



**“Reversal and Restoration: Mission and Controversy”  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 31, 2021**

**WELCOME**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

*If you have an email address and want to be on POP’s weekly announcement list, please let the church office know. You can find worship each week at <https://princeofpeace-er.org/podcasts/>. DVD’s of the previous Sunday’s worship are available by contacting the church office at 715-479-9263.*

*If you would like to support the mission of Prince of Peace so that we can continue worship, community outreach, and other ministries, you can give any amount by cash, check, online, through the Give+ app by Vanco, or by sending a text to 833-394-7887 (text your dollar amount and follow the prompts). Thank you for your generosity.*

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**ORDER OF SERVICE    *The assembly speaks the bold verses***

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**Preparing for Worship**

Begin worship with a moment of silence.

Take this time to set up your worship space. Your space will be unique to who you are and what is meaningful to you. Ultimately, you are preparing space that helps you slow down and connect with God through Jesus.

"You must make the connection between prayer and life. The closer you are to the heart of God, the closer you come to the heart of the world, the closer you come to others. . . We're called always to action, but that action must not be driven, obsessive, guilt-ridden. Basically it's action that comes out of knowing God's love."

You are invited to light a candle. We light candles in worship to signify the presence of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, with us.

Take a few deep breaths. Breathe in the breath of God through the Holy Spirit.

**Litany (inspired by Psalm 118)**

Though we have known hardship and pain,  
though life has not always turned out as we had hoped,  
we will stand here and say:  
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Though life becomes more complex,  
the deepest questions remain unanswered,  
and the mystery of faith deepens, we will say:  
God's steadfast love endures forever!

And though the pain of the world  
often seems more than we can bear or address,  
we will stand firm in our faith and say:  
God's steadfast love endures forever!

**Music "Healer" - Words and Music by Larry Olson of "Dakota Road"**

Healer, Healer  
Come and heal this world  
Healer, Healer  
Come and heal this world

May we all offer up our hands  
May we all altogether stand

Healer, Healer  
Come and heal this world  
Healer, Healer  
Come and heal this world

May we all lay our weapons down  
May we all find our common ground

Healer, Healer  
Come and heal this world  
Healer, Healer  
Come and heal this world

May we all offer up our hands  
May we all altogether stand

Healer, Healer  
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### **Prayer of Releasing and Receiving**

Gracious God,  
We place ourselves in your presence.  
Our minds and our spirits are cluttered.  
Help us make space for you.  
Help us to be fully present here, now.

We release to you all that we have done today—  
whether for good or for ill.

We release all that we feel like we should have done today,  
but did not do.

We release all of the people  
who weigh on our hearts and minds this evening.

We release our fears.  
We release our anxiety.  
We release our impatience.  
We release our pride.

All of the thoughts,  
all of the feelings that pull us away from you, O God,  
we release.

*Silence for individual reflection and confession.*

And now with open hearts  
we receive what you offer us now:

We receive the gift of this space and this time.  
We receive the gift of being with each person here.  
We receive the Holy Spirit's presence within us  
for guidance and healing.  
We receive the sacred words that will be spoken and thought.  
We receive the holy touch of hand and heart.  
We receive the silence.  
We receive the music.

Fill us now with the peace of your deep, abiding presence.  
We offer all of ourselves to you,  
our One God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. **Amen**

### **Greeting**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord of the Sabbath,  
Your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did up on the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Psalm           *"In God Alone" (Psalm 62) - Richard Bruxvoort Colligan***

In God alone is my soul at rest  
Be at rest, my soul

### **GOSPEL READING           *Luke 6:1-16***

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. <sup>2</sup>But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>4</sup>He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" <sup>5</sup>Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

### **The Man with a Withered Hand**

<sup>6</sup>On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup>The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. <sup>8</sup>Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" <sup>10</sup>After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. <sup>11</sup>But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

### **Jesus Chooses the Twelve Apostles**

<sup>12</sup>Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

**Message**

***Pastor Andrea Fluegel***

**Music**      *“Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie)” - Joel Payne*

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Prayers of the People**

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness  
And bears the wounds of the world.  
Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,  
Trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Eternal God, to whom all may come through your Son,  
lay your healing hand upon all those who are sick.  
Make your loving presence known to those who are lonely.  
Give your strengthening power to those who are weak.  
May those who lack be filled,  
those who mourn be comforted,  
those who worry be calmed  
and those who seek forgiveness find it in Jesus Christ;  
through whom we pray. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O Lord,  
For in your loving wisdom  
You created one human family  
With a diversity  
That enriches our communities.  
We pray to you, O Lord,  
That we always recognize  
each member of this human family  
As being made in your image and beloved by you,  
With worth and dignity.  
We pray to you, O Lord,  
That we may have eyes to see  
What is possible when we reach out  
Beyond fear, beyond anger,  
To hold the hand of our sisters, our brothers. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Almighty and most merciful God,  
we remember before you all poor and neglected persons  
whom it would be easy for us to forget:  
the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick,  
and all who have none to care for them.  
Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit,  
and to turn their sorrow into joy. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Many people around us and in this world suffer.  
Creator God, help us prevent suffering where we can  
and in ways that show your love for all creation.  
Help us to care for those who suffer. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Many people around us and in this world experience hurt,  
grief, brokenness, and sorrow.  
Loving God, help us to recognize when we are part  
of what brings pain, grief, and brokenness to others.  
Help us to act in healthy and loving ways  
with our friends and neighbors, with strangers and enemies.  
Help us to love others as ourselves.  
Help us to love ourselves as you love us. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Many people around us and in this world are silent victims  
and unable to bring about healing for themselves and their loved ones.  
Sustaining God, help us to speak the truth with love and humility.  
Help us to advocate for justice for those unable to speak for themselves.  
Guide us as we seek ways to bring healing for others  
in a world filled with sickness and destruction.  
Sustain us with your love and bless us with hope  
for times when we feel the job is too big  
and the work is never done. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

We now lift up to you all the people, places, and circumstances on our hearts and minds . . .  
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Gathering our many prayers into one, let us pray.  
O loving God, you know the needs of all the world. By your Spirit, grant that we, having turned  
to you in prayer, now might turn to one another in peace, tend and keep what you have made,  
and love our neighbor with the love of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Music *"We'll Be The Hands, We'll Be The Feet"* – Christian Mclvor

Verse: Open our hearts, open our minds  
Let us join together as we have been designed  
Let us grow more deeply into You  
Let us spread Your light and keep it shining through

Pre-chorus: Each one of us, all around the earth  
As a part of the Body, has our worth

Chorus: We'll be the hands, we'll be the feet  
We'll circulate through the heart, where we all meet  
Built up in love, and joined as one  
Grown into Christ, we'll see Your work through till it's done

Verse: We will be strong, we'll live without fear  
Emboldened by Your love, we will persevere  
We will stand for truth, in justice we'll rejoice  
We will speak the Word for those who have no voice  
*Pre-chorus, Chorus*

Verse: Help us to seek that we might find  
Your compassion and grace for all humankind  
Help us connect as one community  
Abiding in Your loving unity  
*Pre-chorus, Chorus*

## **Blessing**

Holy God, as the travelers with their treasures were overwhelmed with joy on finding Jesus, so we also are overwhelmed on finding out the depth of his love for us. For Jesus showed just how beloved we are to him, by loving us and giving himself for us. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

May the blessing of the three-in-one God be yours.

May the Spirit bless you with hope  
poured out like water and flowing as the river.

May Jesus bless you with discomfort  
at injustice and oppression.

May God in whose being beauty shines on you  
and journey with you.

God says to you, "you are my beloved,  
Be blessed this day and always."

**Amen.**

## **Sending**

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Sent to Serve.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council again met on January 14, 2021. Together, we decided on the following (*as long as COVID numbers in Vilas and Oneida show a 14-day downward trend*). **The Council will meet again at the end of January to finalize and confirm these plans:**

- **Ash Wednesday Worship on *February 17* will be held in-person at 1 p.m. (Sanctuary) and 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall).** There will also be an online (on-demand) worship available. Please **sign up** on the church website or by calling the church office. There will be limited seating at each worship opportunity. We will be following social distancing guidelines as well, and masks will be required.
- **Lenten kits** will be available for pick up or mailing prior to Ash Wednesday. They will include devotionals, ashes for home worship, as well as other items for your own Lenten spiritual practices. More details will be sent to you closer to Ash Wednesday.
- **The Annual Meeting will be held on *Sunday, February 21, at 9:30 a.m.*** with an online or dial-in by phone option. **Pre-registration will be required** to attend in-person. We will be following social distancing guidelines as well, and masks will be required. Annual reports will be emailed to you. If you are receiving mailed worship bulletins, an annual report will be mailed to you.
- **Limited in-person worship** will begin on ***Sunday, March 7.*** Pre-registration will be required to attend in-person. We will be following social distancing guidelines as well, and masks will be required. Online or on-demand worship will continue to be available.

### Personal Care Items Needed

There is a need for the following personal care items at ***The Locker*** at Northland Pines High School/Middle School: deodorant, toothpaste, and feminine care products (especially plastic tampons—**NOT** cardboard). Please note that they do **NOT** need soap.

### Powerful Tools Caregivers Workshop

The ***Powerful Tools for Caregivers Workshop*** will again be presented by the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Vilas County (ADRC) on ***Tuesdays*** starting ***February 2 and going through March 9, 2021.*** Please call 715-479-3625 for more information or to register.

## Information

We received notice that **Bruce Gates** died on Sunday, January 24, 2021, in Williamsburg, Virginia. There is no memorial service planned at this time. Please keep Dorothy and family in your prayers, and sympathy cards may be sent to Dorothy at 5700 Williamsburg Landing Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185

## Gathered and Sent Bible Discussion Available By Phone

The weekly Gathered and Sent Bible discussion recording (podcast) is now available by phone. Just call **978-599-7887** and stay on the line to listen to the recording that discusses the upcoming Sunday scripture reading. A new recording is posted every Monday. Gathered and Sent podcasts can also be found on the church website, Spotify, Pandora, Alexa, Audible, iTunes, Apple Podcast, Google Podcasts, and more. Listen, invite, and participate in God's Word.

## Volunteer for the Weekend Backpack Program

Please sign up to help with the Weekend Backpack Program. Volunteers are needed weekly to continue this ministry. Contact the church office or visit the website to sign up. We are feeding 135 children each week in Eagle River and Land O' Lakes through this program, are feeding an additional 100 children through in-school pantries, and—***new—we are feeding twelve children in the Phelps School district!***

## Worship DVDs

DVD's of the previous Sunday's worship are now available at POP! They can be mailed or scheduled for pick up by contacting the church office via telephone (715-479-9263).

## CURRENT PHASE: 1

- Fully digital worship and fellowship
- Critical staff and volunteers by invitation-only access to building
- All in-person activities suspended and moved to digital format where possible
- Visitors must wear a facemask and may not enter the building



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a community who believes in God's love, knows Jesus as Savior, and is blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thankful for these gifts, we gather to pray and praise, explore God's Word and its meaning for our lives, strengthen each other in our witness, and serve each other and our neighbors in the world.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Gathered by Grace ~ Sent to serve.  
*Core Values: Spirituality, Community,  
Grace, Helping Others, Creativity.*

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