

"Language of the Spirit – Gifts for All" 6th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 4, 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.

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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.

Let us pray.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful: Grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (from the Canticle in the Nordic Lutheran Church of Sweden)

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: God, the Life-Giving Trinity

The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists.

The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.

The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship. In all things, may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope. Amen.

Music "We Were Strangers (One Body)" - Cathy Summers and Matt Osgood

We were strangers, lost and helpless; God restored us through his Son. Breaking down the walls between us, he has made us one. Yes, he has made us one.

One body, one Lord, one Father over all.
One Spirit in our hearts, one body, many parts.

Male and female, different backgrounds, young and old of equal worth, called together to become Christ's body here on earth, Christ's body here on earth. As we worship God together, each of us has gifts to bring. Incomplete without each other, with one voice we sing. Yes, with one voice we sing.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the

Bon, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for individual confession and self-reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ♣ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. 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 God,

Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Music "We'll Be The Hands, We'll Be The Feet" - Christian McIvor

Verse:

Open our hearts, open our minds Let us join together as we have been designed Let us spread Your light and keep it shining through

Prechorus:

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

Prechorus, 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

Prechorus, Chorus

Gospel Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-13, 27-31

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Message Pastor Andrea Fluegel

Music "Love, Listen to Your Children Praying" - Ken Medema

Chorus:

Love, listen to your children praying Love, send your spirit in this place Love, listen to your children praying Send us hope. Send us power. Send us grace.

Prayers of the People

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Love, listen to your children praying Love, send your spirit in this place Love, listen to your children praying Send us hope. Send us power. Send us grace.

Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need. Holy Spirit, you intercede for us when we have no words. We ask for the words to pray for people, places and circumstances that are in our hearts and minds that we now name silently in our hearts or aloud with our voices . . . Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Love, listen to your children praying Love, send your spirit in this place Love, listen to your children praying Send us hope. Send us power. Send us grace.

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries, especially for the Backpack Program, the Locker, and the Room. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom for all that binds and constrains us and our communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **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.

Music

"Send Us Out" - Matt Osgood

Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to shine your light in the way we live. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, as we've received, may we freely give.

Send us out, send us out, send us out for your glory. Let all we do be praise to you; send us out for your glory

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to show your love everywhere we go. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, Lord, fill us up so we overflow.

We're laying down our lives, a living sacrifice, we're living for your glory and your praise. We're taking up our cross, we've counted up the cost, we're living for your glory and your praise.

Blessing

As you enter a new week, may you experience God's presence.

May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips, over your hearts and your feelings and emotions and your compassion for all others, and over your hands and your feet as you put into action all that God commands you.

During this week, may the grace of the & Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of you. **Amen.**

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Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hope and Healing Worship - Sunday, July 11

It has been a difficult 16+ months for all of us. On *Sunday, July 11*, at 9 a.m. worship, Prince of Peace will be focusing on hope and healing. There will be a time for reflection, silence, and writing or drawing your prayers as well as anointing with oil. Whether you need healing for your own body, mind or spirit, or you want to pray for healing in our neighborhoods, communities, nation, and world, please join together in lifting up the many forms of brokenness to our Lord and Savior.

POP Endowment Team

The Prince of Peace Endowment team will meet next on July 14, 2021. Grant money is available for individuals and organizations as listed on our website. For more information or to complete a grant request form, please see our website.

Greeters Needed - Beginning Sunday, July 4, 2021

Each Sunday, two greeters are needed to welcome members and guests to worship. Please arrive between 8:30 and 8:40 a.m. Greeters will welcome people with their voices rather than handshakes at this time. Please sign up on our website.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Hosts

Prince of Peace has resumed Coffee Hour following worship. Coffee hour will be held outside, weather permitting. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, please sign up online. You will be contacted with details about setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Currently, food will need to be store bought and as individualized as possible. For more information contact Barb Zima.

Bible Study On-The-Go

Did you know that Prince of Peace has an on-demand Bible study each week? You can access the Gathered and Sent podcast on the upcoming Sunday's scripture. Pastor Andrea and a member of the congregation (and sometimes special guests) discuss scripture and its relevance in our lives. This podcast will prepare you for Sunday morning worship and help to grow your faith life. Currently, we are in a six-week series on the Holy Spirit. You can access it on your favorite podcast platform such as Spotify, Apple Play, Siri, Audible, Pandora, etc.; on the church website; or by calling the church office at 715.479.9263 - Option 5.

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.



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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