



**“The End of All Things – The Lamb is Slain”**  
**15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 5, 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.

**Blessing That Undoes Us - by Jan Richardson**

On the day you are wearing your certainty  
like a cloak  
and your sureness goes before you  
like a shield or like a sword,  
may the sound of God's name  
spill from your lips  
as you have never heard it before.

May your knowing be undone.  
May your mystery confound your understanding.

May the Divine rain down  
in strange syllables yet with  
an ancient familiarity,  
a knowing borne  
in the blood,  
the ear,  
the tongue,  
bringing clarity that comes  
not in stone  
or in steel  
but in fire, in flame.

May there come  
one searing word--  
enough to bare you to the bone,  
enough to set your heart ablaze,  
enough to make you whole again.

**Opening Litany**

Grace and peace to you from the One who is,  
    who always was,  
    and who is still to come—  
the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end.

This is our God—  
**the One who loves us, and who gave himself for us;**  
    **who gathers us together in this place,**  
    **and bids us seek his face.**  
**Let's worship God together!**

**Music**    *“What Kind of Throne”* - words and music by Joel Payne

What kind of throne is a manger of hay,  
no majesty shown there, no dignity claimed,  
for one who deserves to be  
crowned and enthroned on our praise?  
What kind of king is so modestly born,  
when glory unmeasured is humble and small?  
This is the hope of the world  
and the true light of all.

*So I'll bow down to worship the humblest of kings  
and I'll bring him the best that I have;  
I'll say that I love him, and that I am his,  
and I'll give him the throne of my heart,  
I'll give him the throne of my heart.*

What kind of Saviour makes weakness his strength,  
in frailty depending on those he would save,  
and veiling the power  
that always belonged to his name?  
What kind of child causes heaven to sing,  
with angels proclaiming the hope that he brings?  
This is the glory of God,  
this is Jesus, the King.

**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**

Merciful God, we say that we want you to come and be among us. And yet we acknowledge that you already are among us, fully and completely at all times. We say that we want Jesus to return and we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." And yet, we confess our fears and uncertainty about the return of Christ and what it will mean for us and for the world. Jesus prayed that we might be one with you and with each other. And yet, so often, if we are honest, we wish to remain separate from you, maintaining our independence and control. We resist the burden of being unified with those around us, especially when those around us want different things than we do or pull us in directions we do not wish to go. Soften our resistance, gracious Lord, and draw us into an authentic relationship with you and true community with one another. We pray this in the name of your Son, who prayed and still prays for us. **Amen.**

**Music**            **"Every Nation" by Adam Howard**

Every nation will sing your praise,  
all creation will call your name;  
hosts of heaven join the song.  
You are seated on the throne,  
where lightning cracks and thunder rolls;  
mighty God, we lift our praise.

*Hallelujah, forever you will be  
lifted high above all other things.  
Glorious Saviour, lord of lords, king of kings,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Every tear will be wiped away,  
no more mourning death or pain,  
the former things will pass away.  
You are making all things new,  
you are trustworthy and true;  
mighty God, we lift our praise.  
And when all is said and done,  
when your kingdom's reign has come,  
and every knee is bowed to you,  
in your city, God, you'll shine  
with grace and mercy, love divine;  
mighty God, we lift our praise.

**Reading**    **Revelation 5:1-14**

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup> and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup> And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

<sup>9</sup> They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

<sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living  
creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,  
<sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and  
all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Message**

***Pastor Andrea Fluegel***

**Music**      ***“By the Stream”*** - Christopher Grundy

**Blessed are those who trust in God.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water,  
Planted by the water  
and sending out its roots by the stream.**

**Prayers of the People**

From our homes and our assemblies, indoors and outside, we join together in prayer,  
responding to each petition with words, “We put our trust in you.”

Jesus, Lamb of God, Savior of the nations, together across the world we pray:

For the church around the world,

Bring your people together in worship, both online and in-person across the nation and world,  
Guide all disciples and apostles, preachers and prophets, and missionaries and relief workers  
who seek to share your love through word and deed,

Shepherd us in our gratitude and praise for the crucified and risen Savior, help us to keep our  
focus and priority on the one who names and claims us children of God,

Help all those that seek love and belonging, come to know your grace and their worth in you,  
Jesus,

*A brief silence for individual petitions and prayers.*

O supreme Savior, receive our prayer:

**We put our trust in you.**

For the earth that you created,  
For the restoration of the areas devastated by wildfires, earthquakes and flooding waters,  
especially those in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida,  
Bless those who work in the fields, and send the gift of rain to those experiencing drought or  
high temperatures,  
Help us to ensure that all people share the fruits of the earth,  
Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made,

*A brief silence for individual petitions and prayers.*

O majestic Maker, receive our prayer:

**We put our trust in you.**

For the nations of the world,  
For the people of Afghanistan and Haiti,  
Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common  
world,  
We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at  
home and abroad,  
Unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all,

*A brief silence for individual petitions and prayers.*

O peaceful Protector, receive our prayer:

**We put our trust in you.**

**Blessed are those who trust in God.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water,  
Planted by the water  
and sending out its roots by the stream.**

For teachers, coaches, school administrators, custodians, and those in the lunchroom, guide  
them in their care and mentorship of students as they learn and grow,  
For all students, regardless of age, help them to be curious learners, always asking questions  
and seeking your calling in their lives,  
And we pray for your guidance in our care for one another,

*A brief silence for individual petitions and prayers.*

O gracious Guardian, receive our prayer:

**We put our trust in you.**

For those who are in need,  
For those seeking shelter, sustain them through uncertain and unstable times,  
For those who labor outside, protect them from the harsh weather,  
For those who labor inside, help them to move their bodies and exercise their minds,  
For those newly retired, shepherd them into the new calling you have for them,  
For those contracting the coronavirus, especially the children,  
For those who this week will receive a disturbing diagnosis,  
And for those whom we name here before you, . . .

*A brief silence for individual petitions and prayers.*

O holy Healer, receive our prayer:

**We put our trust in you.**

**Blessed are those who trust in God.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water,  
Planted by the water  
and sending out its roots by the stream.**

For each one of us,  
For our households,  
Give us grace to set a good example to all among whom we live,  
O faithful Friend, receive our prayer:

**We put our trust in you.**

In thanksgiving for all who have died in the faith,  
In gladness for the life of our loved ones,  
And in hope for your mercy at the end of time,

*A brief silence for individual petitions and prayers.*

O ceaseless Comforter, receive our prayer:

**We put our trust in you.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and 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 "High in the Heavens" - words and music by Judy Gresham**

High in the heavens, exalted,  
name above all other names,  
Lord over all of creation,  
worthy of power and praise.  
Blessing and honour and glory  
are his eternal reward;  
let every knee bow before him  
and every tongue say he is Lord.

*Jesus, you are exalted and glorified.*

*Jesus, name above all names, we'll lift you high.*

Clothed in the splendour of heaven,  
Jesus, eternally God,  
emptied yourself, came as nothing,  
choosing the road to the cross.  
Lord, you were found in our likeness,  
shedding your glory to serve;  
humble, not claiming advantage,  
you laid down your life for the world.  
Let us be found in your likeness,  
learning to serve as you served,  
filled with your Spirit, your fullness,  
the fragrance of grace on the earth.  
You love the heart that is humble,  
you desire worship that's true;  
voices that sing for your glory  
and lives that bring honour to you.

*Saviour, all of creation will bow in awe.  
Jesus, from every nation we'll call you Lord,  
to the glory of God. (repeat)*

**Blessing** (from Revelation 1:4-8)

As you go from here,  
may you experience God's hope and love,  
and rest in the peace that comes  
from the ✠ One who is,  
    who was,  
    and who is yet to come;  
To him be glory and power,  
forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Sending**

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Memorial Services at Prince of Peace:

#### **Roger Kliner**

Tuesday – September 7, 2021

Visitation at 10 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Jim Van Haverbeke**

Saturday – September 18, 2021

Visitation at 10 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

### **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.

### **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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