



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, AD 2021



“Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets,
that the LORD would put His Spirit on them!”
Numbers 11:29

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is to know Christ and inspire people to be caring instruments of God in spreading Christ’s love, with joyous enthusiasm, by word and deed.

Please remember to turn off all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand, if able

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us then confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen**

P Upon this, your confession, I as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen Sound from His people again.
Gladly forever adore Him!

P The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

NUMBERS 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

E/L A reading from the Book of Numbers

Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . .”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . .”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” *ESV*

E/L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HAND BELL CHOIR

“A Grand Celebration”

arr. By Derek K. Hakes

SECOND READING

JAMES 5:13–20

E/L A reading from the Epistle of Saint James

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. *ESV*

E/L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

C **Alleluia. Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 9:38–50

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” *ESV*

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

REV. KENNETH FOSSE

SERMON HYMN

“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING”

- 1 Love divine, all love excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev’ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(After each petition: **Hear our prayer.**)*

P Trusting, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the goodness of our heavenly Father, let us pray in Jesus' name for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence.

E Dear Father, thank you for being good to us even when we do not imitate Jesus. Thank you for prayer, anointing, and loving exhortation that calls us away from sin and back to you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

C **hear our prayer.**

(The prayer concludes:)

P Incline your ear to our prayers, dear Lord; and answer them according to your most gracious and holy will, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

C **Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, with praise and thanksgiving. Recalling our Savior’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we pray that you would sanctify these gifts by your Holy Spirit, to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever

C Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. All praise and thanks, O Christ,

C for this sacred feast, in which we receive you, the memory of your passion is renewed, our minds are filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory given, to feast at that table where you reign with all your saints forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“THE LORD, MY GOD, BE PRAISED”

1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father’s own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav’nly good.

3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my light from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow’r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow’s gloomy hour.

4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the everliving,
To whom the heav’nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

POSTLUDE

As We Gather: “Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit on them!” These words of Moses in today’s Old Testament Reading find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Called and gathered in the name of the triune God, we have the amazing assurance that the Holy Spirit does indeed rest on us! The Spirit brings us to the amazing grace of Jesus Christ today as we gather around His Word and His Table. The works that are done among us in the name and by the Spirit of our God will send us forth today to share the grace our Lord promises to all who call on His name.

Birthdays being celebrated this week: 9/27 Donna Dentzau, Dawn Lavelle; 9/28 Annette Maresca; Susan Smigelsky; 9/29 Jessi Renouf, Kuri Renouf; 9/30 Ayden Georgiano, Joseph Ghigna, Andrew McAllister; 10/1 Paulette Bradow, Walter Pennington.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Sharon & Dana Jones in celebration of Dawson's birthday and by Luise Didato in loving memory of her son Erich Schick and by Karen & Walt Pennington in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

After careful consideration, the Prince of Peace Fundraising Committee has decided to postpone the Comedy Show and Dinner portions of our event to October 15, 2022. **However, we will still hold the Gift Auction portion in the Parish Hall during the week of Oct. 10-Oct. 16, 2021.** In order to social distance, we will set up designated times during that week in order for you to purchase prize tickets, view the baskets and drop in your tickets. 50/50 tickets will also be available for sale this week as well. On Saturday, October 16th at 3:00pm, we will go Facebook Live and pull tickets for the prizes and the 50/50. Prizes for the winners will be held for pick up at a later date. If you would like to attend the drawing in person, you are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall. More information and details will follow soon.

Our Office Manager, Maria Rotberg, is retiring! Come join us in wishing her a fond farewell! On Thursday, Sept. 30th we will host an open house in the church narthex from 9am- 3pm. Meet our new part-time secretary, Tracey Knoblock, from 9am - 1pm.

Next Sunday's Readings October 3, 2021 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost –Genesis 2:18-25 Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in a relationship. Hebrews 2:1-13 Hebrews, an early Christian sermon, emphasizes that Jesus became so fully human that he shared our experience of death. Mark 10:2-16 Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity.

Generosity Thought for Sunday, September 26, 2021 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost—**Mark 9:45** – “**And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.**” So, what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? It's better to cut “it” off! We need the Lord's help to do this, and you are in the right place this Lord's Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

Life Quotes for The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021 “Gospel-motivated means we tell how Almighty God creates every human life as special, and that we treat them with that sanctity. It means we declare how He redeems every human life as precious, and that we demonstrate it to them. It means we proclaim how He calls every human life His own priceless treasure from fertilization to forever, and that we put it into practice.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life* - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Sunday school is underway! Our Sunday school program is in (serious) need of two Sunday school teachers (grade K-1 and grade 2-4) and one substitute teacher. All lessons are pre-printed and available. Each level is provided with a teacher guide. Please direct all questions to our Director of Education, Dani Romano, at 908-692-4686.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:
Board of Directors Mtg. Sunday Sept. 26th at 11:30am
Comedy Show Mtg. Tuesday Sept. 28th at 6:30pm
Farewell Get Together Thursday Sept. 30 9a-3p
Jackson Day Saturday Oct. 2nd
Elders Mtg. Sunday Oct. 3rd
Gift Auction Oct. 10th- Oct. 16th (times TBA)

THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Leader: Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, September 26th at 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service, September 26th at 10:15 a.m.

Elder: Andrew Tess

Lector: Lynne Berghoff

Social Media Specialist: Madison Maresca

Organist: Judith Jensen

The 10:15am service will also be live streamed through our Facebook GROUP page, which can be found on our Facebook PAGE

Wednesday Midweek Service, September 29th at 7:00 p.m.