



PRINCE OF PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6 & 7, 2025



*... though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing,
yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love.*

Philemon 1:8-9a

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 39 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the U.S. and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations.

Please visit our website, princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information about Prince of Peace.

Joining Prince of Peace

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, office@princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information. Our next new member weekend is November 8 & 9, 2025. You are welcome here!

Please note that Sunday's 10:30 AM worship service is broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at office@princeofpeacedublin.org.

On the cover: Decorated initial with Paul, Onesimus (delivering letter) and Philemon. Medieval.



SCAN
to read this week's
newsletter
Peace Signs

GATHERING

Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. All hymns are found in the ELW (red) hymnal in the pew, unless printed in the bulletin.

PRELUDE

Intermezzo; Opus 118, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Presider: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 880

O God beyond All Praising

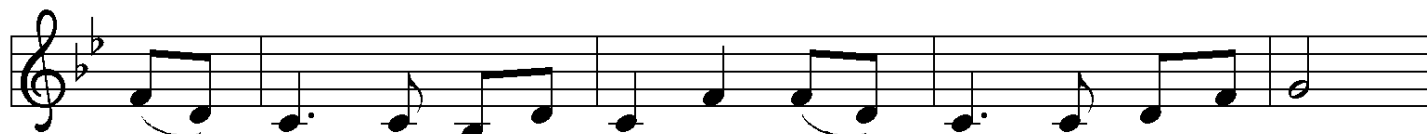
THAXTED



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Repeat each phrase as sung by the cantor

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest
To God be glory forever
Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus
To God be glory forever
Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit
To God be glory forever
Alleluia, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Our study of the Psalms for 2025-26 begins this week. The schedule is available in the narthex and on our website. Today's appointed psalm for worship is fittingly the first in the psalter.

PSALMODY

Psalm 1

Refrain is sung by all, as directed by cantor. Psalm verses are sung by the cantor/choir.

PSALM REFRAIN



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats¹ of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law¹ of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching¹ day and night. *Refrain*

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit
in due season, with leaves that¹ do not wither;
everything they¹ do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind¹ blows away. *Refrain*

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council¹ of the righteous.

⁶For the Lord knows the way¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall¹ be destroyed. *Refrain*

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 798

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

Assisting

Minister: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for our world, the church and all in need. *A moment of silence.*

We pray for peace throughout the world so that all your children can enjoy the freedom granted by you to live their lives without fear, suffering, hunger and oppression. May leaders everywhere govern justly and with compassion and uphold their responsibility to support life over death.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the church to be an example of obedience to your word and love for all people. Help us to serve joyfully where we are called.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our communities, that they would be strengthened as we come together to support our brothers and sisters in need. May we have mutual respect for our differences, as we address problems and concerns within our neighborhoods.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for Prince of Peace as we celebrate the start of a new year of learning and fellowship. Bless us with a desire to hear your word and apply it in our lives. Bless our teachers and leaders as they share their time and talents with our congregation.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who have gone before us into your loving embrace. We pray for all who are troubled or grieving, especially those who are on our minds today.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, hold us firm as we labor in this life and renew our faith in the life to come. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30 AM) Installation of Sunday School Teachers

MEAL

OFFERING

At Prince of Peace, we rely on our members to support the financial needs of our congregation. As a visitor, please know that your loose cash offerings will go outside of our church to support a variety of local missions that help people in need.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(5:30 PM)

Speak, O Lord
Evan Lloyd, soloist

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(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Speak, O Lord
Prince of Peace Choir

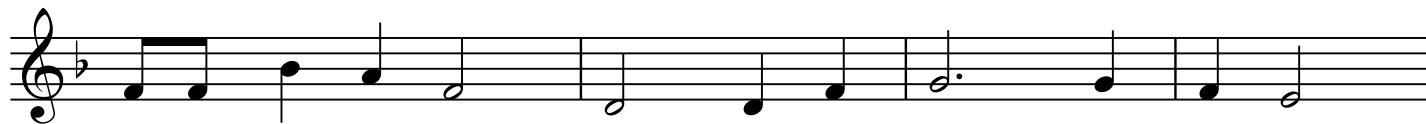
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OFFERTORY HYMN

Be Thankful



May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Be thank-ful.



May the word of Christ dwell in our lives. Be thank-ful.



May we sing with joy, giv-ing thanks to God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



May we sing with joy, giv-ing thanks to God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

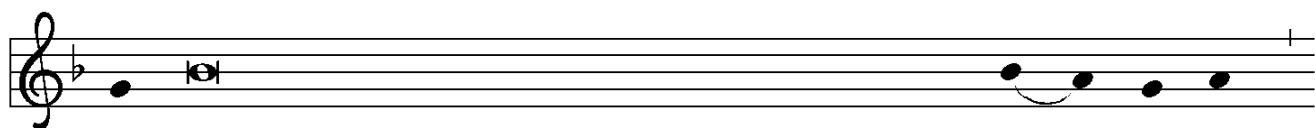
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



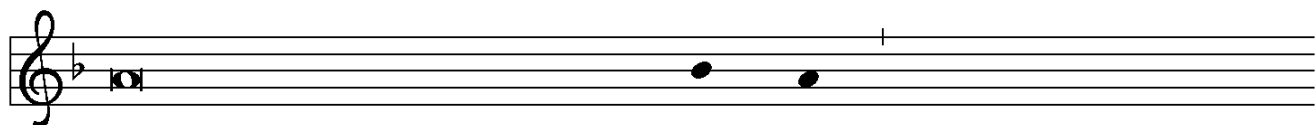
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



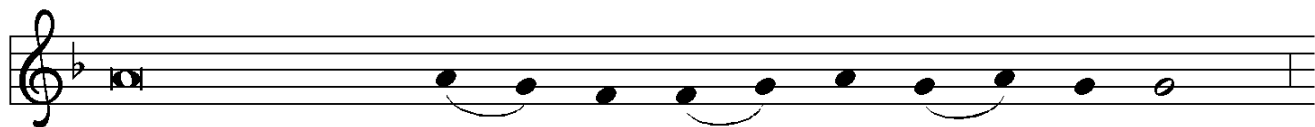
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;



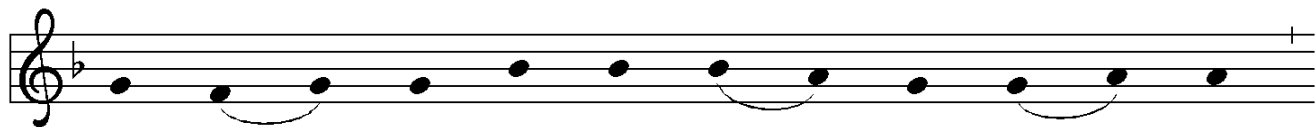
who on this day overcame death and the grave,



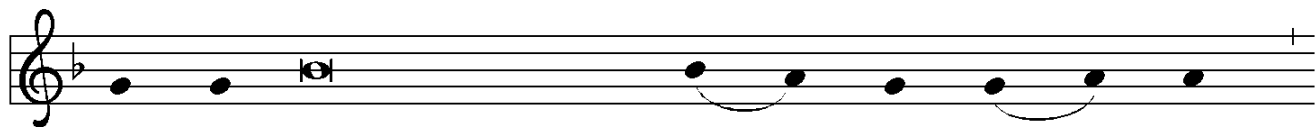
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion



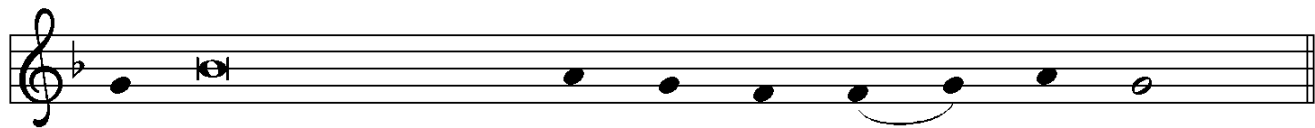
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord:



Tru - ly blest is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: Holy God,
Our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal; as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honors is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

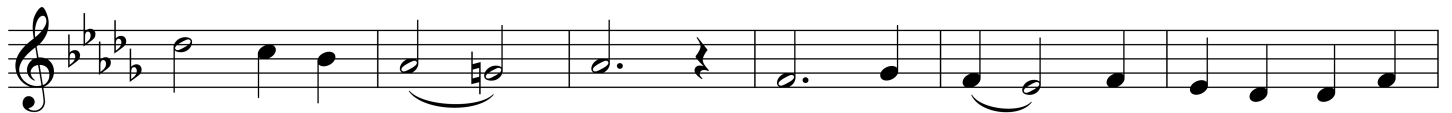
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will direct you to a station to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from your server.

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O For a Closer Walk with God
Prince of Peace Choir

C. V. Stanford

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

ELW 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting

Minister: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

(5:30 PM)

BENEDICTION

Presider: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You
Prince of Peace Choir

E. Fred Morris

SENDING HYMN

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

(9:00 & 10:30 aM)

St. 1: *All*; 2: *Lower Voices*; 3: *Upper Voices*; 4: *All*



1. Come, la - bor on! Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
2. Come, la - bor on! Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
3. Come, la - bor on! Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
4. Come, la - bor on! No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,



While all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
To young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the time; its
No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here: Though fee - ble a - gents,
Till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



does our Sav - ior say, "Go work to - day."
hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

(5:30 PM)

Allegro

William Boyce

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German



BEST RALLY DAY IN 40 YEARS!

Potluck & Carnival

Sunday, Sep 7 | Noon – 2 PM

Fellowship Hall and Front Parking Lot

Join us for a special Rally Day celebration as we kick off the new school year and continue our 40th Anniversary festivities with a carnival! This year, we are going far beyond the potluck with an exciting afternoon for all ages, including:

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided

Carnival games hosted by Prince of Peace ministries

Face painting & balloon animals

Popcorn, cotton candy & ice cream

Prizes, surprises ... and maybe even a chance to dunk a pastor!

We'll still enjoy our traditional potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6 & 7, 2025

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Front Door Greeter		Abbey Lowery	Liv Uschwald
Back Door Greeter		Amanda Stredney	Payton Long
Assisting Minister	Jill Smith	Matt Ludwig	Jeff Pinkham
Lector	Linda Dreier	Mitch Huber	Ryan Eickholt
Communion Server		Tim Ninke Doug Stuart	Perry Berryman Steve Findley Kiran McCoy
Altar Care	Jennifer Shafer	Mary Rose Bolwerk Michael Cook Robin Cook	Judi Lang Jennifer Schiller
Head Usher	Tony Smith	Tim Bolwerk	Dave Mayer
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