



“Grace-Filled Way of Life - Healing and Hope”
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 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.

Bridge

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

Chorus

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
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

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. **Amen.**

Music ***"Rest in Shalom" (Psalm 4) - Richard Bruxvoort Colligan***

Longing for peace. For everyone. Psalm 4 uses the Hebrew word Shalom. It's often translated as "Peace," but the layers of the Hebrew word bring a sense of prosperity, love and connectedness.

Verse 1:

When you are disturbed, trembling, struggling with the evil
Do not give in
Do not give in
When you are stirred up, angry, wrestling with the goodness
Do not give in
Do not give in

Refrain:

Rest in shalom
Rest in shalom

Verse 2:

And when the night comes, bedtime, lying down to ponder
Come search your heart
Come search your heart
Reflect on the world softly, resting in the wonder
Come search your heart
Come search your heart

Verse 3:

You breathe the One's name sighing, quieting the ripples

You still yourself

You still yourself

Your life speaks to you Listen up and down the body

You still yourself

You still yourself

Reading *Ephesians 1:1-14*

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Message

Pastor Andrea Fluegel

A Time of Healing

Our Lord Jesus healed many who were sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing. Through prayer in Jesus' name, and by the laying on of hands and anointing, the disciples witnessed the power and presence of God. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing and hope. We offer our prayers for those who are gathered here, and especially for those grieving, for those who cannot be here and those who we do not know but need your presence of hope and healing. We commend them to the grace of Jesus Christ, that God may ease their suffering and grant them health and salvation.

Music “Leaning In” - Christopher Grundy

We pray for the lonely ones
knowing that some of us are lonely
and we pray for the heartbroken ones
knowing that some of us are heartbroken

Chorus:

All our hearts and minds
are leaning in with clear intention
joining in your way
of love in the world

We pray for the wounded
knowing that some of us are wounded
and we pray for the regretful ones
knowing that some of us are regretful

Chorus

We pray for the starving ones
knowing that some of us are starving
and we pray for the imprisoned ones
knowing that some of us are imprisoned

Chorus

We pray for the dying ones knowing
that some of us are dying
and we pray for the newly born ones
knowing that some of us are arriving

All our hearts and minds
are leaning in with clear intention
joining in your way
of love in the world. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer: A Prayer of Intercession (Matthew 6: 9-13, Luke 11: 2-4)

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray together as Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven

How blissful it is to imagine heaven on earth.

But lives are always endangered.

Poverty consumes many, hunger and disease destroy many.

The bodies of young people are for sale.

Mothers, fathers and the young and elderly are migrating to foreign lands
seeking freedom and dignity and new opportunities.

God, grant to us the experience of heaven on earth.

Hallowed be your name

Your name is holy, your people are holy.

You created us in your image.

But the dignity of those on the margins are crushed by those who laws, rules and systems to oppress and divide, to hurt others and to gain power.

Your name was used by foreign powers.

In your name colonizers invaded foreign lands.

In your name they burned and smashed.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

We know that your kingdom is a kingdom of love, justice and of peace.

A kingdom of righteousness and abundance for all.

Do not allow us to be deceived by the standard of this world,
where unjust wars rule and colonizers become rulers of the nations.

Let your will be done soon,

and vanish the pseudo-kingdom of empire power,

until we can finally say, heaven is possible here on earth.

Give us this day our daily bread

The bread that we eat today satisfies our hunger.

But those who make the bread in many countries have empty stomachs.

How can we be happy when our body is full while many are wanting?

We have been told those who do not work should not eat.

But how come those who work hard have too little to eat,

while those who amass wealth by greed have plenty to throw away?

May the daily bread we partake in

be the communion of struggle and hope,

and be the bread that is shared by all.

Forgive us our trespasses and we forgive those who trespass against us.

We offer our self-criticisms.

When we have failed to love You and our neighbor,

renew us and enable us to make up whatever we have failed to do.

Give us hearts that can share your grace by forgiving others.

Let us be humble like a dove and make us wise as a serpent.

May we be sustained in our courage,

that we will not be manipulated by those who have wronged,

exploited and oppressed your people.

Forgiveness is for those who have admitted their accountability,

for your grace is sufficient enough to correct our mistakes.

But arrogance and conceit will lead us only to downfall, hurt and more brokenness.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lead us not to resignation in our work for justice and peace.

Let not cynicism rule us,

but lead us to a deeper steadfastness to overcome evil in our midst.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power

and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

This we believe.

Let your power of love and the glory of justice and peace

be with us all forever and ever. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing, we proclaim the good news that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,

May you be strengthened

And filled with God's grace,

That you may know

The healing power of the Spirit.

At this time, you may make the sign of the cross with oil on your forehead, hand, or foot. Take this time to pray, meditate, listen to God's voice, write or draw your prayers, light a candle, or sit in silence.

Music

"God Will See Us Through"

Music by Emma Ceurvels and words by Bryan Sirchio

In times of brokenness,

In ev'ry wilderness,

God has seen us through.

Times when our strength was gone,

Somehow we carried on,

God has seen us through.

Look behind and see throughout history,

God has never let us down.

Lean ahead and trust God is guiding us,

God is with us here right now.

God will see me through,

God will see you through,

God will see us through somehow.

Step by step we'll be,
Given all we need,
God will see us through this now.

Prayer

Let us pray.

God of mercy, source of all healing,
We give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially for the gift of your Son,
Jesus Christ, the health and salvation of the world.

Help us by your Holy Spirit to feel your power in our lives and to know your eternal love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the God of all consolation bless you in every way
and grant you hope all the days of your life.

May God restore you to health and grant you salvation.

May God fill your heart with peace and lead you to eternal life.

Almighty God bless you, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending

Gathered by Grace.

Sent to Serve.

Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Communion and Visits

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home (indoor or outside), or have the pastor or someone from the congregation come to visit with you, please contact Pastor Andrea Fluegel at 715.479.9263 or at pastor@princeofpeace-er.org to schedule a time.

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, July 14, at 2 p.m.** at Peanut's Ice Cream Shoppe on the corner of 4th and Wall Street across from Nelson's Ace Hardware.

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

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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