

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13-14, 2026

**"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education"**



**Music of Preparation,  
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting**

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are: ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***

**Welcome!** The psalmist urges us to sing the Lord's praises and proclaim his deeds to all (see Psalm 9:11). Let us do so! Welcome to worship.

**Devotions & Publications Available** are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES** .....

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshipping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. ***Please list the name of each person in worship.*** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available in the main entryway.

**For All Who Worship...**If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

**For Parents with Small Children...**We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

*(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 in the Hymnal)*

**Notes for Worship:** As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

### **Before worship prayer**

*Almighty God, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

### **We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!**

**Opening Hymn: "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"** *LSB, hymn #854*

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue,  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know In all I think or speak or do.

The task Thy wisdom has assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works Thy presence find, And prove Thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labor on at Thy command, And offer all my works to Thee.

Give me to bear Thine easy yoke, And ev'ry moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look, And hasten to Thy glorious day.

For Thee delightfully employ Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,  
And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

### **INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Let us humble ourselves before our Good and gracious God.

*(Moment of silent reflection)*

P: Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *Luke 18:13*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God,

**C: merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

**KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy (Sung)** *Mark 10:47*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest (Sung)** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

### THE READING OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson:** Exodus 19:2-8 *(God's People Sent!)*

[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

**Epistle Lesson:** Romans 5:6-15

*(Jesus Died For Us Sinners)*

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

*Stand (as you are able)*

**Alleluia and Verse** *John 20:31*

**C: (Sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 9:35-10:20 *(Jesus Sends Out The Disciples)*

Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out,

and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"**

*LSB, hymn #827*

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?  
 Fields are white and harvests waiting— Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
 Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.  
 Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"

Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;  
 Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;  
 Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,  
 There to gather in the bounty That God's Word so richly yields.

For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,  
 Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;  
 So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
 Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.

Hearken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,  
 When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.  
 Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.  
 Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

**Sermon: "You Are Sent"**

*Matthew 9:35-10:20*

Stand (as you are able)

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

**Installation/Dedication of Church Officers and Board Members**

**OFFERTORY - Create In Me**

*LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193*

C: **(Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit**

from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. . . . Almighty God, grant Your blessing on Your holy Church throughout the world, that Your Word may have free course and not be bound, but be preached to the joy and edifying of people in every land and nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Send out faithful pastors into Your harvest field, that Your Word may be proclaimed and Your forgiveness, life, and peace delivered into the hearts and lives of people throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, direct the leaders of this world to use the wisdom and skill You have given them for the good of all people. Keep them from being corrupted by power, and grant that they rightly use their authority so that all nations may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Lord, look in mercy on those suffering from illness. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especialy, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Grant them a return to health and strength in Your time and according to Your good and gracious will. Through all trials and tribulations, O Lord, keep before us the great love that You demonstrated in the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may not lose hope. Assure us all that nothing, not even death, will be able to separate us from Your love that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)*

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

**C: Hear Our Prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**  
*Matthew 6:9-13*

**BLESSING**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 103:1*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Closing Hymn: “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”**

*LSB, hymn #643*

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

**After worship prayer**

*Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

*Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.*

**Altar Flowers** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of our sister, Connie Hilgendorf, by Judy Krones & Sandy Hamlyn; also in loving memory of my brother, Larry Winge Jr., by John & Joyce Latham.

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## Rev. Matt Koenig

Matt Koenig brings over 30 years of dedicated ministry experience to his role as Discipleship Pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Palatine, Illinois. With undergraduate degrees in Elementary Education and as a Director of Christian Education (DCE), along with a Master of Arts degree in Practical Theology, Matt has faithfully served churches across the Midwest in a variety of roles - including teacher, principal, DCE, and pastor. Matt started his DCE ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran church and school in Kankakee from 2001-2006 where he led programs around children, youth, and small group ministries.



For the past ten years, Matt has led discipleship efforts at Prince of Peace, focusing on small groups, care ministry, and the development of relational discipleship pathways. His passion for equipping everyday believers is reflected in his book, *How Are You Doing: Relational Discipleship for the Everyday Person*, which offers practical insights into growing deeper in faith through authentic relationships. His second book *Rewriting your Playlist: Finding Peace and Balance in your Life* will be out in August of this year and help the reader find balance and peace spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally.

Matt has been married to his wife, Dawn, for 30 years. Together, they have two daughters: Faith, recently married to Matt Stewart, and Hope. Outside of ministry, Matt enjoys staying active through exercise, working with his hands in carpentry, spending quality time with Dawn, watching movies, and experimenting in the kitchen.

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