



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 ✠ 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM

# 50 PRINCE OF PEACE

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## 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!

## The Church Jesus Wants

Jesus Christ bought the Church with his blood. It is His Church and we want to know what kind of church God wants. What are its priorities? What does it all do?

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Church Willing to Say Hard Things

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Church That's Quick to Forgive



The Christian and the Church are a fallen sinner's only life line. Satan tries to make going to someone caught in sin seem like the height of hypocrisy or meddling.

Only love could lead the Christian and the Church to be willing to say hard things that need to be said. Only love led our Savior to command it. Today as we consider our privilege and responsibility to be our brothers' and sisters' keepers, we are led to an even greater reliance on prayer for guidance and the presence of our Savior among us.

### A personal prayer before worship

*"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith. Amen.*


## THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.*  
*Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew.* 

### Hymn | 654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

#### Invocation

*Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able*

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

*Matthew 28:19*

#### Confession and Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

*1 John 1:8*

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:9*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**


**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*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

*CW 174*

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.**

## Glory be to God

*The congregation sings:*

Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit:  
great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!

Glory be to him who loved us,  
washed us from each spot and stain;  
glory be to him who bought us,  
made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was  
slain!

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

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# THE WORD OF GOD

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## First Reading

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

*Because of his grace, God desires that none be lost. He gave Ezekiel the privilege and responsibility of being a watchman, crying out to those in danger. As the children of God, we have the privilege and responsibility to reach out to those in spiritual danger in His name, with His Words.*

<sup>7</sup> "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> "Son of man, say to the Israelites, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?" ' <sup>11</sup> Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 32 | *selected verses spoken responsively*

How blessed is the person whose rebellion is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
**and I did not cover up my guilt.**

I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord,"  
**and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**but mercy will surround those who trust in the Lord.**

Rejoice in the Lord and celebrate, all you righteous,  
**and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Second Reading

## *Galatians 2:11-16*

*Paul opposed Peter (also called Cephas) to his face. This had to do with the eternal salvation of everyone involved. Paul took his job of being a watchman seriously: if righteousness could be gained through the law's demands, then Christ died for nothing! The Word did its work; Paul didn't merely keep his brother, he won his brother over.*

<sup>11</sup> When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup> The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. <sup>14</sup> When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not

like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? <sup>15</sup> "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup> know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

## *1 Timothy 2:4*

Alleluia. God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.  
**Alleluia!**

## The Holy Gospel

## *Matthew 18:15-20*

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> "Truly I tell you,

whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## **Hymn of the Day | 654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive**

**Sermon** Matthew 18:15-20

*Please stand*

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

*Romans 10:10; Dt 6:4  
Matthew 6:9; Ex 6:3  
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1  
Colossians 1:16*

**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.**

*Romans 10:9  
Matthew 16:16  
John 3:16  
John 1:1,8:12,17:22  
Colossians 2:9*

**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.**

*John 1:2  
John 10:30  
Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3  
1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23  
John 6:41; Luke 15:20  
Luke 1:34-35*

**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.**

*John 1:14  
Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18  
Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53  
1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6  
Acts 1:9  
Acts 7:55  
Matthew 26:64  
Acts 10:42; My 3:12  
2 Peter 1:11*

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

*Jn 14:26; Acts 2:38  
Genesis 1:2; John 3:6  
John 15:26*

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Mt 3:16-17; Lk 2:14  
Ez 11:5; 2 Pt 1:20-21  
1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22  
Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38  
1 Co 15:35-49; 1 Thes 4  
Psalm 106:48*

*Be seated.*

## Prayer of the Church

Blessed Lord, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in the midst of them. Hear the prayers of Your people offered here today.

O Lord, grant to Your people courage, that with boldness we may speak Your name in witness and warn sinners so that they may come to faith and repentance and so enjoy the forgiveness of their sins. Give Your Church wisdom and strength by Your Spirit, that she may be steadfast and unmovable in Your Word and truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give to us good and honest leaders who will govern according to Your Word and will. Give us grace, that we may not fail to pray for those who lead us and to act as good citizens and good neighbors to one **Amen.**

another. Give peace to the nations, and bring an end to violence, prejudice and racism. Guide us to know and respect all life, from the infant in the womb to the youth beginning maturity, and from the mature to the aged. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You are the strength of the weak, the healing of the sick, the comfort of those who grieve and the peace of those near death. Hear us on behalf of those who are suffering, that they may be sustained in their afflictions, comforted in life and death, and delivered to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Special intercessions may be spoken here*

Hear us, O Lord, who cry to You in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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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# THE SACRAMENT

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Stand



The Lord be with you.  
And al - so with you.  
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 with them 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'n 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 - san - na in the high - est!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.



Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Remember us in Your kingdom as we pray...

**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

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

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

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

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.*

*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 | 731 Oh, How Good It Is**

**Hymn | 657 Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

*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.**

*Please stand*

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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.**

**Closing Hymn | 726 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living**



## Personal Prayer and Reflection

Take a moment to reflect on something from the message, readings or hymns during the Divine Service today. Or pray again the Prayer of the Day on page 4.

## Announcements

After the announcements, please greet those sitting near you and introduce yourself to anyone who you haven't met. Then feel free to leave the chapel when you wish. Have a blessed week!

## Thank you to our Lord

...for Amy Sehloff and her gifts used to accompany God's Service with music this morning, those serving to produce a livestream, men of our BSW for serving at worship, our acolytes, those who prepared the altar and Holy Communion

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We'll be trying some new ways of communicating Prince of Peace information in the coming weeks...for today, see below.

<b>Our Week with the Lord</b>  <b>Sept 10-17</b>	Sunday:	Divine Service	8:00 am
		Family Bible Hour	9:15 - 10:00 am
		Divine Service	10:15 am
	Tuesday:	School Board	6:00 pm
	Wednesday:	BIC + Midweek study + Youth Group	6:30 - 7:30 pm
	Thursday:	Divine Service	6:30 pm
	Saturday:	Fore the Kids Golf Tournament	8:00 am
	Sunday:	Divine Service	8:00 am
		Family Bible Hour	9:15 - 10:00 am
		Divine Service	10:15 am

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## Adoring Christ Together

**Divine Service - Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 am** We're back to two Sunday services with Family Bible Hour in between (9:15-10:00 am). *Should we return to one Sunday service for the summer again in 2024? Please share your thoughts with one of the pastors.*

**Praise and a Picnic is the 10:15 am Divine Service on September 24th.** Outdoor worship, lunch and activities. Many school families will be joining us. There will be no Holy Communion, but there will be the blessing of children as is often the custom on the Festival of St Michael and All Angels that we'll be observing that day. A great service to bring a friend! And a lawn chair :)

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## Maturing in Christ Together

Sunday mornings this fall:

**Adult Bible Study** meets in the gym - "True to Yourself? Genders, Selfies, Authenticity and the Bible"

**6th to 8th grade Catechism** - growing in faith, repentance and prayer

**Sunday School** - 3 year olds to 5th grade time for young ones

Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 pm (babysitting and refreshments provided):

**The Word of Life** - Bible Information Class (BIC)

**Faith Enrichment Class** - Models of Prayer in the Bible

**Youth Gathering (7th to 12th grades)** - Devotion and Activity

Stay tuned for an early morning Bible study this fall.

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## Serving Christ Together

**Help wanted - Praise and a Picnic** (Sept 24 - 10:15 am) is an opportunity early in the school year to have many school families join us for worship. There's a sign up in the entryway, or see Tina Fennel, Kat Zahn or Pastor Peil if you want to help or want more info. We need help planning and serving food, setting up tents and tables and a bunch more.

**Financial Snapshot** offerings *budgeted* July 1-Aug 30 85,537  
offerings *received* July 1 - Aug 30 49,233

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## Pray for the Body of Christ

for wedding anniversaries:            Sept 5th            Jamie and Josiah Schultz  
   Sept 8th            Jan and Larry Steinbach (50th)  
   Sept 11th          Scott and Patricia Woller\

for birthdays:                                Sept 4                Jason Sehloff  
   Sept 7                Josiah Schultz

for comfort, health, patience, recovery and strength: Cassie (Tom and Genia's daughter), Kristy (Jessica Lujan's cousin), Sam, Boaz, Mike Jones, Betty Moser, Harry Calvert

for protection and peace:                the Enoka's in South Sudan (Seme and Winnie's family)

*Please submit prayer requests through our website or by emailing the church office or calling 801-261-3808.*