

## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 20, 2025



*“Touched by the Gospel, we see to be instruments of God’s Peace,  
for the sake of the World.”*

### **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

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## Welcome in the name of Christ!



### Worshipping with kids?

- ❖ We love having people of all ages and abilities worshipping together!
- ❖ There is a family restroom in the Gathering Space and a changing table in the nursery to accommodate your family's needs.
- ❖ The nursery is staffed from 10-12 on Sundays. You can drop your youngster off before worship begins or at any time during the service.
- ❖ Children are invited forward during the Children's sermon, where they can hear the bible story told in words and context they can understand. Older siblings and other friends are welcome to accompany children if that would make them more comfortable.
- ❖ Children's bibles are available in the pews, and ushers can provide children's bulletins upon request.
- ❖ Wiggles and noise are welcome! If your child needs more room to move, feel free to take them to the Playground in the Gathering Space. This area is stocked with quiet activities, coloring pages, and kid-sized furniture. This is also a great spot to enjoy refreshments after the conclusion of the worship service!

### Wondering about communion?

- ❖ We believe Christ is fully present in the meal and it is Christ who invites us to share it.
- ❖ All are welcome to share communion with us regardless of age or faith tradition.
- ❖ Gluten free bread and wafers, wine, and grape juice are available.

### Want to know more about our community?

- ❖ We strive to be an open, welcoming place for all people.
- ❖ Our sabbatical pastors enjoy meeting people after worship but never wants anyone to feel pressured to talk to them. Come say hi!
- ❖ Visit the welcome table in the gathering space if you have questions about Lutherans, the Christian faith, or Prince of Peace; if you have a specific prayer request, or want to share your contact information so we can get back to you about something in particular.

Thank you for joining us for worship today. May God bless you and give you peace this week.

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*Worshippers responses in bold*

**Music for the Beginning of Worship** "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"  
*the text and tune may be followed at ELW #520*

arr. J. S. Bach

*Stand*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Pastor: Merciful God,

**All: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

Pastor: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**All: Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

No. 519

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Sit*

### The Children's Sermon

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

### First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

Psalm 15

Reader: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**All: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.**

Reader: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

All: **They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**

## Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

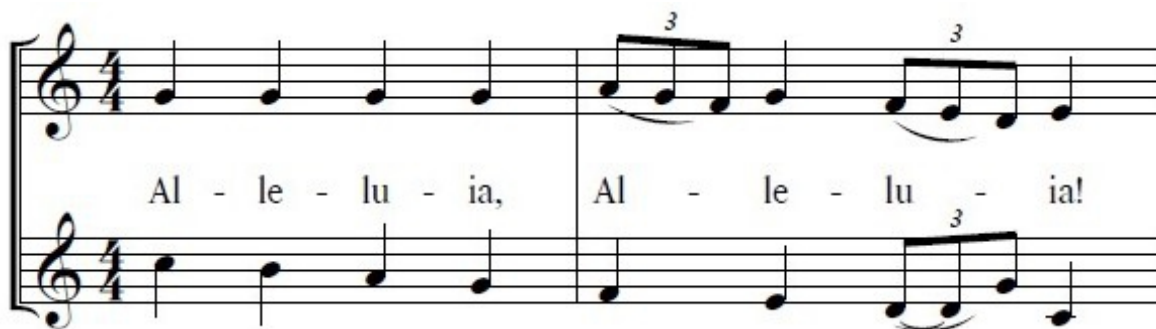
Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Sing twice*





## Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**Sermon**

Pastor Zachariah Shipman

*Stand*

**Hymn of the Day**

"Listen to the Word"

ACS No. 974

*Whistle once, sing twice*



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is  
close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;  
lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

## Apostles' Creed

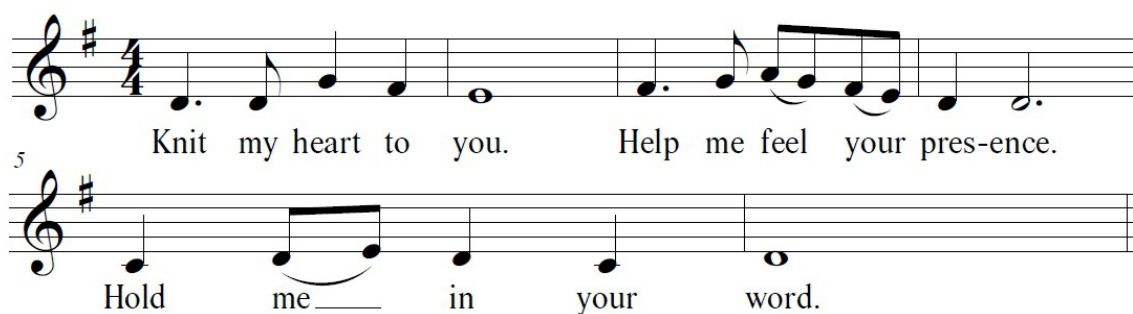
Asst: Joining the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith:

**All: 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



After "Generous God," worshipers respond **"Pour out your love."**  
Repeat **"Knit My Heart to You"** after completion of the intercessory prayers.

## WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL

### Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*Worshipers share a sign of God's peace with one another,  
greeting each other with words like "Peace be with you. . . and also with you."*

*Sit*

**Offering**

Please **date** and complete the fellowship registration pad

**Offering Response**

"Shout to the Lord"  
stand 2<sup>nd</sup> time

No. 821

### Liturgical Hand Washing

*I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds. - Psalm 26:6-7*

### Offering Prayer

Asst: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us  
at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: **Amen.**

*Stand*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: 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 to you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it 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.

### The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All: 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 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 the Meal

Pastor: If you desire to receive what God offers, come to this Table. Come with your faith and your doubt. Come with your questions and your hopes. Come with your grief and your love. Come taste the Lord's goodness. There is room for you here because this is Christ's table. You are welcome.

Sit

### Holy Communion - the Lord's Supper

All are welcome at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. All communion servers will have sanitized their hands before handling the communion elements. Ushers will direct you to come forward. The pastor and assisting minister will distribute the gluten-free bread and other servers will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Individually packaged gluten free wafers and sets of completely sealed elements (wheat wafer and grape juice) are available on stands near the bread distributors. You may pick one of those up yourself, if you prefer. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the stands as you return to your seat.

If you prefer not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference to the servers.

### Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### Communion Hymns

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

No. 479

"I Received the Living God"

No. 477

### Table Blessing

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

All: Amen.

Asst: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

### Sending of Communion

*Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent.*

Pastor: O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our siblings who are sick/homebound/imprisoned. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE**

**Announcements**

*Worshipers are invited to share announcements not listed in the weekly Peace Proclamations: blessings: like anniversaries, birthdays, births or new jobs, prayer concerns and answered prayers. So that all present on person and livestreaming can see and hear you, **come up the ramp to the chancel then go to the pulpit** to give your announcement.*

*Stand*

**Final Blessing**

Pastor: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

No. 676

**Dismissal**

Asst: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Music for the Close of Worship**

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### This Week's Servers

July 20, 2025

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Sabbatical Host: Nancy Pendziszewski  
Worship Asst.: Jolaine Snyder  
Acolytes:  
Reader: Dale Gatz  
Ushers: Greg Guthrie  
Technology: Jackson Seguin, Paul Swodzinski, Mike Whately  
Prayer Station: Laurie Brown  
Sacristy Asst.: Laila Poisson  
Communion Assts.: Sandy Mertz  
Altar Guild: Sandy Bennett  
Fellowship:  
Nursery: Cassie Whately  
Church Lockup: Sandy Mertz  
Mowers: No mowing

### Next Week's Servers

July 27, 2025



Presiding Minister: Bob Linstrom  
Sabbatical Host: Dennis Stalker  
Worship Asst.: Noel Sederstrom  
Acolytes:  
Reader:  
Ushers:  
Technology: Jackson Seguin, Mike Whately  
Prayer Station: Randi Martin  
Sacristy Asst.: Kathy Eklov  
Communion Assts.: Jolaine Snyder  
Altar Guild: Dianne Hellman  
Fellowship:  
Nursery:  
Church Lockup: John Thommen  
Mowers: Dave Walch, Greg Hannemann

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4. Then find your "Listen Everywhere" app, open it and tap on "POP Service"
5. After that you should be receiving audio in your hearing aids. If you need assistance, see an Usher.

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SERMON

# Notes

SERMON  
TITLE:

READINGS  
FROM:

date: \_\_\_\_\_

FAVORITE VERSE OR QUOTE:

FAVORITE  
WORSHIP  
SONG  
TODAY:

THINGS I HAVE  
QUESTIONS ABOUT:

SERMON NOTES

DRAW IT OUT:

