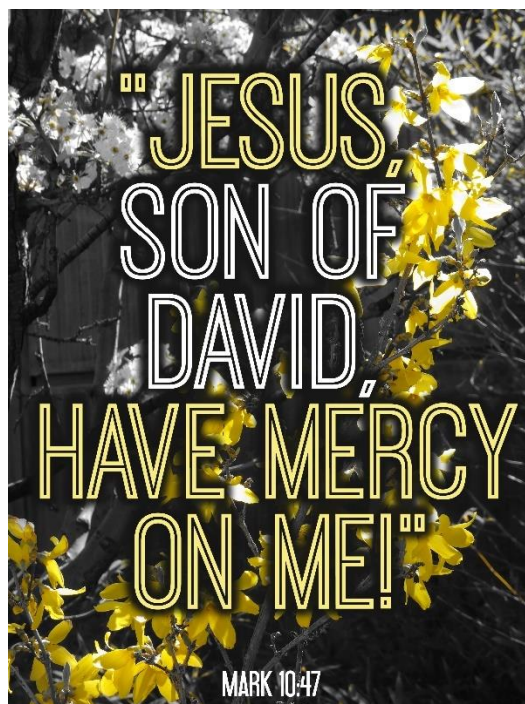


# **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Appleton, Wisconsin  
October 24, 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.*

**W**elcome 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!

**W**e 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!

**T**he 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.

## WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching Minister	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Presiding Minister	Pastor Roger McQuiston
Assisting Minister	Dave Erickson
Musicians	Sondra Joten, Stephanie Jacobs
Projection Prep/Sunday A/V	Nathan Jansen, Tom Richmond, Cindy Romnek
Ushers	8:00 Dean Buffington, David Rades 9:40 Scott Perrine, Chris Volkman
Greeters	8:00 Ken & Jane Bradley 9:40 Dennis Sauberlich
Communion Servers	8:00 Pete Miller 9:40 Ron Jones, Frank Krenz, Mary Volkman

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

## ~ INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY ~

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

### GATHERING

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

GATHERING MUSIC

*Cornet Voluntary*

John Travers

### 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**

GATHERING SONG

*God Whose Almighty Word*

ELW 673

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:

hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight;

health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind;  
oh, now to humankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might:  
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

## 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. Eternal Light,  
C shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## WORD

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

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

*This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.*

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and

those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

- A Word of God, word of life.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

*Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.*

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted

above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Leader: The Lord will rescue me from every evil | attack\*  
and save me for the heav- | enly kingdom. *Refrain*

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him

here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz

## HYMN OF THE DAY

***Healer of Our Every Ill***

ELW 612

*Refrain*

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

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(9:40) Children's Video

Brigetta Wingender & Friends

#### 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 Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.
- Petitions end: Hear us, O God,  
Response: **Your mercy is great.**
- P Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.
- C **Amen**

#### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Richard B. Colligan

#1084 from ALL CREATION SINGS hymnal supplement

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of abundance,

C **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.  
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.  
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.  
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.

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## COMMUNION SONG

### *Loves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

Stuempfle, Jr./ Haugen

#966 from ALL CREATION SINGS hymnal supplement

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,  
was their food forevermore.

#### *Refrain*

By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
in a quiet room one night.

In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light. *Refrain*

Loaves are broken, words are spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages:  
"I am with you; do not fear!" *Refrain*

By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care. *Refrain*

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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**

***The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve***

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The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

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**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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