



“Returning to the Promise: Redemption Promise”  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 18, 2020

**WELCOME**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

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

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**THRESHOLD MOMENT AND SILENT CENTERING**

*(based on Psalm 98, John 15:9-17)*

Here today there is love, freely available to all.  
Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent,  
but God's supreme love.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,  
break forth into joyous songs of praise.

Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes,  
deeper than the immensities of time and space,  
God's inclusive love.  
Let the seas roar their praise,  
and everything in them.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and the hills sing together their happiness.

The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Holy and mysterious Lover of the world,  
let this day be a worthy celebration of our Lord's resurrection love.  
By the Easter good news,  
encourage us to put away our worries, and to discard our fears,  
that with minds open to your Spirit  
we may better love you and more adequately worship your holy name.  
Through Christ Jesus, our living brother and Lord.  
**Amen!**

**MUSIC**

***"All Belong Here"***

**Lyrics by Lenora Rand; Music by Hannah Rand, sung by "The Many"**

*Verse 1:*

When you're not sure who you really are  
When all you feel is the shape of your scars  
And you have more wounds than you can count  
Open your eyes, look all around  
You aren't alone, this is your home

*Chorus:*

Come and remember who you are here  
Do this to remember who I am  
Come and remember you belong here  
All belong here.

*Verse 2:*

When you don't know how to forgive  
When locked doors seem like the only way to live  
And you've got more questions than you can count  
Open your eyes, look all around  
You aren't alone, this is your home

*Chorus*

*Bridge:*

At this table come as you are  
Broken and bleeding's ok  
At this table eat and be filled  
Come and drink in this grace.

*Chorus*

### **OPENING LITANY/PRAYER**

It's a whole new beginning  
In such a simple meal, made to be prepared and eaten in haste  
In this meal, it's a whole new beginning  
A whole new identity for the people of God.  
"This month shall mark for you the beginning of months."  
It's a whole new beginning, for a people who needed a do-over.

These were the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob  
And just like them, we too, are children and inheritors of the Promise of God  
But life has made us weary, tired, worn down  
Hindered, chained, and constrained  
We need something to help us begin to break away from everything that we know  
To start over, to begin again

A meal that would form them into a new kind of people together  
A new community  
A feast that would span generations  
A feast that was here and not yet  
A feast in which everyone is welcome  
A feast of grape and bread  
A feast of love and grace and hope  
A feast that marks us forever as a child of God.  
**Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**      *Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>13:1</sup>The Lord said to Moses: <sup>2</sup>Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. <sup>3</sup>Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. <sup>4</sup>Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. <sup>5</sup>When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. <sup>6</sup>Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the Lord. <sup>7</sup>Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. <sup>8</sup>You shall tell your child on that day, "It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt."

**PSALM      “Sing A New Song for God (Psalm 96)” by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**

*Refrain:*

Sing a new song for God, all the earth  
Sing a new song! Sing a new song!

*Verse 1:*

Declare God's glory and bless God's name  
Tell the story day after day: God is coming!

*Verse 2:*

Let the sky and earth be glad, creatures of the sea and land  
Come and make a joyful noise, everything that has a voice  
Let the sky and earth be glad, creatures of the sea and land

*Verse 3:*

And the fields are celebrating  
In their joy the crops are waving  
And the forests sing in rhythm,  
Every tree can hold the vision

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

*Pastor Andrea Fluegel*

**VISIO DIVINA      *Quiet Time* by Barb Zima**

A soft, gentle breeze.  
A brilliant blue sky,  
Rippling, glistening water,  
Beneath a warm Spring sun.

Puffy white clouds drift lazily by,  
A loon hauntingly calls in the distance,  
The sweet, sweet fragrance of budding trees,  
The world awakens from a long, deep sleep.

I long to run and shout and sing,  
To live and laugh and love once more,  
My body broken and wracked with pain,  
But my spirit, hopeful, looks ahead.

Everywhere I look there is hope,  
So much life left to be lived,  
Babies waiting to be held,  
Children wait to play once more.

Be patient, rest in God and wait,  
God will restore my weary soul,  
God's promises God always keeps,  
Be still, be calm, know God is holding your hand.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**“Invocation” by Christopher Grundy**

**Hear us God for we are praying  
Here us God for we are laughing in our joy  
Hear us God for we are crying out to you  
Wondering what will be, what will be**

**Speak to us God for we are listening  
Speak to us God for we are waiting for your voice  
Speak to us God in our hearts and all around  
Tell us what can be, what can be**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

God,  
just as You rescued the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt,  
setting them free to worship and serve You,  
so You have also rescued us,  
setting us free from slavery to sin and selfishness,  
and inviting us into relationship with You and one another.  
We praise You for the love and mercy You have shown toward us.

You call us to love and serve You  
by loving and serving our brothers and sisters, near and far;  
to put their needs and interests ahead of our own,  
and so to fulfill Your law of love.  
And so we offer our prayers for the world You created,  
In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not have what they need in order to survive;  
those without enough food and water,  
medical care, shelter, or security.  
Open our hearts to see the needs in our world,  
and to respond with Your love.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are living with serious illness or injury,  
who face each day with uncertainty or pain,  
who find themselves wondering what the future holds.

Open our hearts to see the needs of those around us,  
and to respond with Your love.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have no work,  
who are struggling to provide for their families,  
and who despair of ever finding employment again.

Open our hearts to see the needs of the unemployed,  
and to respond with Your love.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We also pray for Your church, the Body of Christ on earth.  
We pray that we would be a living example of Your love in our world,  
treating one another with compassion and respect,  
settling differences with love and integrity,  
bound together by our common allegiance to You.

Open our hearts to see one another,  
and to respond with Your love.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We praise You for the way of love modeled for us by Jesus Christ.  
Open our hearts and lives to your ongoing presence among us,  
so that we would grow in faithfulness and love,  
and bring honor to Your name.

We pray for all those suffering loss due to COVID, illnesses of all kinds, tragedy, violence, and natural disasters. We pray for ministries and organizations in all of our communities that support the elderly, families, and individuals of all ages, races, education, and gender. We pray for the brokenness of our country and our world. Help us to share your love with neighbors and strangers alike. Guide us in the ways to be your hands and feet in this world.

We lift up to you all the people, places, and circumstances that are on our hearts and minds.

We ask all this of you, O God, knowing that you are our hope and our salvation, walking with us through the valleys, over the mountains, and lifting us from the deep wells of life. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

## **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.**

**Hear us God for we are praying  
Here us God for we are laughing in our joy  
Hear us God for we are crying out to you  
Wondering what will be, what will be**

**Speak to us God for we are listening  
Speak to us God for we are waiting for your voice  
Speak to us God in our hearts and all around  
Tell us what can be, what can be**

## **MUSIC      “Ever” – by Heatherlyn**

Peace ever, joy ever, following you  
Light ever, Love ever, radiating through  
Hope ever, faith ever, strengthening you  
Life ever, breath ever, nourishing you  
And everywhere you go, may you always be home.  
And everyone you meet, be messengers of peace.

Let your light shine through  
And your heart ever be true  
Move in grace and gratitude  
And walk in wisdom, sharing all that's good.

Peace ever, joy ever, following you  
Light ever, Love ever, radiating through

And everywhere you go, may you always be home.  
And everyone you meet, be messengers of peace.

May we choose courageously  
May we hope defiantly  
May we love outrageously  
And walk on lightly in humility.

Beauty and Laughter, ever filling you  
Friendship, affection, surrounding you

## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

Receive the blessing of God, the creator who made you,  
Jesus, the one who loves and redeems you,  
The Spirit, the one who breathes in and through you,  
✠ one God, with you then, with you now, with you forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered by grace.

**Sent to serve.**

**Thanks be to God!**

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## Announcements

\* If you haven't already done so, please return your 2020 Pledge Card. If you don't plan to pledge, please check the box marked "Prefer Not to Pledge" and return the card to us anyway. It helps us to budget and plan for 2021. **Ministry is still going on** at Prince of Peace even though the building is closed for worship and activities. The Weekend Backpack Program is going strong!

\* The Vilas County Health Department will hold its final 2020 Flu Clinic on Tuesday, October 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Rooms B, C, and D.

### **PLEASE WEAR MASKS AND OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING!**

**The cost of the flu shot is \$25 payable by cash or check. They will bill Medicare Part B, Medicaid and some Medicare replacements. There are some restrictions. All clinics are subject to vaccine delivery. Any cancellation will be announced on the radio. Call the Vilas County Public Health Department at (715) 479-3656 with any questions.**

\* Please check out and subscribe to the Prince of Peace Lutheran YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX-J0LsbtcqzMIjC959hj7Q>). Share it with family and friends on email and through Facebook and other social media.

\* DVD's of the previous Sunday's worship are now available at POP! Please contact the church office via telephone (715-479-9263) if you would like one.

### **The Locker Challenge**

Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) has challenged the Northland Pines Cross Country Team to raise money to support the Locker Program, the in-school pantry at Northland Pines High School and Middle School. FORK will match every dollar raised up to \$5,000.

The Locker is one of the ministries of Prince of Peace through the Weekend Backpack Program. It is exciting to see all ages of our community get involved in this ministry. Since school has started, we have seen a significant increase in the number of children needing ministries such as the Weekend Backpack Program, the Room, and the Locker.

All gifts received between now and October 22 for the Locker will qualify for the match. You can give to Prince of Peace - memo Locker Challenge, through the church website, or at Feed Our Rural Kids. All donations are tax-deductible.

### **Gathered and Sent Podcasts**

We are happy to announce that our "Gathered and Sent" podcasts are now available on iTunes and Apple Podcasts, in addition to being available at [www.princeofpeace-er.org/podcast](http://www.princeofpeace-er.org/podcast). Comment, Like and Share. In the next few weeks "Gathered and Sent" podcasts will become available on additional podcasting platforms. If you have a platform that you would like to see the podcasts on let us know by sending us an email to [admin@princeofpeace-er.org](mailto:admin@princeofpeace-er.org). Share it with family and friends on email and through Facebook and other social media.

\* If you would like to drop off food for the Weekend Backpack program, there will be a gray tote outside the main doors of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (*under the portico*) **on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Please do not drop off expired food or items past their sell-by dates. We are unable to use them. **Please note that you can also drop food off at the American Family Insurance office on Wall Street in Eagle River.**



### **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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