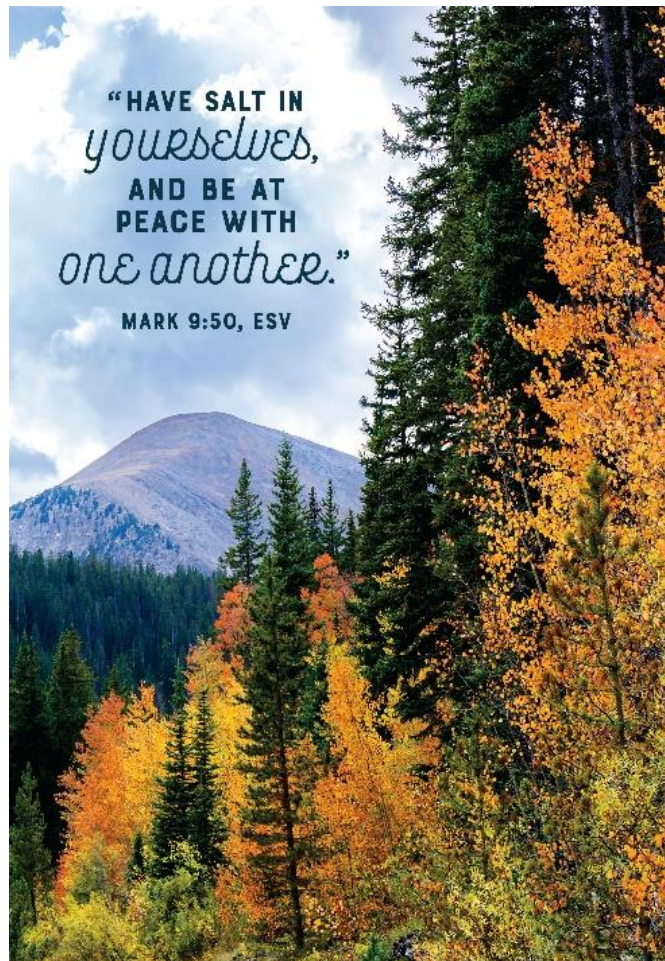


**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST**



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Appleton, Wisconsin
September 26, 2021
8:00 & 9:40 a.m. Services**

MISSION STATEMENT

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians
Growing in Faith and Reaching out in Love.*

POP VISION 2024

*We will be...an engaged and inclusive congregation of disciples,
transforming the lives in our community through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Welcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who worship today, wherever you may be. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we are together, even though we are physically separated, to receive the Lord's strength, comfort, and peace. Christ, our brother, is with us, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this time of worship to live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

We love kids in worship: young ones, old ones, squirmy ones, curious ones, crying ones, happy ones. Jesus loves them, too. In fact, one day when he was trying to explain to a bunch of adults who would enter the Kingdom of God, he plucked a child out of the crowd and said that if they wanted to enter his kingdom, they should be like this wide-eyed child! What an object lesson for us all and what hope, because we are all kids at heart, just trying to follow Jesus.

We know it is sometimes a challenge and, with our nursery closed for our youngest ones' safety during the pandemic, we have some ways to help out. We have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the bathrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. We have a place for kids to play in our narthex, the **PrayerGround**, which is stocked with toys and books and comfy chairs, and there are speakers projecting the service, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. **New is a space located at the back of the sanctuary, called the PlayDeck, with a rug and some quiet toys where a child might need to hang out for a few minutes with mom or dad nearby.**

You can find changing tables in the bathrooms near the narthex **PrayerGround** for your convenience. And, finally, we have ushers and greeters who love kids, too, who were once kids themselves, and who want to help you have a great worship experience! We are glad you are here!

The Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.



Flowers are placed in celebration of the yesterday's wedding of Desiree Lempesis & Kyle Maleug at Prince of Peace.
May God bless their marriage!

WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching Minister	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Presiding Minister	Pastor Roger McQuiston
Assisting Minister	Kris Gurholt
Musicians	Sondra Joten, Aaron Juhl, Soli Deo Handbell Choir
Projection Prep/Sunday A/V	Cindy Romnek, Tom Richmond
Ushers	8:00 Donna Cook, Dean Buffington 9:40 Cindy Czarnik-Neimeyer, Jerri Kahl
Greeters	8:00 Bill & Cindy Robarge, Margie & Mike Bricco 9:40 Chris Pynnonen, Stephanie Allaire
Communion Servers	8:00 Karen Peckham 9:40 Nancy Becker-Nagan, Laurie Jacobs, Corrina Czarnik

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal
P-Pastor A-Assisting Minister C-Congregation

~ INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY ~

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

GATHERING

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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME TO WORSHIP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF KITS & QUILTS

P Today is Thankoffering Sunday and it is on this day that we dedicate quilts along with baby, personal care, and school supply kits that the Women of the ELCA have collected for others. For more than 100 years the tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings, both ordinary and extraordinary, continues through items collected or lovingly stitched together and sent to support people in our local neighborhoods and around the world. Let us pray.

C **Lord, we give thanks for these gifts and the hands that have made them. We thank you for the leadership and witness of the women of this congregation that has reached out to show your love to so many others, most of whom are unknown to them, but not to you. We dedicate these gifts in your name for our neighbors' good and for the sake of the world. May those who receive these know your deep love for them. Bless these items in your name. Amen**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our comforter:

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C **Amen**

Give to our God immortal praise!
 Mercy and truth are all his ways.
 Wonders of grace to God belong;
 repeat his mercies in your song.

God sent his Son with pow'r to save
 from guilt and darkness and the grave.
 Wonders of grace to God belong;
 repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown;
 the King of kings with glory crown.
 His mercies ever shall endure
 when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

GREETING

- P May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. O God,
- C **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹⁰Moses heard the

people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give

birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.” ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all

around the tent. ²⁵Then 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 when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two 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. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is

powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth. *Repeat refrain*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John 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.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is

better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz

(9:40) *Faith Formation students join us for worship (during the singing of the following hymn).*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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(9:40) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brigetta Wingender (& Moses!)

APOSTLES CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **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 THE CHURCH

P Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Petitions end: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INVITATION

P As we collect our offering this morning, we recall a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier in the church. Back then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as "cent" or "mite" societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds. When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, they committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, THANKOFFERINGS are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart!

So, in gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, the women of Prince of Peace, along with all of you, lift up our lives and all that we have as an offering to God.

OFFERING

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Anthony Showalter

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of grace,

C **you have showered us with abundance. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

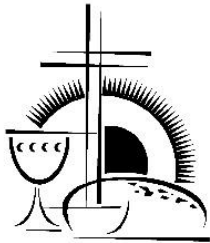
P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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**



In the bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present. Much more than a sign, story, or symbol of God's love, it is an event where God reaches down to us through common earthly elements and invites us into the mystery and miracle of a relationship with him, the Word made flesh for us. All, who have been baptized, are invited to this experience of God's love, where He is our host and we are his guests, who will take the message of his love into the world.

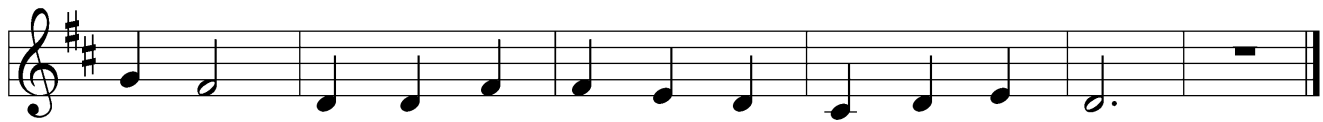
LAMB OF GOD, COME TAKE AWAY



1 Lamb of God, come take a - way the sin of all the
2 Lamb of God who'd give your soul to see a bro - ken
3 Lamb of God, ris - en Lord, † heal us with your
4 Lamb of God, Ho - ly One, † bring us peace when



world to - day: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -
world made whole: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -
liv - ing word: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -
day is done: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -



on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

P Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

SENDING

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

FINAL BLESSING

P People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

SENDING SONG

We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW 866

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ... etc.

DISMISSAL

A Prince of Peace is a family of Christians...

C **...growing in faith and reaching out in love.**

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C **Thanks be to God!**



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MISSION STATEMENT

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

QUILTS & KITS 2021

Hearts and hands at PoP have assembled quilts and kits throughout this past year. 72 quilts along with Baby, School & Personal Care Kits will be shipped overseas for Lutheran World Relief. Additionally, Prince of Peace's Pop-a-Stitch group worked along side the quilters to provide 10 lap quilts for Prince of Peace shut-ins, 30+ quilts for at-risk and struggling teenagers from Appleton East High School (Gifts of Hope), and 10 more quilts which will be distributed locally.

We continue to rely on your donations to support this program. The quilters greatly appreciate donations of cotton fabric which can be new or clean and gently used. They also use cotton sheets to make the quilts. Donations can be placed in the closet in the Community Room. Donations of items for Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits, School Kits and Personal Care Kits are appreciated as well. Items may be left in the closet at the back of the library. Check the announcements during the year for items that we are collecting or call Jeannine Bultman (920-733-2209) or Nancy Wittrock (920-257-1077) for further information. We accept monetary donations as well which we need to cover overseas shipping costs (please specify that the donation is to be used for shipping costs). For information about participating in quilting, contact Ruth Reichelt (920-733-4157) or Jan Peiffer (920-666-4716). There are opportunities to help with quilting both Tuesday & Wednesday mornings as well as working at home and we welcome all.

Thank you to everyone who has donated money, items for kits and quilts, and their time to this cause.



Please consider a special THANKOFFERING, using the envelopes provided this morning or go online to the red DONATE NOW button on our website to make a donation *in honor of or in memory of* a special woman in your life.