

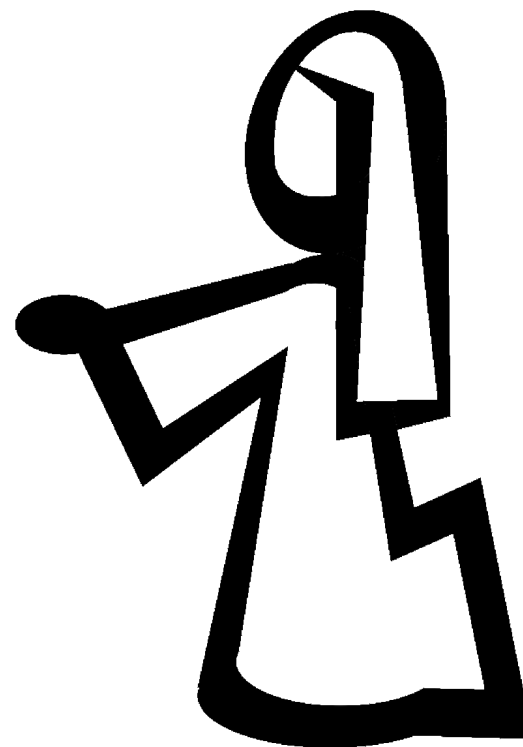
Dearest friends,

Words cannot adequately express the gratitude of my family to everyone at Prince of Peace for taking care of us after the sudden passing of my precious son, Brian Conrad. Your expressions of sympathy were very sincere and generous. Those who have also lost a child were especially comforting to me now that we share the same heart ache. So many guests raved about the beautiful sanctuary, the table settings, the amazing volume of food and how delicious everything was. Special thanks to Sue, Reita, Sherre and Kathy for their extra efforts. Pastor Bob, without having met Brian, delivered a homily befitting of my son.

My very sincerest thank you to my Prince of Peace family from my family. Love, Grace and Peace be with you all. Lora Conrad

Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



Presider: Rev. Dr. Bob Castro **Accompanist:** Lynda Remling

AV: Charlotte Mohns

ACOLYTE: Darran Landenberger

GREETERS: Lora Conrad & Darran Landenberger

USHERS: Dan King & Debbie Tracy

READER: Lora Conrad

COMM ASST: Sue Peterson

COUNTERS: Sandy Buske & Lora Conrad

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**9:00 am
Service**

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

August 16, 2026

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please rise.)

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSIOIN:

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

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (LBW p. 77)

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LBW 229

NOTES:

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Andy, Bob, Nate, Gabe, Eli, Scott, Sonja, Carol S., Tim S., Josh O., Pat, Mary Jo, Rick, LeRoy, Mike, Shari, Norbert, Joan, Bill, Linda, Gladys, Steve, Sandy, Michelle M., Rachel, Sid, Dani, Heather, Karrie, Mary M., Karl, Matthew, Krista, Justin, Brian M., Jimmy, Ada, Shari, Scott, Gladys, Everett, Pastor Cassandra, Polly, Cindy and Nathan.

For those suffering loss: Prayers for the family and friends of Theresa Isaacson. Prayers for Tanya and the Smollar family upon the loss of Theresa. Prayers for Shelley and Jeff upon the loss of their father. Prayers for Wendy, Arthur, and their family upon the loss of their mother, Cathie Goldsworthy. Prayers for comfort for Lora Conrad and her family upon loss of her son, Brian. Prayers for the family and friends of Phyllis S.

DIALOG: (LBW pp. 126-127)

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

C: **He was, he is, and he is to come.**

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: **He created all things. By his will they came to be.**

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: **worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.**

P: By his blood he purchased for God

C: **people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.**

P: Christ made of them a kingdom

C: **and priests to serve our God.**

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

APOSTLES' CREED: (LBW p. 128)

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and**

is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Almighty and everlasting God, you are
always more ready to hear than we are to
pray, and to give more than we either
desire or deserve. Pour upon us the
abundance of your mercy, forgiving us
those things of which our conscience is
afraid, and giving us those good things
for which we are not worthy to ask, except
through the merit of your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (Bible p. 602-603)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 46 (Bible p. 455)

L: God is our refuge and strength, an
ever-present help in trouble.

C: **Therefore we will not fear, though the
earth give way and the mountains fall into
the heart of the sea,**

L: though its waters roar and foam and the
mountains quake with their surging.

Week Beginning August 23, 2026

AV: Stacy Diemel

ACOLYTE: Bill Diemel

GREETERS: Jerry & Carol Yarolimek

USHERS: Dorothy Bush & Pam Novotnak

READER: Pam Novotnak

COMM ASST: Richard Mackenthun

COUNTERS: Dan King & David Lynch

LAWN MOWING: Greg Bartz & Dan King

Week Beginning August 30, 2026

AV: Kara Wallace

ACOLYTE: Greg Bartz

GREETERS: Pam Novotnak & Kara Wallace

USHERS: Greg & Luann Bartz

READER: Charlotte Mohns

COMM ASST: Cyndy King

COUNTERS: Charlotte Mohns & Kara Wallace

LAWN MOWING: Art Goldsworthy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

SIGN UP SHEET FOR ALTAR FLOWERS 2026 The sign up sheet for altar flowers is outside the church office. Flowers are \$40 and checks should be made out to Prince of Peace Altar Guild. Upcoming available dates: September 6th & September 13th

BOOK CLUB Join the Prince of Peace book club as they read Such Devoted Sisters by Eileen Goudge. The group will meet for discussion and fellowship on Wednesday, August 26th at 12:00 pm at the church. Feel free to bring your lunch!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE - Prince of Peace will be collecting supplies for local schools. Please see the insert for a list of the items needed. Don't have time to shop? You can donate cash to Kathy Leahy and Pam Novotnak and they will shop for you! Please drop off supplies by Sunday, August 30th.

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

Attendance on 8/9/2026: 35

Received last week: \$3,095.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday (August 17th)

9:30 am Prayer Group

Tuesday (August 11th)

6:30-8:30 pm 4-H Club

Sunday (August 23rd)

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Fellowship

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

L: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

C: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

L: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C: Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

L: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

C: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

L: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32
(Bible p. 919-920)

(Please rise.)

GOSPEL TEXT: Matthew 15:21-28 (Bible pp. 797)

MESSAGE SONG

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" LBW 509

(Please be seated.)

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Bob Castro

(Please rise.)

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LBW 389

RITE OF KNIGHTHOOD

PEACE:

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

C: **And also with you.** *(greet those around you)*

(Please be seated.)

OFFERTORY:

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” by Kirk Dearman

(Please rise.)

THE PRAYERS (LBW pp. 129-130)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER: (LBW p. 130)

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**

(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.)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONG:

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” WOV 706

(Please rise.)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen**

THE BLESSING:

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

C: **Amen**

HYMN: **“Lift High the Cross”** LBW 377

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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