



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Appleton, Wisconsin

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024 – 9 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 are an engaged and inclusive
congregation of disciples,
transforming the lives in
our community through
the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*



**Reconciling
In
Christ**

God has called PoP to the ministry of reconciliation, to carry out God's mission of grace and inclusion, and to become an even more welcoming and inclusive congregation. We are committed to being a safe space for all people to explore and live out a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is located on the ancestral homelands of the Menominee and Ho-Chunk tribal nations. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. We respect the rich history and ongoing relationship Native peoples have with this land and their many contributions to this place. At Prince of Peace let us remember the Indigenous peoples who were the first to love, pray, grow, celebrate, cry, drum, and sing upon this land as we work to realize healing and justice for Indigenous peoples whose lands we now occupy.

Welcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who worship today, wherever you may be. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we are together, even though we are physically separated, to receive the Lord's strength, comfort, and peace. Christ, our brother, is with us, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this time of worship to live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

We 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 so, 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!

The 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.

AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, PLEASE REMEMBER
TO TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE DEVICES DURING WORSHIP.

GATHERING

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

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

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

GATHERING MUSIC

By Still Waters
Ubi caritas

Gary Plouff
Taizé

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
 raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

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. Gracious God,

C **your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading from chapter 19 finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head

was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

P Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the

Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:35, 41-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves.

⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught

by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you,

whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Lord, You Give the Great Commission***

ELW 579

Lord, you give the great commission:
 "Heal the sick and preach the word."
 Lest the church neglect its mission,
 and the gospel go unheard,
 help us witness to your purpose
 with renewed integrity:

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
 "In my name baptize and teach."
 That the world may trust your promise,
 life abundant meant for each,
 give us all new fervor, draw us
 closer in community: *Refrain*

Lord, you make the common holy:
 "This my body, this my blood."
 Let us all, for earth's true glory,
 daily lift life heavenward,
 asking that the world around us
 share your children's liberty: *Refrain*

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
 "Father, what they do, forgive."
 Yet we hoard as private treasure
 all that you so freely give.
 May your care and mercy lead us
 to a just society: *Refrain*

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 "I am with you to the end."
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend
 and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

SHARING THE PEACE

P May the peace of Jesus, be with you now and always.

C **And also with you!**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Deus meus

Máel Ísu Ua Brolcháin

OFFERING PRAYER

P Jesus, Bread of life,

C **you have set this table with your very self and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Petitions end: Merciful God,

Response: ...**receive our prayer.**

P We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



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
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
sins of the world: grant us peace.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line, with a first ending bracket over the first three notes and a second ending bracket over the last two notes. The third staff contains the third line, with a 'Final' bracket over the first three notes.

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"I am the Bread of life.
 You who come to me shall not hunger,
 and who believe in me shall not thirst.
 No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give
 is my flesh for the life of the world,
 and if you eat of this bread,
 you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

"Unless you eat
 of the flesh of the Son of Man
 and drink of his blood,
 and drink of his blood,
 you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*

"I am the resurrection,
 I am the life.
 If you believe in me,
 even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

Yes, Lord, I believe
 that you are the Christ,
 the Son of God,
 who have come into the world. *Refrain*

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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 Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.

God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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DISMISSAL

P We are a family of Christians,

C **Growing in faith and reaching out in love.**

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God!**

WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Preaching Minister	Pastor Jim Sack
Presiding Ministers	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz Pastor Roger McQuiston
Musicians	Sondra Joten, Aaron Juhl Carol Sack (harp)
Projection Prep / Sunday A/V	Tom Richmond / Peter Juhl
Ushers	Greg Gunert, Dave Jordahl
Greeter(s)	Pat Plate



Baptized into the Christian faith this morning is Theodore James, son of Alyssa & Nathan Dillon. His sponsors are Whitney Pusch and Sean Dillon. Through the love of family and his faith siblings, may he grow in his love of God, God's good Creation and all the good things God has made.

We welcome our missionaries from Tokyo, Japan, Jim & Carol Sack, this morning! We thank Jim for his message and Carol for the beautiful musical offerings with her harp. A freewill offering will be taken to assist them in their ministry.

Flowers are given by Jim & Michele Reinke in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and prayers for many more years together!



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WORSHIP IS A VITAL PART OF WHAT WE DO EACH WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE to help us grow in faith and reach out in welcome to those who are visiting us. We are currently in need of volunteers to assist both during worship as well as with worship preparations. You might choose any of the following:



- **Ushering (Chris Volkman)**
- **Communion Setup & Clean-up (Sheila Scholz)**
- **Assisting Minister / Lay Reader (Sondra Joten)**
- **Communion Server (Leah Johnson)**
- **Greeters (Dean Buffington)**

When the Spirit speaks to you and you feel called to assist in any way, please contact the coordinators whose names are listed for your convenience. You may also alert Hannah in the office.

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EXCITING NEWS! — Choir Rehearsals Resume Soon:

Canticle Choir: Wednesday, August 28 @ 6:30pm

Soli Deo Gloria Handbell Choir: Wednesday, September 4 @ 9:30am

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. — Ps. 100**

JOIN US AS WE LEAD WORSHIP AND MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

‘SIGN UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED ON THE WORSHIP SUPPORT BOARD IN THE NARTHEX (ALONG WITH OUR CONTACT INFORMATION) OR COME TALK TO ONE OF US!

Canticle Choir: John Beyer, director

Soli Deo Gloria Handbell Choir: Sondra Joten, director