

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Authority of God's Word

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“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. May God bless your worship today! If you are visiting with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out one of the information cards found in the pews next to the hymnals. You can either place the completed card in the offering plate or give it to the usher when being ushered out at the end of the service. We look forward to getting to know you better in order to serve you fully with God's word!

WORSHIP THEME

The reformation era reformers confessed that, “the only rule and guiding principle according to which all teachings and teachers are to be evaluated and judged are the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments alone.” (Epitome of the Formula of Concord) In simple terms, what they wrote in their confession was that God’s word in the Bible is the highest authority that we have. Likewise, the Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians, *“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse!”* (Gal 1:8) God’s word gives us direction not only about what we should do in our churches but in our lives. However, this is not a burden. No, this is not a law that God places over us. Rather, the authority of God’s Word is our source of confidence. It is the authority of God’s word that emboldens and empowers us to go out into the world with his message!

CALL RECEIVED

“I have received a call to Grace Lutheran Church, South St. Paul, MN. I appreciate your prayers as I deliberate this call. I also welcome your input as well as any questions you may have about how the calling process works in our Synod.”

-Pastor Neumann

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

This evening at 5 pm, Nathan Holz, the new pastor of Hope Lutheran, Irmo SC, will be ordained and installed. You are invited to attend this service!

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

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 meditation and 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.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



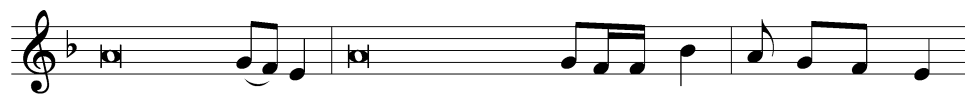
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



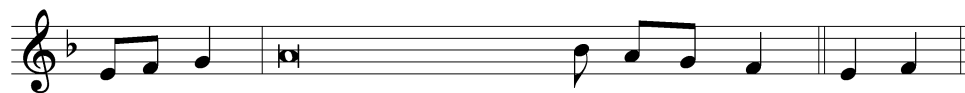
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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

Amos 7:10–15

The prophet Amos explains that he has authority only because the LORD told him to speak on his behalf.

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹For this is what Amos is saying:

“ ‘Jeroboam will die by the sword,
and Israel will surely go into exile,
away from their native land.’ ”

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

78C Your Word, O LORD, Is a Lamp

Psalm 78C

Refrain

Your Word, O LORD, is a lamp for my feet
and a light un - to my path.

My people, hear my / teaching;
listen to the words / of my mouth.
I will utter hidden things, things / from of old—
things our ancestors have / told us.

We will not hide them from their de- / scendants;
we will tell the next gener- / ation
the praiseworthy deeds / of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders / he has done. *Refrain*

He decreed statutes for / Jacob
and established the law in / Israel,
which he commanded our / ancestors
to teach their / children,

so the next generation would know them, even the children yet / to be born,
and they in turn would tell their / children.
Then they would put their / trust in God
and would not forget his deeds but would keep / his commands.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Titus 1:5–9

Though the qualifications for those who serve in public ministry are lofty, it is ultimately the authority of God's Word, not the ministers worthiness, that grants authority to the office.

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. ⁶An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless— not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

2 Timothy 1:7



Refrain



For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid,
but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Refrain

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Gospel

Mark 6:7–13

As Jesus sends the Twelve out to do ministry, he gives them his authority.

⁷Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

901 O Christians, Haste

CW 901

Sermon

Amos 7:10–15

The Authority of God’s Word Gives Us Confidence

- I. Don’t worry, it’s not about you
- II. God’s will be done

Stand

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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

Offering

Our offerings are freely given as a response to God's gracious outpouring of love upon us.

898 Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

CW 898

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

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.

640 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

CW 640

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY	6:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
THURSDAY	5:00 pm Elders Meeting
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	9:15 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:45 am Council Meeting

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Shellie Dissmore provided the flowers for the altar today to celebrate her birthday! A birthday is a good reminder for all of us that life is a precious gift from God. It is the time God has given us to come to know Jesus Christ by faith so that we might enjoy through him the life that endures forever! Happy birthday, Shellie!



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



This afternoon, 12:00 pm-2:00 pm, we are welcoming prospective preschool families to our campus to view our facility. If you know of families looking for a preschool, please invite them to come or have them call Jeanne Thomas at 706-860-1655 for more information. We would love to have many of our members stop down after the service to see the classrooms and to offer words of encouragement to our staff as they prepare to begin our 17th year with our preschool!

PRINCE OF PEACE LAKE DAY

Mark your calendar! September 14th is Prince of Peace Lake Day! More details coming soon.



Operating Offerings		Attendance		Mortgage Progress	
7/7/24	\$ 4,175.00	7/7/24	52	7/7/24	\$ 1,140.00
Month to Date	\$ 4,175.00			Month to Date	\$ 1,140.00
YTD	\$ 102,580.00			YTD	\$ 10,885.00
Budget YTD	\$ 104,288.00			Budget YTD	\$ 17,919.00
2023 YTD	\$ 106,436.00			2023 YTD	\$ 22,731.00

Weekly needs July Operating Offering
Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 3,863.00
\$ 2,867.00