

In Our Prayers

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Jerry, Linda, Mary, John, Shirley, Norbert, Shari, Sue, Angie, Tammy, Norm, Jason Kruckenberg, Bill, Stephanie, Melissa, Bob, Gabe, Karin Taylor, Beki, Chris, Jeff, Cheri S., Nancy Mohns, Scott Johnson, David A., Ted K., Brent Timmer, Eli, Nate, Geri, Sherry, Andy, Arianna, Kayla, Lois, Jimmy, Marcy, Forrest, Amy, Pastor Bob Bisconti, Luann Bartz, Pat, Dona B., Abby, Johnny, Cathie, Sonja, Rebecca, Jessica, Claris, Ann, Cheryl Peterson, Charlotte, Carl, Pamela Mueller, Janice, Sharon, Denette, Andrew, Lynelle, Rick, Karen, Annette Oellrich, and Betty.

For those suffering loss: The family and friends of Tim Garetson, Antonio Licari, and Bill Wines. Christy upon loss of her husband. Haley upon loss of her mother. Pastor Cassandra Langr upon loss of friend Marilyn Murray.

The flowers on the altar are provided by Jim & Nancy Freedlund in honor of granddaughter Eizley's 3rd birthday.

Presider: Pastor Fred Baltz **Pianist:** Linda Chartrau
AV: Darran Landenberger & Ava Lynch **Acolyte:** Greg Bartz
Greeters: Bill & Stacy Diemel **Ushers:** Sherre Faulkner & Jim Freedlund
Reader: Steve Shrider **Communion Assistants:** Lora Conrad, Amy Lynch, & Steve Shrider **Counters:** Brad Mueller & Kara Wallace

Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



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Church Office Hours:
M-F 8:00 am -12:00 pm

**9:00 am
Service**

Pastor Cassandra Langr
Mon-Thurs 9:00 am-12:00 pm
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October 1, 2023

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(please rise)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION:

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

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(Silence for reflection.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

SONGS OF PRAISE:

“Majesty” (x2)

Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own
His anthem raise
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died, now glorified
King of all kings

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” (blue WOV #783)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and you shall find
Knock and the door shall be
Opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia

We do not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: 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.**
P: Let us pray...
C: **God of love, you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us
from those things that harm us; and guide us in
the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (Bible p. 687)

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13 (Bible p. 951)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25:1-9

L: In you, LORD my God,

C: **I put my trust.**

L: I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,

C: **nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L: No one who hopes in you will ever be put to
shame,

C: **but shame will come on those who are
treacherous without cause.**

L: Show me your ways, LORD,

C: **teach me your paths.**

L: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are
God my Savior,

C: **and my hope is in you all day long.**

L: Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,

C: **for they are from of old.**

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth

C: **and my rebellious ways;**

L: according to your love remember me,

C: **for you, LORD, are good.**

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L: Good and upright is the LORD;
C: **therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

L: He guides the humble in what is right
C: **and teaches them his way.**

(please rise)

ALLELUIA: (green LBW p. 62)

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the
21st chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL TEXT: Matthew 21:23-32

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

THE MESSAGE

(please rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

L: Lord, in Your mercy...
C: **Hear our prayer.**

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LORD'S PRAYER:

C: 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

OFFERTORY:

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
(REPEAT)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."
(REPEAT)

Give thanks, give thanks

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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.
P: It is indeed their unending hymn.
C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

We celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. We understand this to mean that Jesus is truly present with us in His body and blood through the bread and wine. We welcome all baptized adults and children who have been instructed to receive Holy Communion to share in the Lord's Supper.

(Help yourself to either wine (purple) or grape juice (white). Children not yet receiving may come forward for a blessing.)

DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

"Beautiful Savior" (green LBW #518)

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

POST COMMUNION HYMN: (green LBW p. 72-73)

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-
one what he has done. Let all who seek 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.**

BLESSING:

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.**

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG:

“They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Chorus

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Chorus

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We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Chorus

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one

Chorus

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and doughnuts in the Fellowship
Hall.

Church Happenings

Got T-shirts? - First English Lutheran Church in Platteville, WI is creating cloth baby diapers for Lutheran World Relief. We will collect used (but clean) cotton T-shirts and polos for this ministry. We also welcome donations of gently-used (no stains) baby clothes, sizes 6-24 months. Please drop off your donations by October 8.

Movie Night—Join us for the movie *The Case for Christ* on Saturday, October 21 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Main Street Trick or Treat—This year, Prince of Peace will participate in Rockton's downtown trick-or-treating event on Sunday, October 29, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. If you'd like to donate a bag of candy, please drop off on the table in the narthex or the office. Soon we will begin assembling bags during coffee hour.

Additional Worship Service—Prince of Peace is planning to add a second worship service. The tentative start date is November 5. The time of the service is still under discussion.

Ladies' Road Trip—Prince of Peace women are invited to attend a road trip to Brodhead, WI for a night of food, fellowship, and comedy. The date is Friday, November 3. The evening will begin with dinner at the Country Garden in Brodhead at 5:00 pm. The group will attend "The Unknown Tour: A Girl's Night Out of Comedy, Worship, Music, & Speakers" event at 7:00 pm at Living Word Church, 3825 South Co Road T, Brodhead, WI. The group rate (for 10 people) is \$18.68 per person. If you would like to attend the event, please contact Lora Conrad at 815-289-7171 or loramconrad@gmail.com.

Weekly Schedule

Monday (October 2)

9:30 am Prayer Group

Thursday (October 5)

8:00 am—3:30 pm Annunciation Co-op

Sunday (October 8)

9:00 am Worship-Scripture Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

10:15 am Sunday School

Please note: Pastor Cassandra will be out of the office and area from October 2-5 at the LCMC Annual Gathering & Convention.

Volunteer Schedule

October 8

AV: Kara Wallace

Acolyte: Ava Lynch

Greeters: Nancy Freedlund & Cyndy King

Ushers: Dan King & Debbie Tracy

Reader: Pam Novotnak

Communion Assistants: Sherre Faulkner, Wendy Goldsworthy, & Pam Novotnak

Counters: Luann Bartz & Dan King

October Pews: Kara Wallace

October 15

AV: Stacy Diemel

Acolyte: Dan King

Greeters: Steve & Denise Shrider

Ushers: Pam Novotnak & Jerry Yarolimek

Reader: Jim Freedlund

Communion Assistants: Nancy Freedlund, Cyndy King, & Darran Landenberger

Counters: Pam Novotnak & Steve Shrider

Lawn Mowers: Oct. 5-7 J. Freedlund

*Please avoid mowing on Thursdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm during the school months. Thank you.

Attendance & Budget

Attendance on 9/24/2023: 50

2023 Operating Budget: \$201,350

Year to Date Operating Budget: \$141,267.27 (YTD expenses)

Year to Date Giving Received: \$139,959.56 (YTD income)

Updated Average Need Each Week: \$4,450.05

Received last week: \$2,227.00

The mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is to sow FAITH IN CHRIST, strengthen FAMILIES, serve our COMMUNITIES.