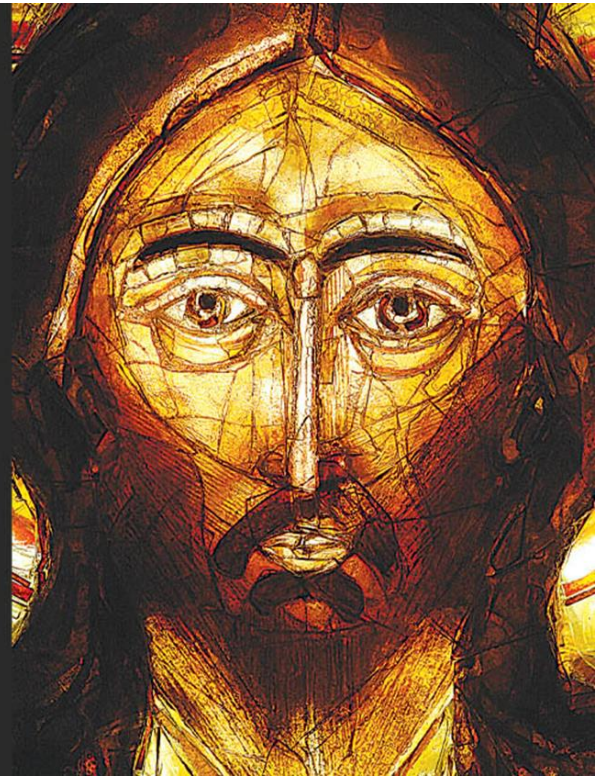


**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024  
9:30A.M. IN-PERSON & ONLINE**

**WHO DO  
YOU SAY  
THAT I AM?**

**MARK 8:29**



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**PASTOR AMBER CRAIG  
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## 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** Prince of Peace is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation eager to share God's unconditional love and grace.

We welcome all. We welcome you as you are: Whatever your race, ethnicity, or skin color; Whatever your sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; Whatever your health, disability, mental health status, family status, or income; Whatever your religious background, no matter where you are on your faith journey; Whether you are young, old, or somewhere in between; Whether you are feeling guilty or feeling blessed. We commit to the work of racial, social, and economic justice; the care of God's creation; and unity with all through the Gospel. It's what Jesus would do!

**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.

**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 right 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. Please ask an usher.

**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](mailto: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 currently have 1 in-person service beginning at 9:30 A.M. We will continue to offer a virtual service at 9:30a.m.streaming the in-person service.

**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** Louis Claude D'Aquin, edited by Diane Bish

### **Welcome**

**Purpose Statement** "Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually, and share God's love."

### **The 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** (*Psalm 116:1-6 GNT.*)

**One:** I love the Lord, because he hears me; he listens to my prayers.

**All:** **He listens to me every time I call to him.**

**One:** The danger of death was all around me, the horrors of the grave closed in on me; I was filled with fear and anxiety.

**All:** **Then I called to the Lord, "I beg you, Lord, save me!"**

**One:** The Lord is merciful and good; our God is compassionate.

**All:** **The Lord protects the helpless when I was in danger, he saved me.**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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.**



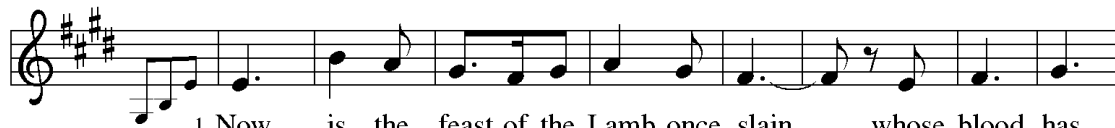
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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,  
O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 Surely the Presence of the Lord" by Lanny Wolfe, arr. Charles Brown

Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a (NRSV)

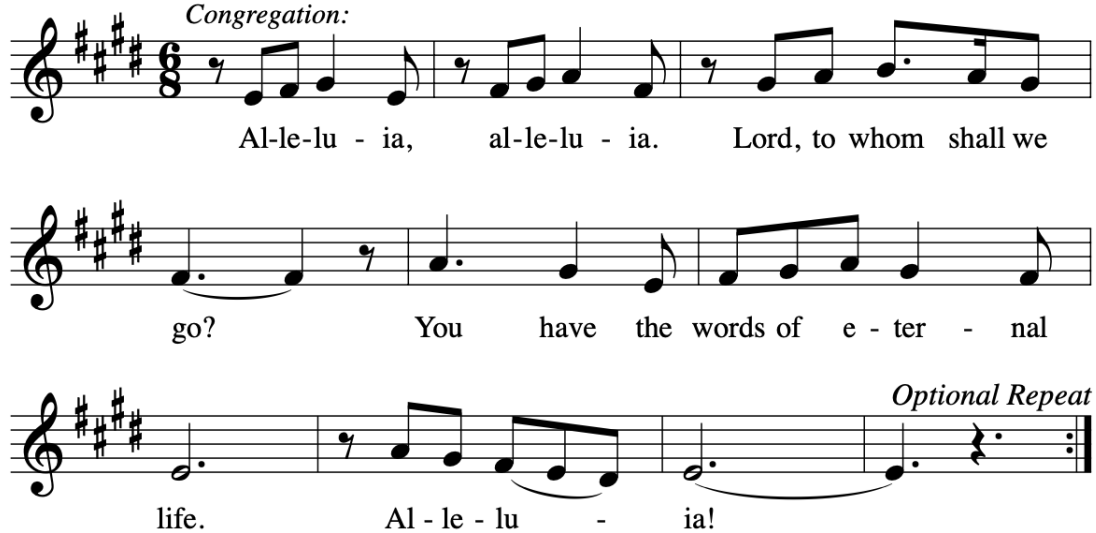
<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Gospel Acclimation

“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: Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)**

*<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."*

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**



*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956  
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947  
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SERMON “Who Do You Say That I Am?”

Pastor Amber Craig

~SILENCE FOR REFLECTION~

# GROW AND SHARE

## APOSTLES CREED

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SHARING THE PEACE

## WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

An alternate way to give: "Instructions for use found in the Faithworks."



## Offertory 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

**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.**

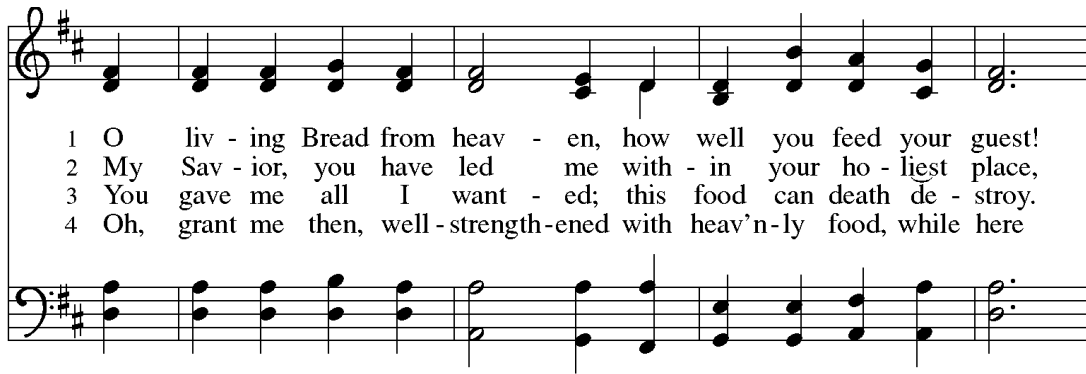
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.


**All: Thanks be to God!**

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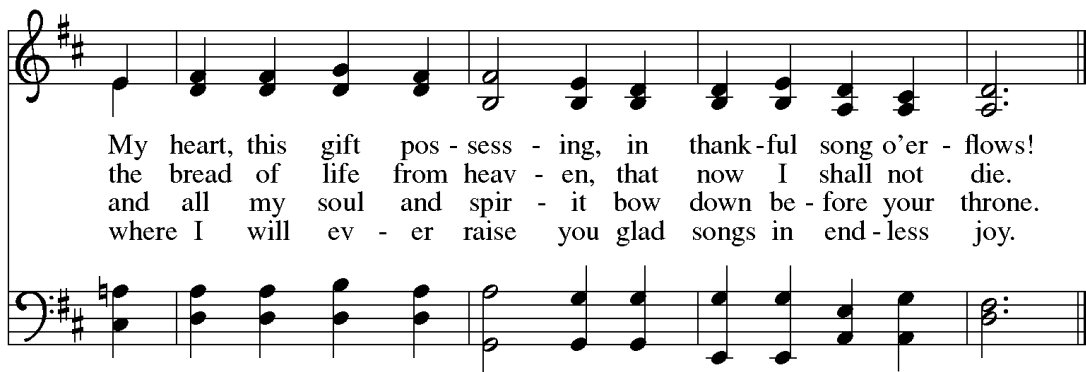
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

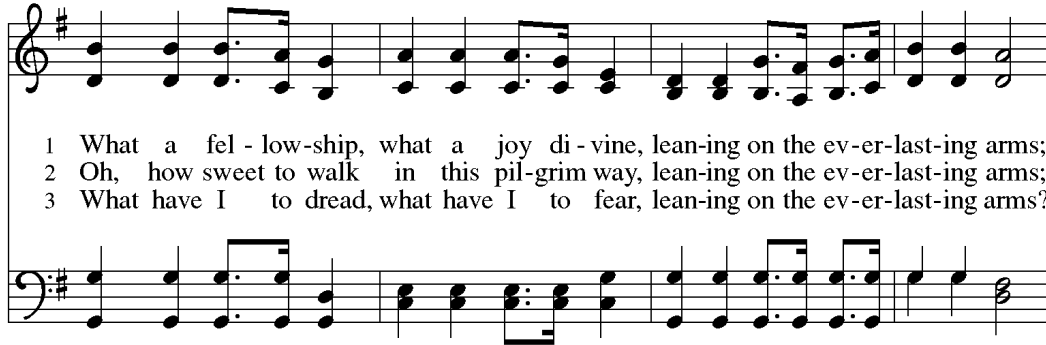
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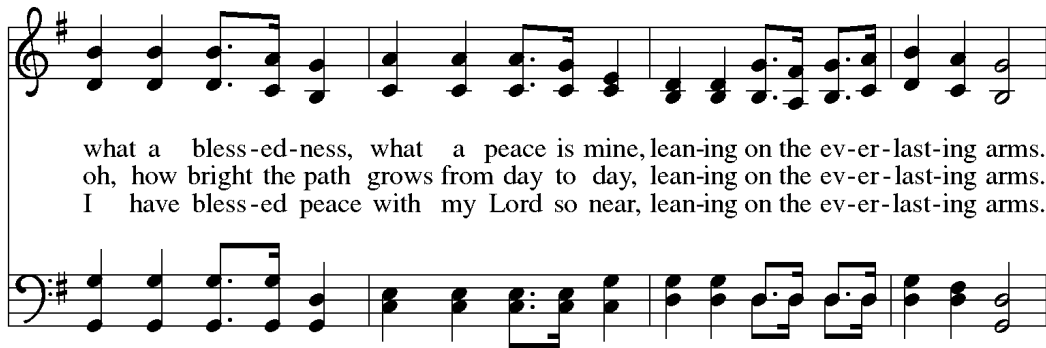
And now as you go from this place, go knowing that you are saved by grace, you are justified, you are forgiven, you are sought out, beloved, hidden in Christ and made for the glory of God. You are known, you are never forsaken, you are held in the palm of God's hand, you are loved. May the peace and power of our God be with us until we gather again, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" ELW #774




1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?




what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;  
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.  
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1919  
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

**DISMISSAL**

One: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** "Royal Firework Music" by George F. Handel, edited by Diane Bish



*"Will You Come and Follow Me" "As the Grains of Wheat" "Now the Feast and Celebration"  
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**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