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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!



A NOTE ABOUT HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Today we consider the mystery that no human mind can fully comprehend: There is only one God, but He reveals Himself as three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To guide us in speaking what the Scriptures say about the Triune God, we use a portion of the Athanasian Creed to confess the Faith today.

A word about the Athanasian Creed: Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God from all eternity. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity, the Athanasian Creed.

The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." (The word "catholic" does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church here. It is an adjective which means "universal" or "one".) In other words, this is what the true and universal Christian Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

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 | 921 **Come, Thou Almighty King**

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.

Matthew 28:19

Amen.

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

A small choir sings the hymn Trisagion as our prayer asking for mercy this morning:

Holy God. Holy and mighty.

Holy immortal One, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Holy God. Holy and mighty.

Holy immortal One, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Holy God. Holy and mighty.

Holy immortal One, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

CW 483, st 1+4

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - right - y!
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - right - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:3

The triune (three-in-one) God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, created a home for the crown of His creation. Knowing where we came from and whom we came from is fundamental to knowing who we are. Our Lord wants us to know that He made us and made us in His own image.

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the vault "sky." And

there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.”

²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy,

because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Dialogue of Praise to God the Father

We hear and speak back-and-forth Bible verses about God the Holy Trinity and about the gifts we receive from Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We also hear and speak sections from the Small Catechism, a classic booklet of instruction on the basics of the Christian faith.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Psalm 139:14,16

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

Luther's Small Catechism, Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Psalm 145:15-16

I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

Small Catechism, First Article

O Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him" But you are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill.

Psalm 3:1-4

God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

Small Catechism, First Article

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him.

Small Catechism, First Article

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

The Triune God's enters the lives of believers with underserved goodness made visible in Jesus Christ, with the love of the Father from eternity and with fellowship with God and each other that the Holy Spirit delivers.

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All God's people here send their greetings.

¹⁴May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Dialogue of Praise to God the Son

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

Psalm 2:7

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

Small Catechism, Second Article

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

"He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Psalm 22:1,7,8

Please stand

The Holy Gospel

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus authorized His Church to mark people with the holy name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit by baptizing and teaching them. His promise is that He will always be with each of us baptized into His name.

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the

Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

Small Catechism, Second Article

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Psalm 118:17,21

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

Small Catechism, Second Article

Matthew 28:16-20

Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Dialogue of Praise to God the Holy Spirit

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51:10-12

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and

sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Small Catechism, Third Article

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

In this Christian Church, the Holy Spirit daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Small Catechism, Third Article

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:9-11

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Small Catechism, Third Article

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day | 586 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Sermon Matthew 28:16-20

Please stand

Athanasian Creed (1st part)

This creed is named for St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was written over a century after the death of Athanasius to combat two errors that undermined key scriptural teachings. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith. We confess the first part concerning the Trinity today.

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic¹ faith.

Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

And the catholic faith is this,
that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

**And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.

¹ catholic = an adjective that means "universal" (The word "catholic" does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church here.)

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

so also are we prohibited by the catholic faith to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That we may be strengthened by the revelation of the One, true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in whom we have been baptized, and by whose grace we live and move and have our being; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be renewed in faith and zeal by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who took our humanity into Himself in order to bear our sin, suffer our death, reconcile us to the Father and restore us to everlasting life; and that, through faith in Him and His promises of mercy, we may be given courage to stand before Him on the Last Day clothed in His righteousness, innocence and blessedness; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That by His Word and Spirit we may be defended against every form of false teaching, pluralism and worldly wisdom, which would compromise our faithful

confession of the one true God, weaken our faith in Him who alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and thereby imperil our salvation; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord of mercy would show His kindness to the sick, that He would preserve them in the true faith while they suffer from their afflictions, and that, according to His good and gracious will, He would give them either speedy restoration to health or grace to live faithfully and peacefully under their crosses; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Special intercessions may be inserted here.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Him who gave Himself for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. O blessed Trinity, glory to You! **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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is good and right so to do.

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 lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord.

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 953, st. 1+2

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel

all, we bow be - fore you. All on
choirs a - bove are rais - ing; cher - u -

earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
him and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing

bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast de -
cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with sweet ac -

main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Song of Praise

CW 953, st. 4+5

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words on two lines. The lyrics are: 4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly
God, yet born of Mar - y, for us
Spir - it, three we name you, though in
sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our
es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed
sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of
God we claim you, and, a - cor - ing, bend the
death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith,
knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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 | 605 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Hymn | 608 Glory Be to God the Father

Hymn | 612 How Great Thou Art

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

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 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 |

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.



Thank you to Greta Boettcher for accompanying our worship with music this morning!

A Question about Summer Service Time(s)

Here's the question:

Should we stick with 8:00 and 10:15 service times between Memorial Day and Labor Day this year OR should we move to one service at 9:00 am on Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day?

Here's why we're asking:

1. **Lighter attendance** - Often in the summer months attendance at one or the other of our two Sunday services can be very light. While two or three coming together in Jesus' name is a blessed thing, having only 30 in a service in a sanctuary that can handle 200 isn't as uplifting and encouraging for us or a visitor as we'd like. It is also, of course, a less than efficient use of our accompanists time.
2. **Pastoral vacancy** - Hope Lutheran Church has asked for our pastors to cover the vacancy that they will have starting in July because Pastor Webber has accepted a Call to another congregation and will be moving. Most of the time Pastors Peil and

Our Week with the Lord May 21-28	Sunday:	Divine Service	8:00 am
		Family Bible Hour/Adult Fellowship	9:15 am
		Divine Service	10:15 am
	Thursday:	Graduation	6:30 pm
	Sunday:	Divine Service	8:00 am
		Family Bible Hour	9:15 am
	Divine Service	10:15 am	

Boettcher would be able to split up and each serve at one of the two places. However, there are Sundays this summer when only one of them will be here.

3. **Not a necessity** - We have two services both to accommodate the needs and preferences of those who worship here, and to accommodate their comfort. Once our sanctuary has 175 people in it, it can feel overcrowded to some who are

sensitive to large crowds. At this point in our congregation's life, we worship about 150 a weekend. As mentioned above, historically that number dips by 25 or so in the summer months.

4. **Getting to know each other** - There are many new members of the family of believers at Prince of Peace (over 10 in just the last few months). Sometimes people go to different services (8 or 10:15) consistently and don't meet people who attend the other service. (another great reason to be at Bible study together!) One service on Sunday for a few months would be an opportunity for more crossover and getting to know your fellow believers.

Here's why we're hesitant to ask:

1. **Messing with rhythms** - We have moved to one service in the summer a couple times in the last five years. Each time there are people who express that they strongly prefer that service times don't change. We are creatures of habit and it's understandable that it will upset the rhythm of life slightly to come to church at a different time, either a little later or a little earlier for a couple months.

2. **Advertising the switch** - About 3 times each summer that we've moved service times, someone has showed up at the wrong time for services. If memory serves, two times it was visitors. Four or five times it was WELS members on vacation. That summer, the WELS website listed our service times incorrectly. So, it happens, and it probably would again. But not very often after the first week.

3. Other concerns that you have that we haven't thought of.

After reading the above, could you please share your preference? There's a paper in the entryway where you can put your name and your preference: 1 service or 2 for June, July and August?

If you have comments, please speak to one of the pastors or email: tylerpeil@gmail.com

Thanks in advance for thinking this through, how it affects you and how it affects others, and sharing your preference!

EMPLOYER MATCHES A few of our members have mentioned that their employers match charitable contributions to private schools annually. Does yours? This may be a way to significantly increase the commitments we're making to the capital campaign!

Fellowship this morning (9:15 to 10:15 today) We'll hold Bible Information Class (BIC) and Sunday School this morning. We don't have a formal class for adults, teens and catechism

age students; instead today we grow in knowing and supporting each other with time to mingle.

Thursday Graduation (6:30 pm Thursday 5/25) On Thursday night at 6:30 we celebrate the end of the school year and graduation here at Prince of Peace Lutheran School in a special service. All are welcome. This service will be in place of our usual Thursday evening worship.

GOD IN THREE PERSONS, BLESSED TRINITY In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ—his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ. We begin by looking at one of the most mind-blowing truths: that God is triune. Already in the very first chapter of the Bible we read, “Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image...” (Genesis 1:26). Note the singular “God” and the plural “us.” Scripture teaches us that there is only one God but that he exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is triune (three-in-one). This teaching is not some logical exercise or philosophical excursion. The doctrine of the Trinity is central to our salvation. The triune God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Lose this doctrine, and as the Athanasian Creed says, you lose it all. A Jesus who is less than God is also less than a Savior. So often, when life gets hard, we get frustrated. We don’t understand how God is working always for our good. But the doctrine of the Trinity teaches us we cannot even comprehend God’s existence. How then, could we ever comprehend all his workings? On this Holy Trinity Sunday, let it be enough to know that all three persons—Father, Son, and Spirit—love us with an everlasting love.