



**“Grace-Filled Way - Tossed by Waves”
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021**

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.

“Even when we were dead, Paul writes.
Even when we turned away from the One who had created us.
Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God.
Even when we were oblivious.
Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing
but our own desires.
Even when we wandered far and willfully away.
Even when we forgot to look past our own feet and to see
the wonders not of our making.
Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks,
to lean into the love that had waited long for us.

Even when, Paul writes.
Even when,
even then:
grace.”

A Summer Prayer for Grace

God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth;
**we are creatures who sometimes grow quickly,
and sometimes get stuck.**

God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut;
we are bound in ways we don't always understand or recognize.

God of exodus and exile and homecoming,
God who calls us to leave where we are and come home;
**help us to have the courage to make the journey
and to trust in the path.**

God of health and healing,
God who wants us to be made whole;
**we come as people who are wounded in body and in spirit,
people who seek healing.**

God who has laid out a way for us to live,
who has given us rules for living in community;
**we come as people who sometimes go astray,
people who stretch the rules.**

God of Grace,
we come as people who live through that Grace.
**And so we praise you for the growth,
we rejoice in being set free,
we dance along the path that leads us home,
we give thanks for the healing we have received,
we relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven
and we live as people of Grace. Amen.**

Music *“One Brick at a Time”* - Words and Music by Brian McLaren

We lay one brick at a time.
We take one step at a time.
A revolution of the heart
Building a new world one brick at a time.

We throw one stone in the pond.
Its rings go far beyond
‘til all God’s creatures are circled in
Building a new world one brick at a time.

The old world falls apart
To make way for the new.
Don't be afraid and don't lose heart.
Love is breaking through.

We mix our dreams and our tears
To make the mortar strong.
Binding together earth, sky and song,
Building a new world one brick at a time.

We hear the cries of the earth.
We feel the pain of the poor.
We challenge the systems of greed and war,
Building a new world one brick at a time.

The old world falls apart
To make way for the new.
Don't be afraid and don't lose heart.
Love is breaking through.

What we do might seem small
And we may never know.
The smallest things when done with love
Multiply and grow one brick at a time.

The old world falls apart
To make way for the new.
Don't be afraid and don't lose heart.
Love is breaking through.
Oh, love is breaking through.

We lay one brick at a time.
We take one step at a time.
A revolution of the heart
Building a new world one brick at a time,
One brick at a time.

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

Gentle God, we have traveled through many waters to reach this place, but share one baptism; we arrive from different backgrounds and traditions, yet share one faith; we are, each of us, unique and precious to God, and are members of one Body; we have different dreams and doubts, yet our hearts beat with one hope; we are graced with different gifts, so we may offer them in service to one Lord. God in Community, Holy in One, equip us for the work of ministry, give us courage and boldness to share your love and grace with the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Music **"What?" (Psalm 78:23-29) - Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**

What will satisfy our longing
What will make our hunger rest?
Open the heart
Welcome the wind for
what will fulfill this ache in us

Reading ***Ephesians 4:1-16***

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.⁸ Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Message

Pastor Andrea Fluegel

- Right now, how are you living a grace-filled way of life? List some examples.
- How are you living into the calling or vocation that God has given you through the Holy Spirit?
- What is hindering you from living into your calling? Is it fear, scarcity, uncertainty, busyness, not making Jesus or the gathered people of God a priority?
- What are the next steps God is calling you to take in the next week, month, year?

Music *“Here in This Place” - Christopher Grundy*

HOLY ONE, may your presence here open our minds,
may your Spirit among us help us to find
you are rising up now like a fountain of grace
from the holy ground
here in this place,
here in this place.

Descant:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty
the whole universe speaks of your glory
from the holy ground
here in this place,
here in this place.

Prayers of the People

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too have known Your love, and experienced Your care and provision. You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves. And so we bring the needs of our world before You now. Loving God, in your abundant grace, **hear our prayers.**

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Loving God, in your abundant grace, **hear our prayers.**

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Give aid to those experiencing natural disasters, wildfires, raging storms and waters. Guide us in protecting all of creation that you have entrusted to our care. Loving God, in your abundant grace, **hear our prayers.**

**HOLY ONE, may your presence here open our minds,
may your Spirit among us help us to find
you are rising up now like a fountain of grace
from the holy ground
here in this place,
here in this place.**

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Loving God, in your abundant grace, **hear our prayers.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help. We pray for the many who do not have enough: enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm; enough employment, or money to pay their bills; enough medicine or medical care. We also pray for those who have more than enough, but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life; who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities to dull their pain or loneliness. Loving God, in your abundant grace, **hear our prayers.**

When we have no words to express what is on our hearts and minds, Holy Spirit, intercede for us. Jesus, into your healing hands and mercy, we place before you all the people, places, circumstances, and things of this world that keep us up at night. We now name them silently in our heart and aloud with our voices . . . Loving God, in your abundant grace, **hear our prayers.**

**HOLY ONE, may your presence here open our minds,
may your Spirit among us help us to find
you are rising up now like a fountain of grace
from the holy ground
here in this place,
here in this place.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Loving God, in your abundant grace, **hear our prayers.**

You provide food that endures for eternal life. God, Your grace reaches out to all of us. You call us to live as citizens of heaven, working together with one heart and mind. Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have received, offering our lives in service of Your kingdom, where the last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all. Loving God, in your abundant grace, **hear our prayers.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 "Broken Body of Christ" - The Many

We are the wand'ring
We are the seeking
We are the ones left out to dry
We are the bleeding
Our hearts are weeping
We are the broken body of Christ.

Chorus:

And when we eat, we are fed
The love that God has given
And when we drink
We take it in
This love, this earthly heaven.

We are the thirsty
Looking for mercy
We have all been kicked aside
We are the stumbling
Our hands are fumbling
We are the broken body of Christ.

Chorus

Bridge:

We are loved just as we are
Taste and see, loved as we are
Beautifully different,
Loved as we are,
just as we are.

Chorus

We are the wandering
We are the seeking
We are the broken body of Christ.

Blessing

God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth:
**we go, to reflect the presence of our Creator
to everyone we meet.**

Jesus, who has redeemed you,
has established the reign of God in our midst:
we go, to bring healing to the broken of the world.

The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people,
goes with you to many places:
**we go, to tear down the walls that divide us,
and to build lives of hope for all of God's children.**

And now, may the peace of the rolling waves,
the peace of the silent mountains,
the peace of the singing stars,
and the deep, deep peace of the Prince of Peace,
be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Hemauer Memorial Service

A memorial service for Donna Hemauer will be held at Prince of Peace on **Saturday, August 14, 2021**. Visitation will be at 1 p.m., and the memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m.

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, August 18, at 2 p.m.** at Prince of Peace. We will meet outside, weather permitting.

Marywood Book Study - *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown

This book study ([via Zoom](#)) will be facilitated by Pastor Andrea Fluegel of Prince of Peace and Pastor Grant Van Lishout of Marywood and will be held Sunday afternoons, **October 3 through 31, from 2 to 3:15 p.m.**

This study will actually change your outlook on life. Brown explores the psychology of releasing our definitions of an “imperfect” life and embracing living authentically. What transforms this book from words on a page to effective daily practices are the ten guideposts to wholehearted living. They not only help us understand the practices that will allow us to change our lives, they also walk us through the unattainable expectations that get in the way. Suggested offering: \$50 for five sessions. You will need to purchase your own book, currently \$6.96 on Amazon. Register through Marywood by Noon Monday, September 30.

Upcoming NGL Synod - Lifelong Faith Formation

The Fall semester of Lifelong Faith Formation will be starting soon. Here is a preview of the upcoming schedule:

- ***Holy Communion Post-Pandemic: What, When, Where, Who, and Why***
- ***Walking Together: Companionship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania***
- ***Biblical Greek or Hebrew***
- ***The Book of Ezekiel***
- ***An Introduction to Family Systems Thinking (one session)***
- ***Book study of Friedman's Fables***
- ***An ongoing Bible study***

Please contact Deacon Lori Ward to receive the class schedule as soon as it is announced or if you have any questions (lori.ward@nglsynod.org or 615-519-1969).

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) will once again present the Living Well workshop starting on **Wednesday, September 1**, and running through **Wednesday, October 6**. Class is from **9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon** and is an [online virtual workshop](#). Living well is focused on teaching you the skills to better manage your health and well-being. Suggested donation is \$20 and includes the Healthy Living book. Please call the ADRC at 715-479-3625 to register.

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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