

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 ✕ 8:00 & 10:15 AM

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

WOUNDS THAT HEAL

Not all wounds are bad. A skilled surgeon takes a deadly sharp scalpel and cuts through flesh and muscle. The result of that wound: not harm, but healing. In the same way, we often say that words cut us to the heart. Words can wound. Sometimes, however, those painful words provide the very healing we need.

Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even though it hurts to hear them. Hard as it may be, let us listen and take all that Jesus says to heart. While Jesus speaks words that wound us, his intent is to heal our very soul.



This morning: ***Wounds that heal - Count the Cost***

This week Jesus' sharp words expose our desire to pursue comfort and avoid pain at all costs. Jesus explains that following him will be hard. Jesus' disciples will be called to let go of things they love and embrace things we naturally loathe. Jesus promises that discipleship comes with crosses—a unique type of pain. So, Jesus tells us that we must count the cost of following him. He wants us to do that now, ahead of time, rather than waiting until we are in the heat of the moment and emotions are running high. However, our calculations must not only consider what we might give up for Jesus. They also entail calculating what we get through him! When we perceive the infinite blessings we find in Christ, the decisions we just make, while difficult, will be clear. Whatever is lost as we follow Jesus pales in comparison to what we gain.

A PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, this morning I rejoice that together with my spiritual brothers and sisters I am able to receive Your Word of life and Your body and blood in Your Supper. My soul longs for You and the gifts of Your Word and Your holy altar. You are my Shepherd; therefore, I shall lack nothing. I know I am unworthy to come under Your roof, but by Your grace cause Your precious Word and meal to revive me, forgive me and sustain my soul. May your grace be on me that I may continually trust in You. Through Your gracious presence here today, preserve my spirit, my life, my walk with You and provide whatever else I need for this life and the next. I ask this in Your gracious name. Amen.


THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.* 

HYMN 631 Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening

PLEASE STAND.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son  and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Psalms 32:1-2

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,


and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

O GOD FROM GOD, O LIGHT FROM LIGHT

(HYMN 629, ST. 1+4)

O God from God, O Light from Light,
 O Prince of Peace and King of kings,
 to you in heaven's glory bright
 the song of praise forever rings.
 To him who sits upon the throne,
 the Lamb once slain but raised again,
 be all the glory he has won,
 all thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

Then sing to Christ a mighty song;
 extol his name, his mercies tell!
 Sing, heav'nly hosts, your praise prolong,
 and all on earth, your anthem swell!
 All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
 Forever let the song ascend!
 To Christ the King, enthroned to reign,
 all glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Prior to settling within the Promised Land, the LORD wants his people to calculate carefully the choice between life and death.

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live

long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1B *How Truly Blest Are They*



1	How	tru	-	ly	blest	are	they	who	shun	the
2	But	make	the	law	of	God	their	stud	-	y
3	They	like	a	tree	shall	thrive	with	wa	-	ters
4	The	wick	-	ed	are	not	so!	They	no	such



sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels
and de - light a - mid the la - bors
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their
bless - ing find. Their hopes shall flee like



nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,
of the day and watch - es of the night.
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.
emp - ty chaff be - fore the driv - ing wind.

**5 How will they bear to stand
before that judgment seat
where all the saints at Christ's right hand
in full assembly meet?**

**6 God knows and he approves
the way the righteous go,
but sinners and their works shall meet
a dreadful overthrow.**

SECOND READING

Philemon 1,7-21

The case of the escaped slave, Onesimus, returning to his owner, Philemon, is a perfect example of the cost in following Jesus. Paul encourages Philemon to free Onesimus and embrace him as a brother.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— [...]

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything

without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

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

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-35

These words are the basis of the sermon this morning.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit

down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 694 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

SERMON Luke 14 Follow Jesus, All In!

Please stand

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and everlasting God, You send missionaries into the world to spread the seed of Your Word. Grant a rich and bountiful harvest of believers throughout the earth, that all may be gathered into Your Church to sing praises to Your holy name forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of kings, You have provided this nation with public servants to protect and govern us. Watch over our president and all who hold positions of public trust. Inspire them to lead in ways that are faithful to You, that Your name may be praised throughout our land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of lords, You have given each of us vocations in which to serve You and those You have placed around us. Bless us in all we do, that through honest and faithful labor we may bear each other's burdens and live together in the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Healer and Restorer, You alone provide peace that surpasses understanding. Grant peace to all who are sick and suffering among us. Wrap them in Your arms and remind them that You have suffered alongside them, that they may be comforted in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for...Jamie (Joe Fraser's son hospitalized), Mark Kohagen (sick for several weeks), Scott (Kat's relative receiving medical care), Frankie (Robyn's young friend with cancer), Harry (Nancy's brother-in-law with serious health struggles), John Farrel (health struggles), Aina (whose mother is dying), the building project at Prince of Peace

Hear us also, Lord, as we pray in silence with the concerns on our hearts.

Silent prayer

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING



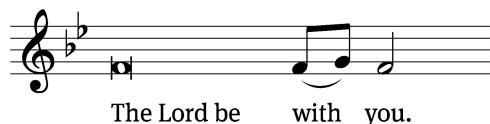
Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

*To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to **(833) 693-7056**. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

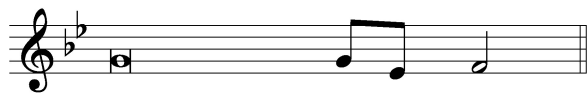
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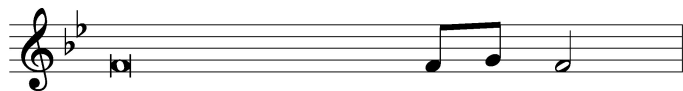




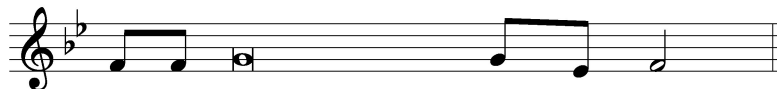
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his

suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. **Amen.**

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 JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✙ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

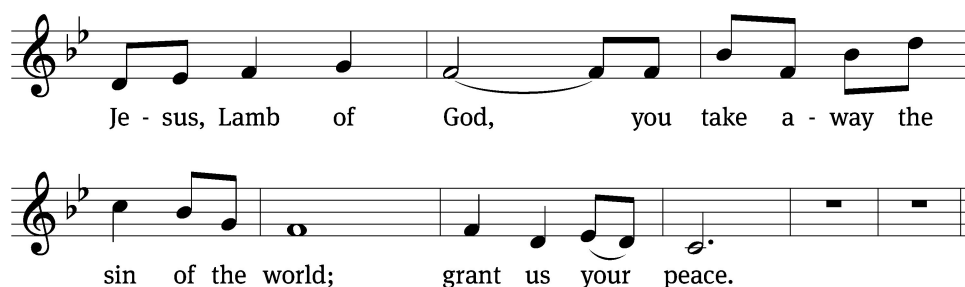
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✙ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD





Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want

to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

HYMN 699 Take the World, But Give Me Jesus

HYMN 510 In Christ Alone

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Psalms 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and

strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

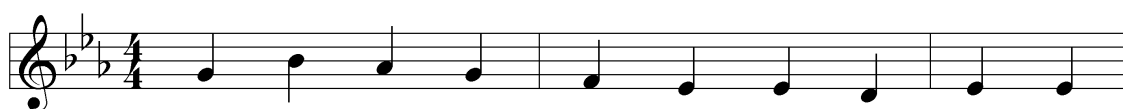
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN **May the Mind of Christ My Savior** *(printed below)*



1 May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior Live in
2 May the Word of God dwell rich - ly In my
3 May the peace of God my Fa - ther Rule my
4 May the love of Je - sus fill me As the
5 May I run the race be - fore me, Strong and



me from day to day, By his love and
heart from hour to hour, So that all may
life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be
wa - ters fill the sea, Him ex - alt - ing,
brave to face the foe, Look - ing on - ly



pow'r in - spir - ing All I do or say.
see I tri - umph On - ly through his pow'r.
calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing.
self a - bas - ing— This is vic - to - ry!
un - to Je - sus As I on - ward go.

6 May his spirit live within me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only him.



Thank you to Kryssi Heckman for using her gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

THE WORD OF LIFE

STARTING **SEPTEMBER 3**, YOU'RE INVITED TO
(RE)DISCOVER GOD'S GREAT LOVE AND THE
LIFE HE GIVES US THROUGH JESUS.

CHILDCARE AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

2 Bible Classes on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm:

1 THE WORD OF LIFE

A great starting point if you're new to Prince of Peace. This class presents the basic truths of God's Word. Join us to learn, review, discuss, and ask questions! Everyone is welcome!

2 FAITH ENRICHMENT

A chance to grow further in faith, this class will study
Our Father's World: life as a child of God.
Everyone is welcome!



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