

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The 16th Sunday after Trinity

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Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 31 - pg. 130

Prayer for a Worthy Communion -

Behold, I come, my Savior, upon Your most affectionate invitation. Let me find grace in Your eyes, O Lover of life. For who am I, that You call me so kindly? Though I were holier than the angels, I would not for that reason be worthy of this meal. For how could I, being of unclean lips, yes, vile and base, be counted worthy, unless You make me worthy? Therefore, answer before I call, and prepare me by Your grace. You have said, "the one who comes to Me will I by no means cast out." So take my soul into Your keeping, according to Your great compassion. Remember, O Lord Jesus, that I have in my nature much that is evil and nothing that is good. Help me for Your mercy's sake. See how poor and wretched I am? O Savior of the world, remember Your faithfulness, and satisfy my heart with grace. How gladly I would appear before You in perfect faith and with due reverence and fervent devotion. But how am I to do this, unless it is by and through You, the author and finisher of my faith? Therefore, grant what is well pleasing to You. Graciously remove what displeases You. Cover it, I humbly pray, with the cloak of Your righteousness. Blessed is the soul that is acceptable to You! Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of Your sacrament. Awaken my heart. Remove from me all foreign thoughts. Increase my hope. Kindle my affections. Render my devotion fervent. Cleanse me of all unrighteousness and sanctify me completely, that I may approach Your Table in cheerful confidence, and with a pure mouth, holy heart, and heartfelt desire, partake to the blessing, life and salvation of my soul. Amen.

Opening Hymn 37

"Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee"

Our Order of Worship:
Lutheran Hymnal pg. 15

Psalm for the Day:

(Psalm 103:1-5)

- P: Bless the LORD, O my soul;
C: And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C: And forget not all His benefits:
P: Who forgives all your iniquities,
C: Who heals all your diseases,
P: Who redeems your life from destruction,
C: Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
P: Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
C: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
P: Bless the LORD, O my soul;
C: And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
P: GLORY BE TO GOD!
ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..."

~ The Collect ~

- P: *Let us pray - O Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us without all doubt to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that, following His steps, we may steadily walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*
ALL: ♪ "A - - - men"

Scripture Readings

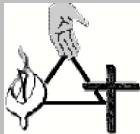

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” - John 20:31

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 6:2-6 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: 3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. 4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. 5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. 6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! Hallelujah!

ALL: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

	<p><u>Confession of Faith:</u> The Nicene Creed; <i>Hymnal pg 22</i></p>	
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Hymn 529

“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

~ The Sermon ~

Romans 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

LET GOD BE GOD

~ The Offertory ~

♪ “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me...”

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers ~

Communion Preparation Hymn 755

“What Is This Bread?”

~ COMMUNION LITURGY CONTINUES ON HYMNAL PAGE 24 ~

Communicant Prayers can be found on pp 118-119

The Benediction

Closing Hymn 45

“Now, the Hour of Worship O’er”

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH Last Sunday we began a look at what God has to say about the role of women in the church. Studying 1 Timothy 2:11-14 we read that women are not to teach or have authority over a man in the public assembly of a Christian congregation. Having studied the doctrine, we are now ready to look at how we can apply it faithfully in our congregation. We hope you will be able to join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Because of the important matter of our Bible Class study we have decided to hold off on starting Sunday School until its completion. This may be next Sunday (the 14th) or the following Sunday (21st) depending on how Bible Class goes.

CLC NEWS Pastor Michael Gurath (Vacancy Pastor, Faith, Markesan, WI) has returned the calls to: Faith, Markesan, WI - full-time pastor; Living Word, Kansas City, MO; and a joint call by Berea, Inver Grove Heights and Grace, Fridley to do exploratory work in the SW Twin Cities Metro Area. Pastor Gurath has ACCEPTED the call to assist our congregation in Phoenix, AZ doing exploratory work and assisting Pastor Maas, to begin upon arrival of a full-time pastor at Faith, Markesan. May the LORD supply His workers to these fields.

This Week @ Prince of Peace...

Today

10:30 Women's Study / Sunday School Video

Tuesday - Thursday

West Central Pastoral Conference at Gift of God, Mapleton, ND

Sunday, September 14 - 17th Sunday after Trinity

9:00 Worship Service

10:15 Bible Study / Sunday School

Sept 15-23 - Pastor on Vacation

Sunday, Sept 21 Lay Service

Sunday, Sept 28 Mission Festival Service at 4:00 pm

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