Nan & Brad Bunnow

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**GATHERING**  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal  
P—Pastor    A—Assisting Minister    C—Congregation

*Though the word **trinity** is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Variations on 'Nicaea'*

James W. Kosnik  
Donald Busarow

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Righteous God,

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

OPENING SONG

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

ELW 412

Come, join the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun—  
the interweaving of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.

The universe of space and time  
did not arise by chance,  
but as the Three, in love and hope,  
made room within their dance.

Come, see the face of Trinity,  
newborn in Bethlehem;  
then bloodied by a crown of thorns  
outside Jerusalem.

The dance of Trinity is meant  
for human flesh and bone;  
when fear confines the dance in death,  
God rolls away the stone.

Come, speak aloud of Trinity,  
as wind and tongues of flame  
set people free at Pentecost  
to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death,  
our necks have worn it smooth;  
go tell the world of weight and woe  
that we are free to move!

Within the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun,  
we sing the praises of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave,  
by love and hope set free,  
to shape in song this joy, this life:  
the dance of Trinity.

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#### GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God,

C **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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#### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.*

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FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup>"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. <sup>22</sup>The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

<sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a

holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

REFRAIN

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a refrain. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes for the first part and a half note for the final 'jah!'. The lyrics 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!' are written below the notes. The first staff has a fermata over the final 'jah!' note, and the second staff has a fermata over the final 'jah!' note.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"What's the Big Deal about Trinity Sunday?"

Pastor Roger McQuiston

HYMN OF THE DAY

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

ELW 413

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
 which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
 though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
 only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
 perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Prayer Response*

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with  
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

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## SHARING THE PEACE

P May the peace of Christ be with you now and always.  
C **And also with you.**

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### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*


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OFFERING

*We Come Now to Your Table*



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.



You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:



and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Jesus' disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us how to pray." He said to them, "When you pray, say":

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.





*In the bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present. Much more than a sign, story, or symbol of God's love, it is an event where God reaches down to us through common earthly elements and invites us into the mystery and miracle of a relationship with him, the Word made flesh for us. All, who have been baptized, are invited to this experience of God's love, where He is our host and we are his guests, who will take the message of his love into the world.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION

### *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

- 1 Source and Sov'-reign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel-ter, Light,
- 2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser-vant, Lamb,
- 3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,

Judge, De-fend-er, Mer-cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:  
Well and Wa-ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:  
Com-fort, Coun-s'lor, Pres-ence, Love, En-er-gies that nev-er tire:

#### *Refrain*

May the church at prayer re-call that no sin-ple ho-ly name



but the truth be - hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.

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#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen**

P We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

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#### SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FINAL BLESSING

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C **Amen**

#### SENDING SONG

#### *We Are Called*

ELW 720

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

#### *Refrain*

We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

- A We go into the world with assurance, hope, and promise, knowing that...
- C **the grace of the Word rests upon us.**  
**the love of the Source of life embraces us.**  
**the transforming power of the Breath of life promises to help, strengthen, and surprise us today and all the days of our lives!**
- A Prince of Peace is a family of Christians
- C **...growing in faith; reaching out in love!**
- A Go in peace. Serve the Triune God.
- C **Thanks be to God!**



NAME	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	PLANS
John Anderson	University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy	Residency in July
Randi Busse	St. Paul's Elder Services/CNA Training	LPN or RN
Ben Engebos	Appleton East High School	Michigan Tech
Carley Evers	Hortonville High School	University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire
Emma Gingras	UW Milwaukee	Physician Assistant Grad Program
Karin Juhl	Chilton High School	St. Olaf College
Kat Landsverk	Appleton North High School	University of Iowa
Jonah Lempesis	FV Technical College	Festival Foods Leadership/Mgmt Training
Carson Mayer	Kimberly High School	University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire
Brianna Meyer	Chilton High School	University of Wisconsin–Madison
Caden Rauen	Kimberly High School	Michigan Tech
Lori Wenig	UW Oshkosh (Master's Program)	Theda Care-teaching/training student nurses
Grant Wettig	Appleton East High School	Carthage College

**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**



**Sundays (Memorial Day weekend — Labor Day weekend): 9 am**  
**Wednesday Evenings (May 31 — August 30): 6:15 pm**

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