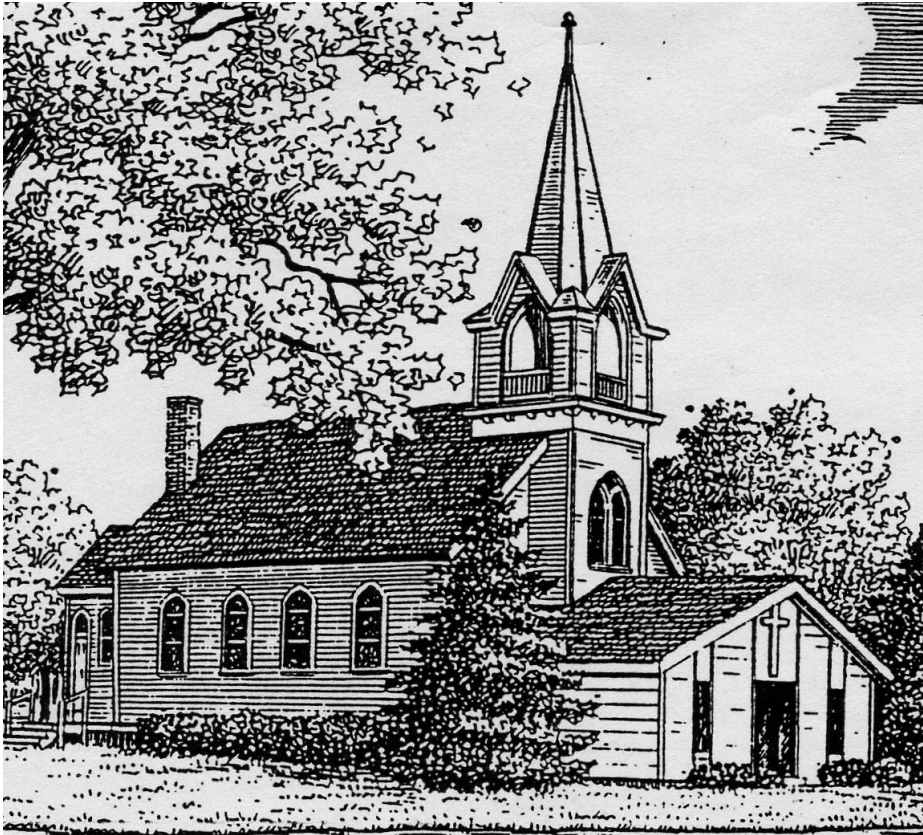


***JOSHUA 24 -***  
**GENERAL JOSHUA'S FINAL ADDRESS TO**  
**THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**



*"...as for me and my house,  
 we will serve the LORD."*

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**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

August 28, 2011

Pre-service Meditation

*Psalm 38; pg. 132*

**A Communicant's Prayer:**

O dearest Jesus, in the council of the godly and the congregation of the Lord, I thank You with all my heart for remembering us by spreading such a bounteous table for our souls before You died. I praise You, most merciful Savior, with all my capabilities and energies. You not only gave Yourself as a sacrifice for my sins and the sins of the whole world by dying on the cross, but You also nourish us poor mortals with Your body and blood in Holy Communion. In this Supper You give us all those gifts of grace and the benefits You acquired. O Lord, the bread which we break is the communion of Your body given for us on the cross. The wine we drink at Your altar is the communion of Your precious blood, shed for us throughout all Your painful sufferings. Who are we to deserve such great proofs of Your goodness? Who are we that You draw near to us by uniting with us, closely that You are and ever will remain in us and we in You, as members of Your body? What return can we make to You for taking such a deep interest in our souls? You cleansed them from all transgressions and consequent condemnation. You applied to them Your perfect obedience, merits and righteousness giving Your own self as a pledge of our salvation. O dearest Jesus, You established a memorial of Your wonderful gifts to us in this Holy Super. May this Sacrament be a constant memorial in my heart of Your love and mercy. As often as I shall eat of this bread and drink of this cup, I will proclaim Your death, and tell in thankful strains what You have done for me. Redeemer and Savior, grant that by means of this blessed food and drink I may be strengthened more and more in my faith. Join me inseparably to You. Give me strength to lead a godly life upon earth. Assure me of eternal life in heaven for the sake of Your holy merits. Amen.

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Our Order of Worship:  
LUTHERAN HYMNAL PG. 15



### PSALM OF THE DAY:

(Psalm 100)

*P:* Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness;

**C: Come before His presence with singing.**

*P:* Know that the LORD, He is God;

**C: It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;**

*P:* We are His people

**C: and the sheep of His pasture.**

*P:* Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

**C: And into His courts with praise.**

*P:* Be thankful to Him,

**C: and bless His name.**

*P:* For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,

**C: And His truth endures to all generations.**

*P:* Glory be to God!

**ALL: *♩*"Glory be to the Father..."**

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

"All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men,  
And peace shall reign with us again;  
Oh thank Him for His goodness! Amen."

### - THE COLLECT -

*P:* O almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us without all doubt to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that, following His steps, we may steadfastly walk according to your commands and serve you in sincerity and truth all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**ALL: *♩*"A - - - men"**

### The Scripture Lessons

"The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But the word of our God stands forever." (Is 40:8)



### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ EPHESIANS 2:1-10 And you *hath* he

*quicken*ed, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

*P:* Hallelujah! Hallelujah! "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Hallelujah! (Matt 20:28)

**ALL: *♩* Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*P:* Our Gospel lesson for today is from the gospel according to Matthew, chapter twenty, beginning with the twentieth verse.

**C: *♩* Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

### GOSPEL LESSON ~ MATTHEW 20:20-28 Then came to him the mother of

Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. 24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. 25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The Sermon:

Joshua 24:1-24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods. 3 'Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac. 4 'To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. 5 'Also I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to what I did among them. Afterward I brought you out. 6 'Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 'So they cried out to the LORD; and He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in the wilderness a long time. 8 'And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with you. But I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you. 9 'Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose to make war against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. 10 'But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he continued to bless you. So I delivered you out of his hand. 11 'Then you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you -- also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. But I delivered them into your hand. 12 'I sent the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, also the two kings of the Amorites, but not with your sword or with your bow. 13 'I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.' 14 'Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! 15 "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." 16 So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17 "for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. 18 "And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God." 19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. 20 "If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good." 21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD!" 22 So Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him." And they said, "We are witnesses!" 23 "Now therefore," he said, "put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel." 24 And the people said to Joshua, "The

LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!"

**"LET US ALSO SERVE THE LORD"**

- Who Himself has graciously served us

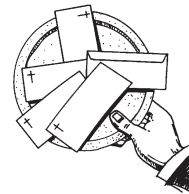
- Serve Him in sincerity and truth

~ THE OFFERTORY ~

♫ "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me..."

Hymn 625

"Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"



~ Offering of Thankful Hearts ~

In support of the Gospel ministry  
here at Prince of Peace and throughout the CLC

~ Prayers ~

Communion Hymn 315 (printed below)

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

**1) I come, O Savior, to Thy Table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:**

(:REFRAIN:)

**Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

**2) Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never For Thou my faithful Shepherd art! ::**

**3) Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul  
That I through wilful sinning never May see Thy Judgment take its toll! ::**

4) **Weary am I and heavy laden, With sin my soul is sore opprest;  
Receive me graciously, and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. : :**

5) **Thou here wilt find a heart most lowly That humbly falls before Thy feet,  
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Thy merit pleads, as it is meet. : :**

~ COMMUNION LITURGY CONTINUES ON HYMNAL PAGE 24 ~



*Communion Prayers can be found on pp 118-119  
Distribution of the Lord's Supper*

~ LITURGY CONCLUDES ON HYMNAL PAGE 29 ~

Closing Hymn 315:12-15

*"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

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

**CALL NEWS** On Monday, we received word from Pastor John Schierenbeck that he has returned the call which we extended to him. On Wednesday afternoon, eight of our Voters assembled in the name of the Triune God to extend the divine call to Rick Grams of Red Wing, MN. Rev. Grams had been serving Our Redeemer's in Red Wing but in May 2009, he had to retire from the ministry due to an autoimmune disease called Myasthenia Gravis which he was diagnosed with in 2004. Since then, he has responded well to treatment from a specialist at the University of Minnesota. In 2010, he applied for reentry into the ministry of the CLC and was certified as eligible by President Schierenbeck upon the recommendation of the Reentry Committee.

In an email conversation with Rev. Grams, he mentioned that he and his wife were headed to Idaho on Friday to visit their new grandchild and wouldn't be returning until Wednesday. Which means that he will not have the opportunity to read the call or accompanying letter until that time. Let us keep Rev. Grams in our prayers that the Lord would grant him wisdom as he considers whether it is harmony with the Lord's will that he serve as our next pastor!

**UPCOMING SERVICES** In light of the vacancy which begins this week, the Voters also called Mick Odenbach and Scott Hansen to be the sermon readers and Steve and Marvin Hansen to conduct the liturgy beginning next Sunday. If there are any announcements or prayer requests, please get them to Steve or Marvin as soon as possible. We thank them for their willingness to serve the Lord and His flock.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** We want to thank those who have accepted their calls to serve our congregation with respect to our Sunday School. Shelly and Shelby will be teaching our preschoolers (Noah, along with Titus and Monty at times) and kindergartner (Macoya), Rachel will be teaching our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders (Steele and Sadie), and Larry and Steve will be splitting time with our 5<sup>th</sup> Grader (Levi) and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders (Spencer and Bella); Nancy and Gwen will be leading music; and Scott will serve as superintendent. The teachers will be taking our students through Old Testament lessons spanning from Creation to the death of Moses. May the Lord richly bless our Sunday School program!

**MOVING SCHEDULE** On Tuesday afternoon a member from the Trinity, Spokane congregation will be flying into Fargo and picking up the rental truck for the Pfeiffer's move. It is hoped that the truck will be here by 3:30-4:00. Loading will ensue upon arrival of the truck and the Pfeiffers plan to pull out Wednesday before noon. Thank you to all who have offered to help - it is needed and appreciated!

**GARDEN GOODIES** After Wednesday there will be a garden in need of harvesting at the parsonage. While many of the plants failed to produce this year due to negligence, the green beans, tomatoes (red and yellow), peppers (sweet bells and HOT peppers) are thriving, along with a few cucumbers and zucchini. Feel free to help yourself to any of the produce that remains and enjoy!

**This week at Prince of Peace...**

**Today -** 10:30 Bible Class (Witnessing Lord's Supper) & Sunday School Video  
11:30 Potluck dinner  
**Sunday, Sept. 4 -** 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday a. Trinity / 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday a. Pentecost  
9:00 Worship Service  
10:15 Bible Class ("Shadows and Substance") and Sunday School Video

**SERVING IN SEPTEMBER:**  
*Ushers - Larry and Paul  
Cleaners - Larry and Nancy*

**"The Bread of Life"**  
*Daily Bible readings for home devotions.*

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## *"God sets the solitary in families..."*

While reflecting on the past six years in which I have been blessed to serve as your pastor, these words from King David (Psalm 68:6) have been coming to mind again and again. We came across these words last year as we studied the history of the CLC. We heard stories of pastors and church members who left the church of their youth, because they were convinced it was the Lord's will. They didn't know where they would go for church, who their pastor would be, or where they would train up their children. Yet they knew to stay in those false teaching churches was contrary to God's will. How amazing it was to see the Lord keep His promise and set these solitary members in the family of like-minded believers in what would become the CLC.

When I arrived in July of 2005, it was not because of false teaching, yet I was convinced it was the Lord's will that I be here. Coming from the major metropolis of the San Francisco Bay Area, I had no idea what life would be like serving a rural congregation. Yet from the beginning, it was clear that the Lord was again fulfilling His promise and setting this solitary pastor in a family. And not just a family in which many shared the same last name, but the family of Christ that shared the same faith. God set me in His family of believers.

As a family of believers, the light of your faith shown to the glory of God in so many ways. You patiently bore with a pastor who was (IS!) still learning how to minister to individual needs. You went above and beyond your call to supply for your pastor's material needs with raises in compensation and large gifts of love when the need arose.

It is hard to remember what life was like before Hecla. As pastors kids and students at ILC, Tamar and I had the opportunity to get to know many congregations - each one of them has a special place in our hearts. But we have both remarked to one another how much Hecla feels like home and the members of Prince of Peace are as close to family as we've ever felt. Neither of us ever thought we could feel so close to a congregation, as we have here. We thank the Lord for each one of you and rejoice in the fellowship He has given us with you.

Indeed, the Lord has richly blessed our time here at Prince of Peace. I arrived as a solitary pastor, but I leave with a wife, child, and even a dog. But more than that, we leave with a special relationship with our family at Prince of Peace. We pray that the Lord who called us into His family would keep us steadfast in this faith unto the end, that together with the Church Triumphant, we may stand before the throne of our Father in heaven and the Lamb who was slain to save us.

I hope it goes without saying that if you ever find yourself in Eastern Washington that you will look us up. We would be thrilled to see you, host you, and give you a tour of the area.

Again, thank you for all you have done for us, and may Jesus keep you!

Pastor Nathan, Tamar, and Abigail Pfeiffer

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