



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Phoenix, Arizona



**September 1, 2019**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**“Worship, Connect, Serve”**

# Welcome to Worship

## At Prince of Peace

*“Worship, Connect, Serve”*

*Hymn numbers are provided for use of the red hymnal in the pew racks. Scripture Verses are printed from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible found in the pew racks.*

*\*Indicates: Please stand as you are able*

### **Prelude**

Chaconne and Prelude No. 1 in C Major

Robert Vandall

### **\*Welcome and Prayer**

### **Opening Hymn**

### **Drawn to the Light**

**ELW# 593**

People who walk in darkness have sought  
a light in the heart of the darkest night.  
Just when we thought all would be lost,  
we were drawn to the light of God.

#### Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,  
drawn to the light and the morning.  
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight  
to be drawn to the light of God.

How can we tell a heaven from hell  
if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?  
Morning dispels, gently compels,  
and we're drawn to the light of God. Refrain

Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!  
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,  
bids us to come! Life has begun  
when we're drawn to the light of God. Refrain

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Logan Scott Smidlein**

**Born:** March 6, 2019

**Parents:** Scott and Lindsey Smidlein

**Pastor:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** **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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

**Pastor:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** **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.**

### *Welcoming Statement*

**People:** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**



"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."

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**Children's Message**

**Announcements**

## **First Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8 and 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: This is the Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: Luke 14: 1 and 7-14**

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

L: This is the Gospel of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**Let Mutual Love Continue**

Pastor Paul Nelson

**Hymn of the Day**

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

**ELW# 773**

**Offering**

**Offering Special Song**

**Starbright (Lullaby Medley)**

*Jim Brickman*

**Prayers of the Community**

**\*The Celebration Of Holy Communion**



**'Round the Table**

**Chorus**

**Come together 'round the table  
come and taste the wonder  
A healing touch and a deep connection  
from the living center of it all**

**L:** We gather around this table to share in the holy meal of Jesus' presence. Let all who gather here be renewed and refreshed. We gather here seeking to taste the gift of grace. Let all receive the bounty of this meal. We gather because we have been invited. Let all who come know the wonder and mystery of this moment. May our hearts and lives be transformed by God's power and purpose in this time.



**Seeking meaning on the run  
you try and save the day  
but all is ready, will you come?  
Love invites the way  
Chorus**

**L:** 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 in remembrance of me.



**Bring your friend or enemy  
or one you hold or blame  
With each other we are one  
here in Jesus' name  
Chorus**

**L:** 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.



**Hear creation groan for life  
Will hate and hunger cease?  
In the roar of violence  
The world cries for peace  
Chorus**

**Distribution:** All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If Communion will be received by **Intinction:** Please take the wafer and dip in either the chalice of wine or the chalice of grape juice. Or if by **Cups,** Proceed to the altar at the direction of the ushers. After you receive the bread and the wine or grape juice, you may return to your seat when you are ready. Those who do not yet (Or do not wish to) receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

**Communion Hymn**

**As the Grains of Wheat**

**ELW# 465**

**Refrain**

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

**Post Communion Prayer and Benediction**



## Closing Hymn

## I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW# 860

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory,  
hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory,  
hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory,  
hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

## Dismissal

## Postlude

*Please head over to Gangsei Hall for coffee and fellowship.*

## Assisting in Worship

**Altar Guild**

Suzy Steinmetz

**Lector**

Karen Wolfinger

**Ushers**

Don and Karen Johnson

**Greeters**

Verne and Ellen Schoeneman

**Communion Servers**

Scott and Nancy Stevens

## Partnering in Prayer

Martha Weld

Ron Swanson

Diane Peterson

Mike Jacobs

Barbara Sipple

Esther Wiebke

Kay Benedict

Michael Darland

Laura Eller

Karsten Peterson



## **Theology Pub Returns! Tuesday, September 10 at Fate Brewery @ 7:00pm**

Fate Brewing, South Location (1312 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale). This is a time for free discussion and the sharing of idea and is open to all adults. Please send Pastor Rick an e-mail (pastorrick@popphoenix.org) or a text (408-472-0529) if you plan to be there.

## **Sew and Tie Quilters**

Sew and Tie quilters will resume working on Friday mornings beginning Sept. 6, between 9:00 and noon in the choir room to assemble quilt tops into warm blankets. Completed quilts are donated to various organizations such as Interfaith Cooperative Ministries, Lutheran Social Services, and Helen's Hope Chest where the quilts are distributed to those in need. Come join us as we always welcome more hands in this ongoing project. We also welcome donations of gently used sheets or any cotton fabrics. If you have questions, please call or text Suzy Steinmetz at 480-332-8754.

***Sunday School begins September 8th for ages 4yr old – 5th grade! All participating families are asked to teach 1-2 times this year. Please see Angela and Audrey to sign-up!***

**Prayers for Healing September 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship at the altar in the Sanctuary!**

## **6th-12th Grade Sunday Mornings**

### **Ch.I.L.L**

Every Sunday 6th-12th Grade from 9-9:30am in the Conference Room! We meet for check-in time, prayer and of course... donuts.

## **Sunday School Aides**

We are encouraging 6th-12th grade youth to sign-up as Sunday School aides this year no more than 1-2 times a month.

## **Youth Worship Leaders**

We need youth to serve as Youth Worship Leaders every Sunday! 2 per Sunday. Sign-up with Audrey!

## **Wednesday Bible Study Returns on September 11!**

***Wed Mornings, September 11, 18, 25 @ 9:30am in the office conference room***

Join Pastor Rick as we look at the assigned scripture readings for the following Sunday. This is your opportunity to help create a sermon! The coffee is hot, the discussion is faith-affirming and the laughter will warm your heart. All are welcome.

## **Serve Breakfast at Grace- Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>!**

8 More volunteers needed to Serve Pancakes at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30am. Volunteer by making breakfast for about 250 people in our community experiencing homelessness. Sign-up to help provide a meal to those experiencing homelessness in our community. Sundays September 8<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30am-9am. [www.poppheoenix.org/serving](http://www.poppheoenix.org/serving)

## **BG's Road Trip - September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>!**

Let's go on a trip through Southern Arizona . . . Kartchner Caverns, Tombstone, Bisbee, Sonoita wineries, Tubac, Mission San Xavier del Bac and more! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex...or contact Lynne McGinley and Jana Peterson.

***The flowers on the altar are given by Jan Stevens in celebration of Logan Scott Smidlein's Baptism.***

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**Start of Kindergarten Milestone September 8<sup>th</sup>!**

**Confirmation Begins September 8<sup>th</sup>! 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade families, talk to Audrey for more information.**

***Preschool and Church offices will be closed on September 2 in observance of Labor Day!***

***The September edition of The Messenger is available in the narthex and online!***

## ***This week at Prince of Peace***

### **Sunday, September 1**

- 9:00 a.m. Ch.i.L.L, Conference R
- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, Preschool room 1
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship, Gangsei Hall

### **Monday, September 2- Labor Day**

Preschool and Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, September 3**

- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Group
- 6:00 p.m. POP Foundation Meeting, Conference Room

### **Wednesday, September 4**

- No Bible Study
- 1:45 p.m. Girl Scouts

### **Thursday, September 5**

### **Friday, September 6**

- 9:00 a.m. Sew and Tie, Choir R

### **Saturday, September 7**

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters, Choir Room
- 1:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### **Sunday, September 8**

- 9:00 a.m. Ch.i.L.L, Conference R
- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, Preschool room 1
- 9:30 a.m. Worship (Milestone Ministry/Kindergarten), Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Lefse Sale, Gangsei Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Boy Scouts



**PRINCE OF PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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**Sunday Schedule:**

**9:30 a.m. Worship | 10:45 a.m. Fellowship**

Pastor Rick Sherrill | Pastor Paul Nelson

President: Deb Nelson

Director of Youth and Family Ministry: Audrey Cox

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Angela Sherrill

Music Worship Leader/ Pianist: Lynne McGinley

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Allen Quie

Messenger Editor: Marge Mayes

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**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool Mission Statement**

*We welcome people to a relationship with Jesus, equip them with a faith that works well in real life, and send them into the world to serve others.*



**September 8, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Prelude** *When Morning Gilds the Sky, German Melody and Through All the Changing Scenes of Life, Irish Melody*

### **Welcome and Greeting**

#### **Opening Prayer and Confession** *(based on Psalm 146)*

L: We begin in the name of the God who loves us, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray.

**C: There are days when all that keeps us sane is the decision to trust you, O God.**

L: To trust that You are still in charge, that You are watching over us and that You care about truth, even when the lies and half-truths around us seem so strong.

**C: So, for today, we choose to trust in your faithfulness, in your power to create new beginnings where none seem possible.**

L: We choose to trust in your watchful care over the oppressed, the stranger and the disregarded.

**C: Unblind us. Unblind me. Open our eyes to see You lifting up those who are bowed down, upholding orphans and widows and bringing light to every dark place.**

*(Silence for personal confession before God)*

L: Lord, inspire us to never forget that you forgive.

**C: Thank you for cleansing us and opening a door to a new day filled with new life.**

L: Light a fire in our hearts so we can join the praise of Your people around the world, echoing through the generations:

**C: Praise the LORD! Never stop praising the LORD!**

**Opening Hymn**

*Morning Has Broken*

ELW# 556

**Milestone Ministry Presentations – Beginning Kindergarten**

**Children's Message**

**Announcements**



# Happening Today at Prince of Peace

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## Upcoming at Prince of Peace

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**BG's Road Trip to Southern Arizona - September 27th-29th!** Sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Jana Peterson 480-326-2927.

**Milestone Ministry/5th Grade Bibles on Sunday, September 15th during Worship**

**Knitting Group** meets every Tuesday, at 1pm in the Conference Room – everyone welcome!

**Sew and Tie Quilters ~ Every Friday, 9am-12, Choir Room-** Join them as they make quilts and blankets for the needy! Questions? Contact Suzy Steinmetz at 480-332-8754.

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking faith home

*Christians owe their loyalty to Jesus alone.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	Philemon 1:1-21	Philemon's love and faith
Wednesday	Isaiah 57:14-21	A promise of health and healing
Thursday	Luke 14:15-24	The great banquet
Friday	Philippians 2:19-23	Timothy and Epaphroditus
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way to happiness
Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

**Psalm 1:1 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, keep us from all evil that we may delight in your word and follow your ways, through Christ our Lord, amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Like a tree planted by streams of water, Lord, you feed us with this food and with your holy word that gives us delight. Amen. (Psalm 1:2-3)

### A Blessing to Give:

Grace and peace to you from God the Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philemon 1:3)



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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*O Savior, Precious Savior*

# taking faith home

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What does it mean to you to “follow the crowd”?
- When have you needed to step away from the views of those around you?
- How is standing out from the crowd at times an act of faith?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 14:25-33.

Large crowds were following Jesus (v. 1) and Jesus saw a problem with following him like a herd. In the 1950s, large crowds of adults with children in tow filled churches. However, those same adults reared the baby boomers that became the least church-ed generation in United States history (at least, at that time). Being a Christian because everyone else is, does not provide enough of a motivation, and Jesus knows it. Jesus makes the strongest demands and challenges on his followers: that which you count so dear—family, your own life, all your possessions—cannot compare to the importance of following Jesus. Our identity as a Christian owes its loyalty to Jesus and Jesus alone, not pleasing large crowds. Eventually, the large crowds that followed Jesus turned away. Many of the crowded sanctuaries in the 1950s are no more. There is great delight and comfort (Psalm 1:1 and Luke 12:32-34) in being a follower of Jesus, and it is a joy much deeper than simply being part of a safe and lonely crowd. What makes following Jesus central to who you are?

*Pray:* Lord Jesus, give me faith and courage to follow you, especially when it feels easier to follow the crowd that does not know your power and grace. Amen.

## SERVICE



Psalm 1:3 uses the example of a tree yielding fruit to describe those who delight in God's law: “but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:2). This Psalm is an instructional one teaching us how to live in the world. The Psalm points out that we are to yield fruit fitting to God's law. What act of service to others would describe the fruit that you bear?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Paul wrote to his friend Philemon, “When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus” (Philemon 1:4-5). This love was a gracious gift of God. From whom have you received the gracious gift of God's love? Write a thank you card to that person this week and include this scripture verse from Philemon.



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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)





**September 15, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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<b>Ushers</b>	Hugh Lockerby and Ed Zollars	<b>Greeters</b>	Elaine Zapfel and Suzy Steinmetz
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Tom and Traci Doody	<b>Music</b>	Nancy Wiand

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### Prelude

*Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us and The Ninety and Nine*  
Organist Nancy Wiand

*Bradbury/Hughes/Sankey*

### Welcome and Greeting

### Confession and Absolution

L: We come together today as people who need God in our lives. If we say we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. However, if we confess our sins to God, God listens with ultimate grace and will forgive our sins and wash us clean from the inside out.

*(Time of silent prayer and reflection)*

L: We begin our worship in the name of the Father...

**C: We believe in God – the Creator of all things – the source of all goodness and love. God is our God and we are God's people.**

L: In the name of the Son...

**C: We believe in Jesus Christ – the Son of God. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin – that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.**

L: In the name of the Holy Spirit...

**C: We believe in the Holy Spirit – the power of God at work in and through us. We believe in the Church of God – His people of faith throughout the world. We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God now and throughout eternity.**

L: Our God is a great God, who has already heard the cries of our hearts and given us a savior. With joy, I proclaim to you that God forgives you all your sin and grants you new life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Opening Hymn

*Oh, Worship the King*

ELW# 842 v. 1, 3, 5

### Milestone Ministry Presentations – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bibles

### Children's Message

### Announcements

**First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of Life.   **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."  
<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?  
<sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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**Message** *Celebrate Good Times* **Pastor Rick Sherrill**

**Hymn of the Day** *Here I Am Lord* ELW# 574

**Prayers of the Community**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**Offering Music** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* *Peace/Whitford*  
*Organist Nancy Wiand*

**The Celebration Of Holy Communion**

L: The Lord be with you   L: Lift up your hearts   L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: And also with you.   C: We lift them to the Lord   C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

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**Distribution Music** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* ELW# 608

**Post Communion Prayer and Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW# 807

**Dismissal and Postlude** *The God of Abraham Praise* *Lyon/Burkhardt*  
*Organist Nancy Wiand*

# Happening Today at Prince of Peace

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Milestone Ministry/5th Grade Bibles

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**10:30 a.m. H.S. Youth Kickoff Party**

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**Church Council** meets next Tuesday September 17, at 6pm in the Conference Room.

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2019  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking+ faith home

*God pursues the lost.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 15:1-10</b>	<b>The lost sheep and the lost coin</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Exodus 32:7-14</b>	<b>Moses pleads for the people</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Timothy 1:12-17</b>	<b>Gratitude for mercy</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 7:7-11</b>	<b>A chosen people</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 26:12-18</b>	<b>Paul's conversion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ezekiel 36:22-32</b>	<b>Renewal of Israel</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 51:1-10</b>	<b>A prayer for forgiveness</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 16:1-13</b>	<b>Parable of the shrewd manager</b>

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’” **Luke 15:6 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, you who pursue the lost with love and mercy, give us the joy of being found and redeemed through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear Lord God, fill our hungry hearts with joy for your mercy and steadfast love as you fill our bodies with this food. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord create in you a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within you. (Psalm 51:10)



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SEPTEMBER 15, 2019  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Awesome God*

# taking+ faith home

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a time you or someone you know has been lost.
- Tell or think about a time you lost something and then found it.
- In Luke 15, the Pharisees and the scribes cannot express joy that Jesus has found the lost, the “sinners and tax collectors.” Why do you think this is?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 15:1-10.



Sinners and tax collectors show interest in Jesus. They want to listen to him. Jesus, by welcoming them and eating with them shows acceptance of them. In the words of 1 Timothy, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1:15). This baffles the religious leaders, the Pharisees and scribes. Jesus points out that what it should bring is joy. He says, “there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (v. 10). God pursues us like a shepherd seeking a lost sheep or a poor widow seeking a lost coin. We are the lost sinners who have been found by God’s pursuit. Instead of being disappointed by God’s extravagant love, instead of being baffled by the lost being found, let us give thanks to God for the power and desire of God to save sinners and the joy that comes with being found by God’s love and mercy. Does it bring you joy to know you are the lost who has been found, the sinner who has been saved? Explain.

*Pray:* **Merciful God, help us to recall our great need and your great love that reaches out to us again and again, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

## SERVICE



Jesus gives us strength to do our work and serve him. Paul writes, “he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service” (1 Timothy 1:12b). Paul’s life was changed because of God’s grace. In what ways do we respond to God’s saving grace through service and acts of kindness towards others? How do these acts of kindness change us? How do they change others?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Psalm 51:10 the image of a clean heart is used to ask for God’s forgiveness. Sin and doing wrong can hurt others. We are all guilty of sin. Read Psalm 51:1-10 and circle all the words that have to do with cleaning: cleanse, clean, wash, etc. and write the word “confession” in the margins. Take a bar of soap and use a pencil or knife (a plastic knife will work) to trace a heart on the bar of soap. Carve out the shape of the heart. When you use the heart to wash your hands, say: **Create in me a clean heart, O God** (Psalm 51:10a), as a daily reminder of confession in your home.



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## September 22, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Prelude

*Lord, Be Glorified/Sanctuary*

Brock

### Welcome and Greeting

### Confession and Absolution

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**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Opening Hymn

*This Is My Father's World*

ELW# 824

### Children's Message

### Announcements





Special Music by POP Adult Bells

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW# 866 v. 1-3, 6

Dismissal and Postlude

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2019  
 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
 AFTER PENTECOST



*Serve God with justice for the poor.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 16:1-13</b>	<b>Parable of the shrewd manager</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Amos 8:4-7</b>	<b>Judgment on Israel</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Timothy 2:1-7</b>	<b>Instructions concerning prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 15:7-11</b>	<b>How to treat the poor</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>James 2:14-17</b>	<b>Faith without works is dead</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 John 3:16-24</b>	<b>Love each other</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 113</b>	<b>The Lord helps people in need</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 16:19-31</b>	<b>Poor Lazarus and the rich man</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. **Luke 16:13 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**  
 God of justice for the needy, help us to gladly submit to your reign and your demand for care that raises the poor from the dust. Amen. (Psalm 113:7)


**Mealtime Prayer:**  
 For this food and all that you give us, blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. Amen. (Psalm 113:2)

**A Blessing to Give:**  
 May the compassion and justice of God bless you and send you out with peace, love, and mercy.



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SEPTEMBER 22, 2019  
 HYMN OF THE WEEK



*All Who Love and Serve Your City*

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you have received that you did not earn? Explain.
- How do you feel when someone receives something you do not think they deserve?
- The Bible speaks about justice for the “widow and the orphan,” those without social support in biblical times. Who in our society receives little social support today?

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* Luke 16:1-13.

In the Bible God requires a justice that shows partiality for the poor, the powerless, the disenfranchised. This understanding of justice is part of the character of God (Isaiah 30:18). As Amos 8 points out, people cheat and “trample on the needy” (v. 4). Such an injustice goes against God and God’s will. It not only hurts individuals, but it hurts the larger society because an unfair economic and social system keeps more people from thriving. The whole of society then suffers. Jesus uses the characteristics of the unjust standards of his day. It would have been assumed that the rich man in the parable charged high interest rates to his customers that the unjust steward simply reduced or erased. Jesus’ point is to commit to divine standards. Be a slave to—submit to—God’s law, God’s ways, God’s justice that will not cave in or back down. It’s not easy and we often fail at it, but with it comes true wisdom—shrewdness, in the language of the parable—and true justice, the kind that God expects, not to earn our salvation, but for the needs of our neighbors.

*Pray:* **Dear God, in the midst of the world’s standards that pursue self-interest, give me faith to trust you and care for others with your compassion and justice, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

**SERVICE**

In Biblical times, widows had very little social support. In modern times, there are more social support networks, but becoming a widow or widower can nonetheless be stressful and lead to loneliness. Do you know of someone who has lost a spouse? Invite that person to your home for a meal or take them out. Take time to listen and give the opportunity to share memories of their loved one. After your time together, keep this person in your prayers.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Paul writes that we should pray for everyone: “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone” (1 Timothy 2:1). Prayer is a faith practice we can do daily. Decorate a small box with stickers, drawings, or with paint/markers. Use index cards or sticky notes to write a prayer each day for someone you either know or have heard or read about. Place the prayers in the box. Take time to review the prayers you have written over time and think about ways the prayers may have been answered.



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**September 29, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Prelude**

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*King of My Heart*

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**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Psalm 19*

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to you, pleasing to you (2 times)*

**Children's Message**

## Announcements

### First Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L: This is the Word of Life.   **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Prayers of the Community

#### Song

*Lord, Be Glorified*

ELW#744

### Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

<sup>19</sup>There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup>He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

L: The Gospel of Life.   **C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Message

*Two Lives*

**Pastor Rick Sherrill**

#### Message Song

*We Believe*

#### Passing of the Peace

#### Offering of Time, Treasure and Talent

## Special Music

### The Celebration Of Holy Communion

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### Distribution Music

Jesus, Remember Me  
Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

ELW# 616

### Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

### Closing Hymn

God Is On the Move

### Dismissal and Postlude

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**9:00 a.m. Nursery, Preschool Room 1**

**9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary**

**9:30 a.m. No Sunday School (Ages 4y-5g)**

**10:30 a.m. Fellowship, Gangsei Hall**

***The library is consolidating books so that means Free books in the library! Please walk through the library after worship and take home any book on the designated table.***



You may order flowers through the church office, the offering plate or online on our website- [www.poppheoenix.org](http://www.poppheoenix.org) (\$40). Scroll down to the bottom of the page to 'Contact POP' and click on 'Altar Flowers'. Then follow the directions on that page.

## Upcoming at Prince of Peace

*See [www.poppheoenix.org](http://www.poppheoenix.org) or The Messenger online for more info!*

**ICM** needs men's items-drop offs accepted in the church office Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm. Please do not leave items outside or in parking lot.

**Women's Bible Study**- will meet Tuesday October 1 at 9:30am in the conference room!

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Rick** at 9:30am in the conference room~ all are welcome!

**Knitting Group** meets every Tuesday, at 1pm in the Conference Room – everyone welcome!

**Sew and Tie Quilters ~ will not meet this Friday**- Contact Suzy Steinmetz at 480-332-8754.




Quilters meet every Saturday, at 9am in the Choir Room

BG's meetup on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, at Southbridge. See Pastor Paul for more info!

October Outreach Project Preschool will be collecting items to benefit the Arizona Humane Society October 7 - October 18. You can bring items to the preschool office.

POP Preschool's Trunk or Treat will take place on October 25 and we are collecting bags of candy! Bring your donations to the church office!

# SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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*Fight the good fight of faith.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 16:19-31</b>	<b>Poor Lazarus and the rich man</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Amos 6:1a, 4-7</b>	<b>Judgment for a self-Indulgent life</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Timothy 6:6-19</b>	<b>The good fight of faith</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Proverbs 22:2-16</b>	<b>The value of a good reputation</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:1-10</b>	<b>From death to life</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 8:8-15</b>	<b>Generous giving</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 146</b>	<b>Praise for God's help</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 17:5-10</b>	<b>Faith the size of a mustard seed</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **1 Timothy 6:12 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of love, rich in mercy, feed us and strengthen us in faith that we may tell of your goodness and act with kindness to all. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord, we're so blessed with the food you've sent. May we be thankful and content. Amen.


#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord open your eyes to see; may the Lord watch over you now and always. (Psalm 146:8-10)



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# SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 HYMN OF THE WEEK



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*O Master, Let Me  
Walk with You*

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What are some of your favorite topics you like to talk about with your friends and family?
- Do you ever talk about the Christian faith with others? Why or why not?
- How does talking about your faith in Jesus make a difference in your life?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read: Luke 16:19-31.*

The Christian faith makes a difference in what we do, what we value, and what we see around us. The rich man in our story enjoyed himself immensely while Lazarus was outside his door starving and covered in sores. Even the dogs saw Lazarus and licked his wounds, but the rich man appeared to see and do nothing. In the parable that shows Lazarus in heaven with Abraham and the rich man in torment in Hades, the rich man wants help for himself and for his family. The help they needed was in the faith extolled in the Bible, the message of Moses and the prophets. If they cannot find comfort and direction from the Bible, even seeing someone rise from the dead will not help. God's persistent care of us, fully shown in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, has always been made known. To trust in the resurrection is to trust in the God of justice and mercy, a faith we are called to live each day. Where do you see a Lazarus in need near you? How does Jesus' resurrection lead you to a new way of life?

*Pray: Almighty God, you call us to a life of action and to confess our trust in your goodness. Help us to fight the good fight of faith in word and deed, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### SERVICE



Psalm 146 offers praise for God's help. Communities of faith strive to serve others with justice and mercy. It is through God's help that they "execute justice for the oppressed and give food to the hungry" (v. 7). How does your faith community help the needy and feed the hungry? How can you be part of those efforts?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Paul encourages us to "do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share" (1 Timothy 6:18). It is a Christian tradition to give generously to others. Find a large box and label it, "The Generosity Box". Take a walk around your home and look in closets and drawers. Fill the box with items you no longer need or use. When it is full, decide where you will donate the items. Fill the box again in the future as a continued practice of giving to others.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

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