

REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27, 2024
9:30A.M. IN-PERSON & ONLINE

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2024



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GUEST INFORMATION

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

“Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually and share God's love.”

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

In love we proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. We affirm faith in God through community life as reflected in our joyful fellowship of word and sacrament. With the help of the Holy Spirit we enthusiastically witness to and embrace all of God's Creation.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace is a community that exists to **INVITE** people to faith and **INSPIRE** people with God's love so that they may **GROW** in faith and **SHARE** their gifts with integrity in the name of Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUE STATEMENTS

Prince of Peace is a Christian community that exists to reflect God's love and forgiveness for all people as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are committed to...

WORSHIP as a joyful experience of communion with God through Word, Sacrament, music and Christian community.

WELCOMING all people*, especially children and adolescents, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.

LEARNING as a life-long process to increase each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ through prayer, bible study and active service in our church, community and world.

LEADERSHIP that is inspired by the Holy Spirit and shared by our Pastor, staff and lay leaders as we strive to live as a Christian community with integrity.

** Our understanding of our stated value of “welcoming all people” leads us to proclaim that we are a Christian congregation called to unite people from diverse backgrounds, enabling them to grow in the love of Jesus Christ. We therefore respond to the vision to which God has called us – to proclaim this good news and to welcome into full membership in our congregation all people without regard to cultural or ethnic backgrounds, physical or mental abilities, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. This affirmation leads us to a commitment to ensure that the decisions and actions of our congregation will be based, without bias, upon the Christ-driven spirit of being an all-encompassing body of believers.*



Prince of Peace is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

OUR USHERS are available to help you with directions or questions. Just ask!

RESTROOMS are located in the adjacent corridor and can be found by exiting the Welcoming Area through the west side doors. Restrooms are on your left at the end of the first corridor and also across from the kitchen as you continue toward the Northcrest Drive exit.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available at this time.

OUR PASTOR GREETES GUESTS after services at the main exit. Please take a moment to introduce yourself.

PRAYERS If you would like something added to Sunday prayers, you can send an email to office@poplutheranchurch.org You may also add your prayers to the comments during the Facebook Live service. God hears our digital prayers.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES We welcome all people at Prince of Peace and do our best to maintain a safe environment for everyone. We will continue to follow the CDC guidelines at Prince of Peace. Communion will be offered both up front, or if you prefer in your seat with a communion kit.

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING: During the offering, we join millions of other Christians around the world in worshipping our God through the giving of financial resources. If you are a first-time worshipper with us, please know that there is no expectation around your giving; simply give as the Holy Spirit leads you or let the plate pass you by. For those who worship with us regularly, our friends and members, your joyful and generous giving supports all we do to build God's kingdom here at Prince of Peace. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

INVITE

PRELUDE Fugue in G Major, by Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Isaiah 60:19-22 NLT)*

One: “No longer will you need the sun to shine by day, nor the moon to give its light by night,

All: **for the Lord your God will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

One: Your sun will never set: your moon will not go down.

All: **For the Lord will be your everlasting light. Your days of mourning will come to an end.**

One: All your people will be righteous. They will possess their land forever,

All: **for I will plant them there with my own hands in order to bring myself glory.**

One: The smallest family will become a thousand people,

All: **and the tiniest group will become a mighty nation.**

One: *At the right time, I, the Lord, will make it happen.”*

(Isaiah 60:22b Kelsey Theresa Luke)



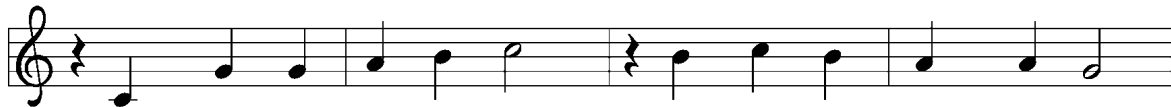
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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Prayer of Confession

One: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

One: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

One: Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen.



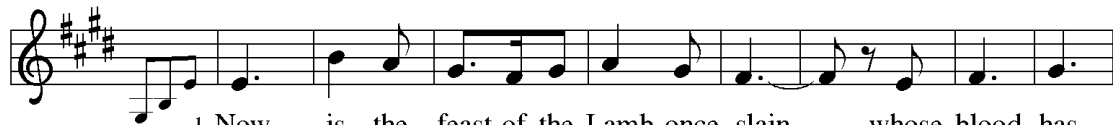
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

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Prayer of the Day

One: Let us pray,
Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

INSPIRE

CHILDREN'S TIME and Blessing Pastor Amber Craig

All: CHILDREN OF GOD, LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

Choir Anthem "Let The Church Rejoice" by Joseph Martin, with John Schwartz playing the C Bell

Reading: Romans 3:19-28 (NRSV)

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

Gospel Matthew 7:7-11(NIV) (Matthew 7:7 Nora Grace Hisgen)

⁷“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?” ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of the Day

“Loving Spirit”

ELW #397

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931
Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version
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SERMON “Knock, Knock”

Pastor Amber Craig

~SILENCE FOR REFLECTION~

GROW AND SHARE

Affirmation of Baptism

Today we celebrate with young people of our congregation who confirm the promises their parents and sponsors made at their baptism. This event is the culmination of two years of religious instruction and is unique in their lives. We mark a milestone on their faith journey in this affirmation, and they are recognized as confirmed members of this particular Body of Christ.

Confirmation Class Creed 2024

We believe God the Father brings us together, guides us, and relieves us from all pain. He provides safety for us whenever and whatever we're going through.

We believe in the Son who was sacrificed by the Father to bring us peace on earth. He taught us our sins can be forgiven and he will always forgive us.

We believe in the Holy Spirit that guides us like a light in the dark, giving us hope through tough times.

We believe we are one as we are united by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to glorify God and work together for faith, love, and trust.

We believe that the Holy Trinity will guide us through our everlasting life and faith.

One: People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All: **"We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."**

When the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism is complete, the congregation welcomes the Confirmed with the following words:

One: Let us rejoice with our sister and brother in Christ.

All: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

All: **And also with you!**

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING *An alternate way to give:*

"Instructions for use found in the Faithworks"



Offering Hymn

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Prayer of Blessing

One: Let us pray

**All: Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

DISTRIBUTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

And now as you go from this place, go knowing that you are saved by grace. You are justified, you are forgiven. You are sought out, beloved, hidden in Christ, and made for the glory of God. You are known. You are never forsaken. You are held in the palm of God's hand. You are loved.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13 NIV Maddison Sierra Berry)

SENDING HYMN

“Lord, Be Glorified”

ELW #744

with John Schwartz playing the cajun drum.

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, with the first system containing four numbered lines and the second system containing four lines. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952
Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick
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DISMISSAL

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Ein' Feste Burg, by Martin Luther, arr. Gordon Young



“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” “As the Grains of Wheat” :“Now the Feast and Celebration” “Loving Spirit” “Lord Be, Glorified.

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“Blessed Assurance” “Lord Be, Glorified.*

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS, ACCIDENT OR GRIEF.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE PRINCE OF PEACE; TODAY AND EVERY DAY!

AMBER CRAIG, PASTOR; JAYNE DOZOIS, ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR;

WINNIE PETTERSON, WORSHIP ASSISTANT