

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am ~ August 4, 2024



I AM  
THE BREAD  
OF LIFE

*Grow in Faith \* Serve In Love \* Live In Peace*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Festal Hymn* by Cecil Scott-Devin

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin. God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN #542** *O Living Bread from Heaven*

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FAVORITE HYMNS**

1. #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
2. #742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
3. #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A reading from Exodus

<sup>2</sup> The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of

the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.' " <sup>10</sup> And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' "

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING:** Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from Ephesians

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup> (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who

descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)<sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,<sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.<sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.<sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** p. 171

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL:** John 6:24-35

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him,

“What must we do to perform the works of God?”<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”<sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”<sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”<sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING**

*Deep River* by H. T. Burleigh

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** #485 *I Am The Bread Of Life*

### **CREED**

Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each Petition will end with the phrase, "Merciful God,"  
please respond "**receive our prayer.**"*

*The prayers conclude:*

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING TIME**

**OFFERTORY** *Call to Prayer* by Charles Sergisson

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** p. 173

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

### **COMMUNION**

**LAMB OF GOD** p. 174

**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, grant us peace.**

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

#487 *What Feast of Love*

#496 *One Bread, One Body*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you, this day and always.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING**

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
be upon you now and forever,

✠ in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** #579 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Sound the Trumpet of Victory* by Patricia Lou Harris

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Paula Meader Connor
Assisting Minister:	Bob Thompson
Reader:	Bob Thompson
Usher:	Jim & Paige Dickey
Greeters:	Carol Spagnuolo
Choir Director:	Ian Faleer
Organist:	Diane Diekroger
Sound Technician:	Brandon M. Bilek
Computer Operator:	Steve Zinram
Altar Guild:	Judy Kazak, Judy Cuciak, Cindy Zinram

## **August 11th Sunday Readings:**

First Reading:	1 Kings 19:4-8
Second Reading:	Ephesians 4:25—5:2
Gospel Reading:	John 6:35, 41-51

## **FLOWERS**

Charlie and Lisa Woodward 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



Sign-up sheet for ordering Altar Flowers is located in the Narthex.

**Offering Time:** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us. If you are worshipping in person at church, you can place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed to you. Offerings can also be made by mail or online. Thank you for your continuing support to the mission and ministry of Prince of Peace.

**Communion Notes:** In receiving the Lord’s Supper, we hear the promise of forgiveness and grace that this gift is “for you.” All who need to hear this word are welcome to commune here at Prince of Peace. Please come to the front of the church to receive communion as directed by the ushers. White grape juice is available in addition to red wine – ask the server for grape juice if that is your preference. An option of a gluten free wafer is also available. Those who do not yet commune may come forward and receive a blessing. If you have difficulty walking to the communion rail, let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Please join us in singing as communion is offered.

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