



“Expanding the Table – Grace-Filled Upheaval”

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with 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/worship/>.

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, or online. Thank you for your generosity.

ORDER OF SERVICE *The assembly speaks the bold verses*

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 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.

Opening Prayer**Table Blessing - Jan Richardson**

To your table
you bid us come.
You have set the places,
you have poured the wine,
and there is always room,
you say,
for one more.
And so we come.
From the streets
and from the alleys
we come.
From the deserts
and from the hills
we come.
From the ravages of poverty
and from the palaces of privilege
we come.
Running,
limping,
carried,
we come.
We are bloodied with our wars,
we are wearied with our wounds,
we carry our dead within us,
and we reckon with their ghosts.
We hold the seeds of healing,
we dream of a new creation,
we know the things
that make for peace,
and we struggle to give them wings.
And yet, to your table
we come.
Hungering for your bread,
we come;
thirsting for your wine,
we come;
singing your song
in every language,
speaking your name
in every tongue,
in conflict and in communion,
in discord and in desire,
we come,
O God of Wisdom,
we come

Music **"Only Grace" by The Many**

Things are broken here; things are shared.
Things are carried here, hearts bow in prayer.

Chorus:

It is grace, only grace
That brings us here,
Holds us together here.
It is grace, only grace
That brings us here,
Hold us all together here,
All together here.

Things are dying here; things are torn.
Things are growing here and burdens borne.

Chorus

Bridge

Amazing grace, hear the sound.
Here is where hope is found.

Chorus

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
Who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for individual confession and self-reflection.

O God, You who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.

God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.
Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through. **Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **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 justification,

With great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is ours not because of our own efforts, but because of the saving work of Christ. Grant us full access to the glory of your salvation, an abundance that is more than enough for all humankind, for the sake of our redeeming Christ.

Amen.

Music “Shout for Joy” (Psalm 98) – Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Verse 1:

You have come to wake us up
To bring real justice and harmony

Refrain:

Shout for joy
Celebrate the wonder of our God with us
Shout for joy
Listen to the thunder of all the earth with us
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!

Verse 2:

You recall your history
You love all those who struggle now

Verse 3:

You have made your promise clear
Like the sun shining on all the earth

Gospel Reading *Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21*

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

^{2:11}But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; ¹²for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. ¹³And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" ¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Message

Pastor Andrea Fluegel

Music *"Quiet Place" - The Many*

In this quiet place (2x)
Help me be still and know
How I can give and how to forgive.

In this quiet place (2x)
Help me be still and know you.

Prayers of the People

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek vital connections among all that depends on the earth for life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In this quiet place (2x)
Help me be still and know you.

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In this quiet place (2x)
Help me be still and know you.

As you have promised to hear the cries of all the needy, listen now to the countless people around the world who are suffering from sickness, from the coronavirus, from injustice, from abuse, from starvation. Hear our pleas for India. We pray especially for all the people, places and circumstances that are on our hearts and minds . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In this quiet place (2x)
Help me be still and know
How to be true in all I do.

In this quiet place (2x)
Help me be still and know you.

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 "May the Grace" - Mark Bradford

May the grace of Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Spirit
be with us.

The Lord bless us and keep us,
his face shine upon us,
his grace and his peace rest on us.

Sending

Gathered by Grace.
Sent to Serve.
Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prince of Peace has moved to Phase 3 of the POP Re-Opening Guidelines. This means that in-person worship has increased to a 50-person limit. Masks, social distancing and pre-registration are still required. Sanctuary doors will be unlocked 10 minutes prior to worship. Online worship will still be available. POP small groups of ten or less can meet in the building with masks and social distancing. Contact the church office to schedule your team or small group. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Andrea Fluegel or a Council member.

Effective Tuesday, April 27, the Prince of Peace building and church office will be open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon. If you need access at another time, please contact the church office. Masks and social distancing will still be required.

Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly

The 2021 Synod Assembly, **May 10-15, 2021**, is entirely virtual this year. Visitors are welcome at all Synod Assembly events. You do not need to register, it's free, and links to participate in workshops and observe the business meeting will be available on the Synod website (nglsynod.org).

NGL Synod Assembly Schedule

Sunday, May 9-Saturday, May 15

Daily Prayfaithfully Video Devotionals at nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully/daily-devotions

Monday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Opening Worship

Tuesday, May 11 – Thursday, May 13

Online Workshops on the following topics:

Bias in Rural America

Planning Effective Worship in a Digital Age

A Conversation with our Anishinaabe Neighbors

Year of Discovery Q & A

Evolving with Technology

Holistic Health for Holistic Healing

Ruining John 3:16 So That You Will Have Life

Faithful Innovations

Thursday, May 13 at 6pm

Worship with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

You can find these opportunities and more information online at www.nglsynod.org/assembly,

Facebook: [facebook.com/NorthernGreatLakesSynod](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernGreatLakesSynod)

YouTube: Northern Great Lakes Synod

Grief Support Group

An informal time to gather with Pastor Andrea and individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Whether your loved one died last week, last month, or ten years ago, or maybe you are grieving a loved one struggling with memory loss, you are invited to share stories of your loved one, your struggles, and places where you find hope.

The next gathering will be on **Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 2 p.m.** at Prince of Peace, either in the Fellowship Hall or outside (weather permitting).

New: Prayer Requests on POP Website

If you have a prayer request, you can now go to <https://princeofpeace-er.org/prayers/> to fill out a form, or you can go there to pray for the requests already posted. If you post a request, you have the opportunity to remain anonymous.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

On **Sunday, June 6**, we will recognize and pray for all of our graduates. If you have a graduate in your family this year, please go to the link included in last week's weekly emailed announcements and fill out the form so that the graduates can be included in our prayers and blessings. If you do not receive the announcements by email and you have a graduate, please call the church office.

Counters are needed to count and deposit the weekly offering on Sundays following worship or during the week if needed. It takes approximately an hour or less to count depending on the Sunday. New counters will be paired with an experienced counter. You will need to count only once per month as it fits into your schedule. If interested or if you have questions, please contact **Eric Brunner** at 715-891-8412 or brunners@nnex.net. Thank you for your service to the ministry of Jesus.



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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