

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Harvest Festival

August 7, 2011

Serving Us Today:

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, **Liturgist**

Pastor John Klatt, **Guest Speaker**

Gweneth Hansen, Tamar Pfeiffer, and Nicole Reim,

Accompanists

Marvin Hansen and Mick Odenbach, **Ushers**



- GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER -

Opening Hymn: 793 “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

**1) Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyous song of love.**

**2) God makes the clouds rain goodness,
The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing,
With plenty and with peace.**

**3) Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
When at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him
Who gave his life for all.**

- INVOCATION -

Pastor: We gather together in the name of the Father who created us; in the name of the Son who redeemed us; and in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Liturgical Hymn: # 742

**♪ Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

- CONFESSION OF SINS -

P. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

**C. But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on His law he meditates day and night.**

P. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

C. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

P. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**C. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P: O Father, we have come together this morning to thank and praise You for the many blessings You have showered on us. However, we are sinners. How then will You accept our worship and bless us for the coming days? It is an act of grace that we seek from You. Cleanse us from our sins for Jesus' sake, so that with pure hearts and clean lips we can sing Your praises.

C: Heavenly Father, we come to You confessing that we have sinned against You in many and various ways. By our thoughts, words, and actions we have walked in the counsel of the wicked, stood in the way of sinners, and sat in the seat of mockers. We ask You to forgive us on account of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit lead us ever to delight in Your Word of salvation so that we may be as trees planted by streams of living water which yield their fruit in the proper season.

P: Be of good cheer and give thanks, children of God, for our Father's mercy endures forever! The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, for Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might sanctify and cleanse us. We are now holy and blameless before God and our worship is pleasing to Him.

**♪ Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.**

- OUR PETITION TO GOD -

P: LET US PRAY: Almighty God, most merciful Father, who opens Your hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing, we give You most humble and hearty thanks that You have crowned the fields with Your blessing and have permitted us once more to gather the fruits of Your earth; and we beg You to bless and protect the living seed of Your Word sown in our hearts that in the plenteous fruits of righteousness we may always present to You an acceptable thank-offering; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Spoken) "AMEN"

♪ **Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.**

~ THE WORD OF GOD ~

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 - "And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God: 'My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. Then we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey"; 'and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.' Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you."



OUR HARVEST PSALM:

Psalm 65:9-13

- P:* You visit the earth and water it,
C: You greatly enrich it;
- P:* The river of God is full of water;
C: You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it.
- P:* You water its ridges abundantly,
C: You settle its furrows;
- P:* You make it soft with showers,
C: You bless its growth.
- P:* You crown the year with Your goodness,
C: And Your paths drip with abundance.
- P:* They drop on the pastures of the wilderness,
C: And the little hills rejoice on every side.
- P:* The pastures are clothed with flocks;
C: The valleys also are covered with grain;
- P:* They shout for joy,
C: they also sing.

HARVEST FESTIVAL CHOIR:

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

Luke 12:15-31 - And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." 16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' 20 "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." 22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 23 "Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. 24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the

birds? 25 "And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 26 "If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? 27 "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 "If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? 29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 "For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

- CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH -

(Martin Luther's Explanation of the First Article)

I believe that God has made me with all creatures, giving me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my faculties;

And that He still preserves me; therefor richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all my goods, and all that I need to keep my body and life; defending me against all danger, and guarding and protecting me from all evil;

And all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

For all of which it is my duty to thank and praise, and to serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 39 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng:
Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!**

**2) Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.**

Ponder anew

**What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.**

**3) Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!**

Let the Amen

**Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

- THE SERMON -

Psalm 148:7-14 Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; 8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; 9 Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; 10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; 12 Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven. 14 And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints -- Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

"FROM ALL THE EARTH LET PRAISE ASCEND!"

*- To the Creator from all that He has made
- To the Savior from all whom he has redeemed and called*

Preaching Today:

Pastor John Klatt

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD

- THE OFFERTORY -

P: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (James 1:17)

**♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN (TLH 644)**

Offering Hymn **“For the Beauty of the Earth”**
(Tune TLH 127)

ALL: 1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

YOUTH: 2. For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night:
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light;
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise

LADIES: 3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth, and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled;
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

MEN: 4. For Thyself, best Gift divine!
To our race so freely giv’n.
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

ALL: 5. For Thy Church that evermore
Lifts her holy hands above,
Off’ring up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love;
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise. AMEN.

P: The Benediction
C: (Spoken) AMEN.

Closing Hymn 36 **“Now Thank We All Our God”**

1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. AMEN.

SERVING US TODAY Thank you to all who assisted in conducting our worship service today.

Thank you to Pastor Klatt for bringing us a message from God's Word for our Harvest Festival. Pastor Klatt served as pastor of Prince of Peace 1984-1990. Thank you also to Marvin and Gweneth for once again allowing us to use their farm as a backdrop for our Harvest Festival service.

Prince of Peace's tradition of having an outdoor Harvest Festival service dates back to 1970. Since that time the various farming families of the congregation have hosted our Harvest Festival services. We are delighted that you were all able to join us for our special service today and hope that you will join us again! Regular Sunday worship services are held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Hwy 37 in Hecla, every Sunday at 9 am followed by Bible Class and Sunday School. Please speak with Pastor Pfeiffer if you have any questions about our church!

HARVEST FESTIVAL DINNER All are welcome to join us for dinner following our service this afternoon. Don't worry if you didn't bring anything to pass - there is usually more than enough to go around! To help us keep record of this day, all are asked to sign the register as you wait in line.

CALL MEETING RESULT On Monday, the Voters of Prince of Peace, led by Conference Visitor, Pastor Michael Roehl, held a special meeting in order to consider who to call as the next pastor of Prince of Peace. After much prayerful consideration, a divine call was extended to Pastor John Schierenbeck of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. Along with his pastoral duties at Immanuel, Pastor Schierenbeck also serves as president of our national church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession. Pastor Schierenbeck was on vacation this week in Kentucky and as such President Paul Hansen was unable to reach him by phone until Thursday afternoon when they were returning home.

Please remember Pastor Schierenbeck in your prayers, praying that the Lord would grant him wisdom as he prayerfully considers where the Lord would have him serve as an under-shepherd of Christ.

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE -

Today:

5:30 Potluck and Turkey Dinner

Monday:

8:30 Church Softball in Aberdeen (vs. Assembly of God; Field D)

Friday-Saturday

Softball Tournament in Aberdeen

Sunday, August 14 - 8th Sunday after Trinity

9:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:25 Fellowship Hour

A Devotion by Martin Luther on Harvest Thanksgiving:

*"The eyes of all wait upon thee;
and thou givest them their meat in due season."*

- Ps 145:15

We should learn here that God makes the wheat grow, and we should praise Him and give thanks to Him on that account. We should also recognize that it is not of our working but of His giving and blessing that wheat, and grapes, and all kinds of fruit grow, which we all need for food and drink. The Lord's Prayer proves this when we say: "Give us this day our daily bread." In the word "give" we confess that it is the gift of God and not our creation, and if He did not "give," not a grain would grow and our tilling would be in vain. ...For how soon might all the grain in the soil go bad, or be frozen, or rot, or be eaten by worms, or be drowned by floods! Or if it is growing well, how soon might it be destroyed by heat, or hail, or cold, or be eaten by beetles or other creatures! And who could count all the perils through which the wheat must pass before it is reaped, and even then it may be carried away, or devoured by worms? The devil would not let a single blade or leaf shoot and grow unless God held him in check.

Therefore, when we look at a field of wheat [or corn, or beans (njp)] we should not only think of God's goodness but also of His power and proceed to think: "O, you dear corn, how God, out of His rich and gentle goodness, gives you to us so plentifully, and also with what power He protects you, from the hour when you are sown to the time when you come to our table!..."

A devout and believing heart well perceives how all our ploughing and sowing and the like would be lost, unless God's goodness were here at work, and notwithstanding that we must do our work diligently and seek our food from the soil we must in now ay put our trust in our work as though our hands made the harvest. More is needed than our human hands. God's blessing is essential to growth, and also His mighty keeping.

- Martin Luther, "Day by Day We Magnify Thee," Fortress Press, 1982

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