



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
PENTECOST
JULY 27, 2025
9:30 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182
Springfield, Missouri 65810
Pastor Carl R. Gauck, Presiding

Liturgy ELW Setting 8

July 27, 2025

THEME: *Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”*

PRELUDE *How Can I Keep from Singing?—Lani Smith* *Donna Mohr*

WELCOME *(Please note: the order of worship is completely printed in the bulletin)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (* indicates stand as you are able)

GATHERING

***GREETING**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life. Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are
forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Paul Baloche

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory,

Lord, pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy!

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory,

Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy!

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

***GLORY TO GOD**

Setting 8

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A** Almighty and ever-living God,
C you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." ²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138 (*Worship Asst. reads the non-bold print; congregation reads the bold print*)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-19

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 8

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

P The Gospel according to the eleventh chapter of Luke

C Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 11:1-13

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” ⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Carl R. Gauck

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

You Are the Way

ELW # 758



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

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 INTERCESSION** *(The response to "God of grace" is "hear our prayer")*

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always

C And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY *Let All Things Now Living-Kristina Langlois* Donna Mohr

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* ELW # 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C 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.

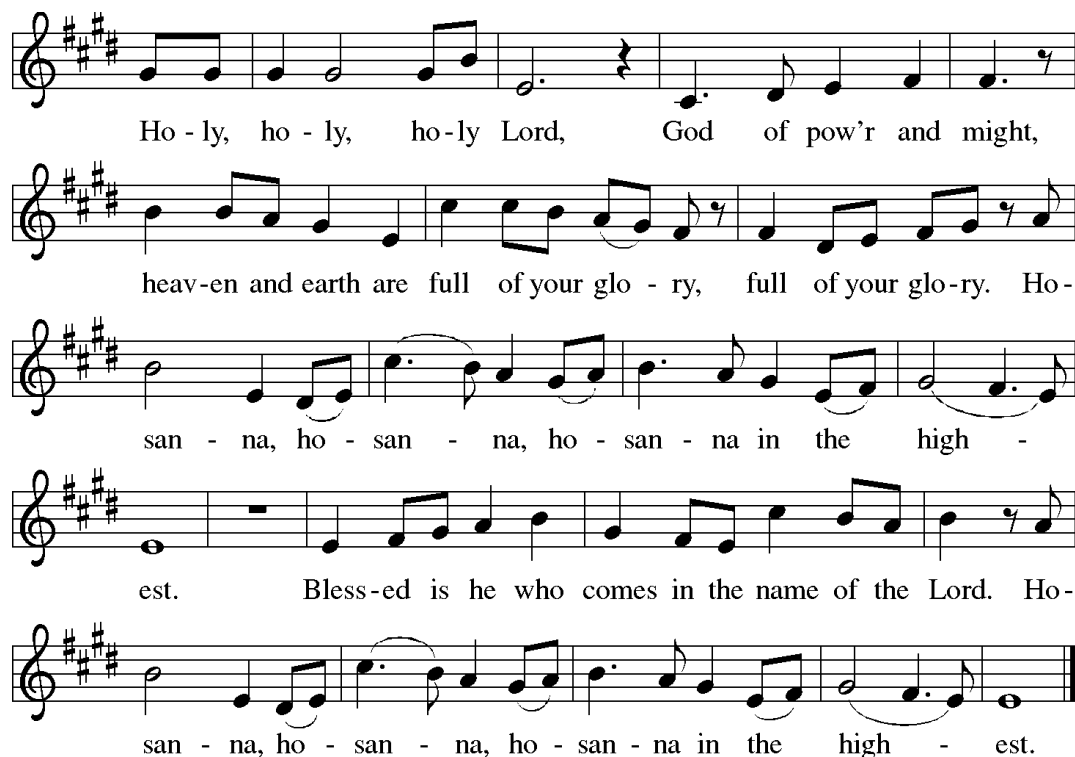
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***SEASONAL SENTENCE**

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting 8



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

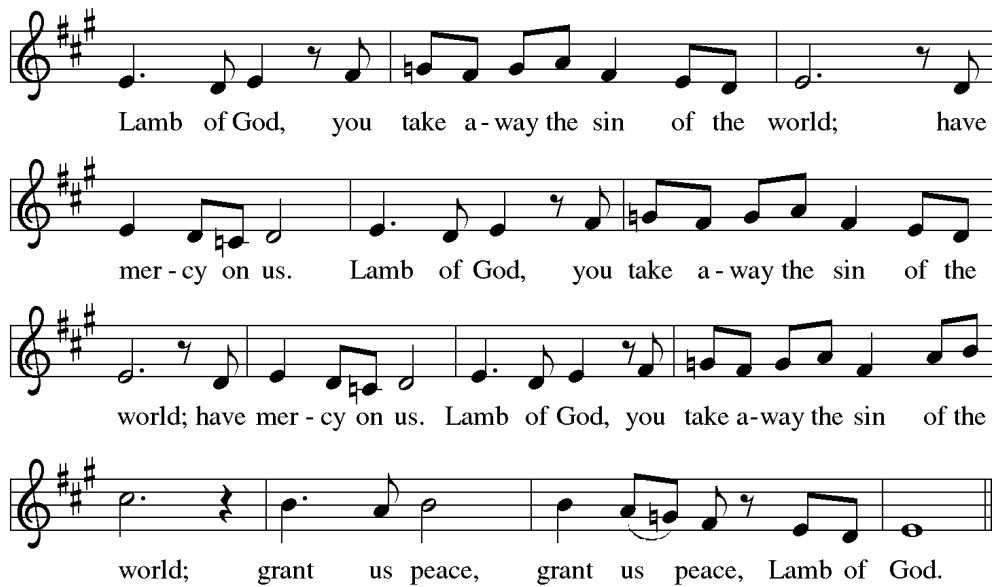
- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord. We welcome our guests to commune with us today in the faith that Christ is present in this Sacrament. Those who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. A gluten free wafer is in the middle of the tray. White grape juice is in the center of the tray, or upon request. If you are unable to kneel, please feel free to stand at the communion rail. If you are unable to come forward, please tell an usher and the Holy Supper will be brought to you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The body of Christ, given for you.
P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

LAMB OF GODELW Setting 8*


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN*What a Friend We Have in Jesus**ELW # 742*


1 What a friend we have in Je-sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri-als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an-y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav-y-lad-en, cum-bere-d with a load of care?
What a priv-i-lege to car-ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Oh, what peace we of-ten for-feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith-ful who will all our sor-row share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
all be-cause we do not car-ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je-sus knows our ev-'ry weak-ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

COMMUNION HYMN***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*****ELW # 712**

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
Text © Oxford University Press

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE***THE BENEDICTION**

P The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation

C Amen.



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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*DISMISSAL

- P** God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!
- C** To be Spirit Led, Love Driven and God's light to the world!
- A** Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE

What A Friend We Have in Jesus - ELW

Donna Mohr

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PRINCE OF PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY OUR VISITORS! As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are a community of faith gathered together by the Spirit, fed with the Word and with the Sacraments, and sent to serve in the name of Christ.

ELEVATOR: An elevator is located on the north end of the building.

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER LIST: Call or email the church office with prayer requests for the congregational prayer list, and/or email prayer group who will also lift up your prayer concerns.

REMINDERS: Please remember to turn off cell phones and/or place them on airplane mode prior to the beginning of worship. Doing so will help improve the internet strength for livestreaming the worship service on Facebook.

FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR AREA are given to the glory of God by Dr. Shawn Wahl.

FLOWERS IN THE ALATAR AREA are given to the glory of God and in celebration and thanksgiving on the occasion our wedding anniversary by Rick and Carol Lewis.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AED TRAINING! Volunteers are needed to learn how to operate the new AEDs. The training shouldn't last more than two hours. We need members from both services. The training will most likely be on a Saturday morning. The more that sign up for training, the better prepared we are in case there is an emergency. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet by the Narthex if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you would be willing to help with the online streaming of Sunday worship services, please see Worship and Music Team co-leader Nyssa Brockhoff or Council President Brett Onstott.

NAMETAG WEEKEND AUGUST 9 & 10: Please remember to wear your name tags for "Name Tag Weekend!" Name tags should be in your mail slot. If not, there are some stick-on name tags on the side rail in the narthex.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday night Bible study is on a summer break and will resume in the fall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children's Sunday School is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September.

THANK YOU ALL, YET AGAIN, SO MUCH!! You have, again, let God's light shine through your kind generosity as you gave \$231.28 in July's Noisy Offering to be given to Sammy's Window to be used for School Supplies for foster children! Sammy's Window serves foster families in so many ways and this will be a much-appreciated help to get ready for the new school year. Thank you. *Outreach Team*

AJUGUST NOISY OFFERINGS: August Noisy Offerings will go to help the flooding disasters that have ravished central Texas! May God bless foster families and disaster victims and you as only He can. Please keep them all in your prayers. *Outreach Team*

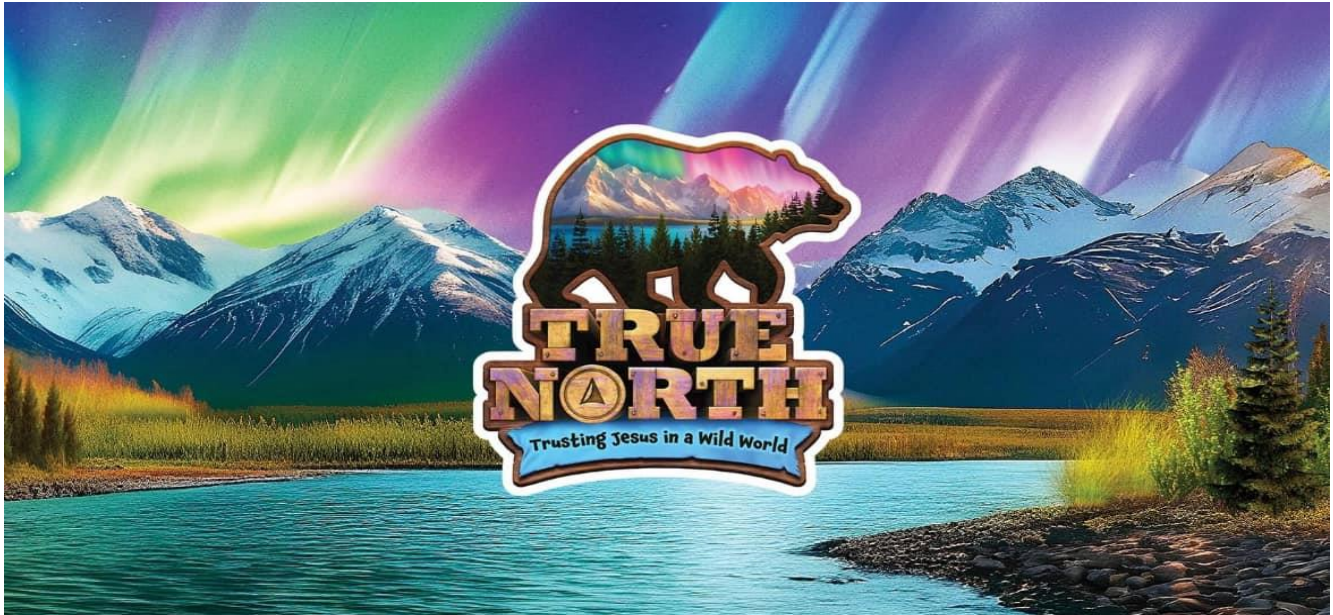
Join us for Vacation Bible School!

Dates: Sunday August 3rd – Thursday August 7th

Time: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (dinner served at 5:00 pm each night)

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church

To register for VBS go to: <https://vbsmate.com/events/mlcspfmo/31274>



PRINCE OF PEACE-SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS GAME AUGUST 15, 2025 @ HAMMONS FIELD

If you have questions, please see Sue Wilford.

1. Wear Prince of Peace or Springfield Cardinal logo tee-shirts
2. Game starts at 7:05 pm–Gates open at 6:05 pm
3. Faith and Family Night – Christian Concert and fireworks follow the game. Christian Artist is Austin French who is sponsored by 88.3 The Wind, a local Christian radio station.
4. Our seating is along the right outfield, patio-section A. Buffet will be set up on the concourse. If you want to purchase other food/drink, only credit/debit cards can be used, as the stadium is a cashless venue.
5. Paper tickets will be distributed on the weekend of August 9th and 10th. If you are not at church, you can pick up your tickets from Heather during the week. (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 9:00 am until 4:30 pm)
6. Stadium bag policy: No bag or item larger than 5”x9” will be permitted into the stadium unless it is a clear bag. One factory sealed water bottle per person is allowed.
7. City parking lots across from Hammons Field cost \$10 to park. Parking is free at Price Cutter on National and only a few blocks to walk, if desired.

WE WILL RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER 6 & 7: We will receive New Members on September 6 and 7. If you would like to become a member of Prince of Peace, please be sure to speak with Pr. Carl Gauck.

GAME NIGHT! Want to learn a new game or share your favorite game? Join us on the second Thursday of each month for Game Night! The next one will be **Thursday, August 14, 3 pm until 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. BRING A FRIEND!** Bring snacks and games to share. Water, lemonade and coffee (decaf) provided. *Sue Wilford, Fellowship*

SEWING & CRAFT DAY AT THE CHURCH: Join us every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9 am until ? in the Fellowship Hall for a day of Sewing & Crafting! Leania Carter coordinates our group. We meet in the Fellowship Hall with our respective craft projects and also work on community outreach projects. (i.e. bibs and blankets for Newborns in Needs, etc.)

DO YOU EVER BUY BEST CHOICE BRAND FOODS? If so, we can help Least of These Food Pantry by simply saving the bar code from that brand & bringing them to church. It's a totally free way to help! There is a clear plastic container with a yellow lid in the cry room. Just drop the bar code in there. Please don't bring empty cans nor whole labels; please just cut only the bar code off. Only Best Choice is accepted. Thank you so much. *Outreach Team*

CARE RIDES: Need a ride to church, church events, doctor appointments, picking up medication, and/or grocery shopping, etc.? The Congregational Care Team can help! We do need sufficient notice and a specific time frame to schedule. If you need this service or want to volunteer with this ministry, please call Sue Bergeson at 641-750-1144. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will return the call. Thank you and God's Blessings, *Your Congregational Care Team*

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE: The Mutual Ministry Committee's purpose is to assist any new staff, including a pastor, in relocation issues. We also serve as a liaison between the Pastor, or the staff and the congregation. The goal is free and open communication within our church. We are there to hear any ideas, concerns, or other feedback one may have. We will process such information as a group and pursue if necessary. Please ask if you have any questions. Our current Team Members are Kathy Corwin, Leania Carter, Barry Killian, Angie Messner, Brett Onstott, Herb Peterson and Pastor Dale Wilford.

WELCOME HOME BAGS: The Congregational Care Team wants everyone to know there are "Welcome Home" bags on the Usher's Counter at the back of the church for the taking. These bags were given initially shared with the congregation on Sunday, May 4th during the 45th anniversary celebration. Please avail yourself of these additional bags as they contain already stamped post cards which are ready to mail after you add a note and an address. These bags also contain pieces of candy which will go bad if left to sit indefinitely. Thanks!

UUPDATE TO THE CHURCH'S FACSIMILIE OPTION ON THE COPIER: This past May, the church updated its' phones and phone service provider to a new company. The option to send and/or receive faxed documents became obsolete. The church copier still has the capability to "scan and send to an email," however not the capability to send and/or receive faxed documents any more via a facsimile phone number.

THANK YOU to the volunteers who mow, weed eat, and pull weeds in the church flower beds, especially as summer heat sets in. Thank you for keeping the grounds beautiful!

SERVANTS OF THE LORD: If you are unable to serve on a Sunday for a job assignment, please find a replacement on your own. You may then call the church office with changes. *Patty Killian*

Saturday	July 26	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Acolyte	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner
Worship Asst.	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Volunteer Needed	Peggy McCabe	Volunteer Needed	Peggy McCabe	Volunteer Needed	Peggy McCabe
Musician	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson
Sunday	July 27	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Acolyte	Bella Guillen	Bella Guillen	Oliver Kavanagh	Lila Teaster	Elijah Otzelberger	Bella Guillen
Worship Assistant	Caroline Wake	Cherie Guillen	Dr. Shawn Wahl	Julie Karlson	Brandon Otzelberger	Leania Carter
Greeter	Susan Stelford	Sue Stelford	Jessica & Alec Rosa	Jim & Carol Kerns	Patricia Van Aken	Kathy Corwin
Usher	Barry Killian	Bill Ernst	Ross Jahn	Joel Karlson	Dave Jahnke	Mark Duneman
Hosts	Jackie Higgins & Greg Verheyen	Amy Moore & Dixie Dumler	Sussan Stelford & Sue Wilford	Bill & Gail Ernst	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Dave & Tammy Jahnke
Communion Set up	Amy Moore	Marlene McWilliams	Marlene McWilliams	Marlene McWilliams	Marlene McWilliams	Marlene McWilliams
Musician	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr
Tellers	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Susan Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Burke & Paula Kavanagh	Kathy Corwin & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Kathy Corwin & Gail Ernst

Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 7/23/2025)

16When a prayer request is given to the church office the names are included on the prayer list for three weeks and then removed. Sometimes it is requested for names to remain on our prayer list longer than three weeks. We are asking for your help to keep our congregational prayer list current by incorporating a new section called "Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving." Please let us know when someone's health and/or situation has improved, and they will be placed in the new section for three weeks and then removed. This revision will provide all of us the collective opportunity to pray for all current needs as well as give prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God.

We pray for: *The congregations and ministries of the Central States Synod and for our companion Synod in Russia and Papua New Guinea; Russian Bishop Alexander Scheiermann. Pr. Alexander Lapochenko and the congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Arsenyev, Russia, for the leaders of Russia and its neighbors; for the church in Russia. Prayers for Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Natasha and sons Matvey, Martin, & Lukas and mother in law Alla; St. Paul Lutheran, Pastor Vitaly Mohr, Pastor Manfred Brockmann, and all who seek to spread God's mercy in word and deed.*

We pray for POP members: Paul Potthoff, Butch & Donna Hayden, Guy Kolie, Preston Kolie, Les & Julie Rohr, Jim Smith, Ben and Joan Harrell, Jenny Mattison Theresa Kolie-Jones, Darrel & Betty Arnold, Terry Johnson, Kent and Leania Carter, Peggy McCabe, Ginny Beattie, Julie Green, Judy Wenzl, Pam Duneman, Kathy Neubauer, Gail Ernst and Pr. Carl Gauck.

We pray for loved ones and friends: { "◀" indicates a continuing prayer request }

Ronnie Bell (daughter in law of Amos & Gayle Bell) ▶

Anna Fisher and family and Simon. Anna is the daughter and Simon the grandson of Amos & Gayle ▶

Jackie Milan, (health concerns) and **Tammy Milan** (breast cancer) Friend of Amos and Gayle Bell. ▶

Rita Wirtz and daughter Tammy; both are battling breast cancer. Friends of Gayle and Amos Bell ▶

Susan Griffiths, chronic health concerns; friend of Angie Messner ▶

Jan McCoy, battling cancer ▶

Chris Artis Johnson, daughter of Jan Artis ▶

Norman Beaver, cousin of Gayle Bell, health concerns ▶

Oliver Jones, struggling with autism. Grandson of Chuck & Sherry Jones ▶

Bev Hall, aunt of Angie Messner, who has MS ▶

Sandra Doudna and Carolyn Allen, sisters of Herb Peterson who have serious health conditions ▶

Terry Broderick, younger brother of Tammy Jahnke. ▶

Doug & Tina Reynolds, Doug is the son-in-law of Amos & Gayle ▶

Amanda, friend of Tina Bell Reynolds, prayers for support and strength (submitted by Gayle and Amos Bell) ▶

Janet Lumby, submitted by Barb Gielow ▶

John McCabe, son of Peggy McCabe ▶

Brenda Perkins, friend of Diane Washburn, who is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia ▶

Hank Washburn, Parkinsons stage IV: brother of Diane Washburn and Yvonne Washburn, cancer - sister of Diane Washburn ▶

Molly Plate, neighbor of Barry & Patty Killian, recurring cancer ▶

Bill Christian, brother in law of Kathy Corwin, health concerns ▶

Scott & Dana, friends of Amos & Gayle Bell. Scott has ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) ▶

Becky Araoz, undergoing chemotherapy— family friend of Jan Gauck (9/24)

John & Patty-Patty is the cousin of Albina Born, whose husband John is in the hospital and placed in hospice care (10/21)

Dana, friend of Roger Wallenburg, cancer. ▶

Linda Claxton and husband Gary Claxton. Health concerns. Friends of Linda Converse. (11/22)

Charlie, friend of Bill Ernst, health concerns (1/8) ▶

Steve Marshall, friend of Sue & Dale Wilford's ▶

Kim King, family friend of the Messner's—prayers as she undergoes chemotherapy treatments for cancer (1/29)

Doug Sorenson, friend of Dave Jahnke recently diagnosed with Parkinsons (4/5) ▶

Melvin Garrison, friend of Bill and Gail Ernst, recently diagnosed with cancer ▶

Rosemary Killian, mother of Barry, who underwent heart valve surgery May 20 and whose surgery reportedly went well

Brent and Dianne Johnson, parents of Paula and Kathy. Their mom has Alzheimer's disease, and now their dad, who is the caregiver, was recently diagnosed with melanoma that has metastasized to his lungs (5/5) ▶

Sandy Hunt, stage 3 breast cancer. Friend of Susan Stelford. (6/3) ▶

Courtney, cousin of Gayle Bell who has heart problems and awaiting Dr. appointments ▶

Joel Timmerman and his family, classmate of Dave Jahnke, who had a stroke June 30

Michael, POP visitor who requested prayers as he was recently diagnosed with metastasizing colon cancer (7/16)

We remember those who grieve:

The family of Joy Jahn, sister of Ross Jahn, who lost her fight against cancer July 17

Kat Otzelberger, aunt of Brandon Otzelberger who lost her fight against cancer July 9. Funeral slated for August 9 in Milwaukee.

The family and friends of Dr. Jim Wills, friend of Bill Hake, who passed from this life 7/8/2025

The family and friends of Don Tisdell, partner of Diane Washburn who passed from this life the morning 6/23/2025

PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

Saturday, July 26	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, July 27	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee and snacks (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, July 28	9:00 am	Tentative: Tina Miranda Facility Use (Fellowship Hall until noon)
	6:00 pm	Ozarks Gem & Mineral Society Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, July 29	3:00 pm	Facility Use-Reese Minasian (Sanctuary & Library)
Wednesday, July 30	1:00 pm	Pericope Team Study (via ZOOM)
Saturday, August 2	9:00 am	Ozark Gem & Mineral Society (Rock Room)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, August 3	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee and snacks (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 pm	Pre-VBS Dinner served at Messiah Lutheran Church, 925 E. Seminole
	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Messiah Lutheran Church until 8 pm)
Monday, August 4	5:00 pm	Pre-VBS Dinner served at Messiah Lutheran Church, 925 E. Seminole
	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Messiah Lutheran Church until 8 pm)
Tuesday, August 5	5:00 pm	Pre-VBS Dinner served at Messiah Lutheran Church, 925 E. Seminole
	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Messiah Lutheran Church until 8 pm)
	6:00 pm	Outreach Team Meeting (Library)
	7:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting (via ZOOM)
Wednesday, August 6	5:00 pm	Pre-VBS Dinner served at Messiah Lutheran Church, 925 E. Seminole
	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Messiah Lutheran Church until 8 pm)
Thursday, August 7	5:00 pm	Pre-VBS Dinner served at Messiah Lutheran Church, 925 E. Seminole
	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Messiah Lutheran Church until 8 pm)
Saturday, August 9	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, August 10	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee and snacks (Fellowship Hall)

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate located at the back of the church either before or after the worship service;
- 2) Mail offerings to the church at 815 E. Farm Road 182, Springfield, MO 65810;
- 3) Give electronically by downloading the "VANCO MOBILE" app on your telephone or tablet via Google Play or the App Store; select Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Springfield, MO and give at your convenience;
- 4) Go to pop-elca.net home page, scroll to the bottom where you will see the opportunity to give online;
- 5) Scan the QR code. Once scanned with a QR reader on your phone or tablet, it will immediately take you to where you can give your offering through the "VANCO MOBILE" app



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR JULY 26 and 27, 2025

- A** In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

- A** Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. *(We pray especially for all who are currently on our congregation's prayer list, on our hearts and on our minds.....)*

Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A** We give thanks for **Joy Jahn** and for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**