

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 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 - Those who exalt themselves will be humbled***

Everyone knows that humility is a positive trait and pride is a negative one. So, why bother talking about what we already know? Because in spite of that knowledge, we still helplessly fall into the trap of pride. We all desire acclaim, recognition, and praise. Jesus' sharp words this week teach us that seeking exaltation in futile and fleeing ways will only result in receiving the opposite. Those who attempt to exalt themselves will eventually be humbled by God. In contrast, Jesus promises that those who leave their exaltation to God will receive honor and glory far greater than any that can be awarded in this life. Our exaltation does not need to be our responsibility, because Jesus has already made it his.

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 731 Oh, How Good It Is

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.

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

2. Blest Redeemer, virgin's Son,
Over death his vict'ry claiming,
Now ascended to his throne,
Judge and king, his grace proclaiming,
Opens heav'n to all his own.
Praise and thanks to God alone!

3. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim you,
Then, adoring, bend the knee
And confess the mystery.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Solomon provides common sense about humility and pride.

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112 *selected verses*

The Church recites Psalm 112 in services that encourage insightful living based on what God has declared us to be.

Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in his commands.

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.

Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

**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

James 2:1-13

James teaches that showing favoritism to those we think can provide us with upward mobility shows a lack of mercy and puts us at risk of God's judgment.

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not

the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 14:11

Alleluia! For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1,7-14

These words are the basis of the sermon this morning.

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. [...]

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest

place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although

they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Be seated

HOLY BAPTISM

It is our joy to witness God's Grace today as Kylie (8:00 am service) and Aria (10:15 am Service) are baptized into Christ!

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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY 729 Son of God, Eternal Savior

SERMON Luke 14 Friend, Move Up

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son, You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor more than honor this world can give. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have established the family and the home to be a place where we learn, care and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous judge, bless our nation and those who lead us in this land, and guide those who serve on behalf of this people. Watch over all nations, that justice and peace may reign. Grant courage to Christians to endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress and those suffering from bodily affliction.

We pray for...Frankie (Robyn's young friend with cancer), Harry (Nancy's brother-in-law

with serious health struggles), John Farrel (health struggles), Paula Rigby (surgery last week), Aina (whose mother is dying), the people affected by a shooting in Minneapolis, the building project at Prince of Peace, Kylie and Aria (on their baptism day).

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



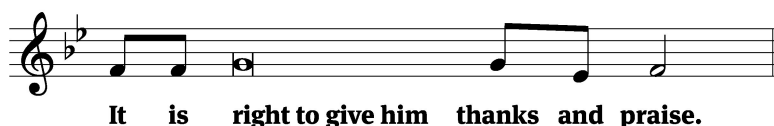
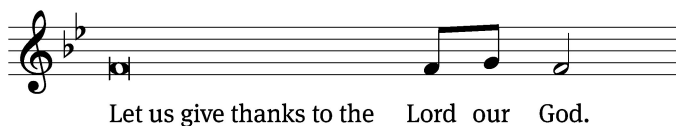
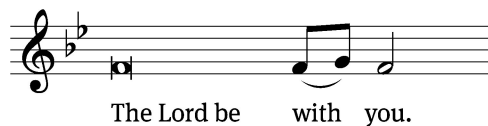
Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

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

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THE SACRAMENT

Stand



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 -
san - na in the high - est!

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

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

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

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

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 661 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

HYMN 766 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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.

Psalm 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 737 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



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

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A person wearing a light blue shirt is holding an open Bible with both hands. The Bible is resting on a rustic wooden surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM

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 Class options - Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting Sept 3

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!