



“Returning to the Promise: Promise of Reversal”  
Reformation Sunday  
October 25, 2020

**WELCOME**

*Thank you for worshipping with us 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/podcasts/>. DVD's of the previous Sunday's worship are available by contacting the church office at 715-479-9263.*

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

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**THRESHOLD MOMENT AND SILENT CENTERING**

*(underscore music: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” by Martin Luther)*

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit  
whose light brought new understanding  
of both the Living Word and the written Scripture.

**We give thanks**

**for the reminder of consistent grace and mercy  
from God through Jesus Christ.**

We are grateful for the inspiration  
that lead to the printing press,  
enabling the spread of information  
and the sharing of the gospel in many languages.

**We thank God for the technologies  
that can be used for good  
for the support of communities and individuals.**

Generous God,  
we thank you for open hearts  
that were prepared to hear and receive the good news  
of freedom in Christ.

**We also thank you for our continued freedom in the Son  
to share that same news of salvation  
through your grace and Christ's faithfulness.**

We remember the lives that were lost  
in the struggle to reform the church on earth –  
those who were martyred,  
those who died fighting,  
those who perished in hiding,  
and who were killed on all sides.

**We remember also the lives that have been lost  
throughout history in the name of religion  
and for those who die today for daring to believe.**

We thank you for the instruction that comes  
through our church heritage –  
the catechisms,  
the understanding of the saints,  
the gift of community,  
and a deeper appreciation of God's gift of Holy Communion  
and Holy Baptism.

**We thank you for the presence of Jesus Christ –  
in us, with us, and for us –  
and for the support of the Holy Spirit, ever-reforming us.**

God of stability and change,  
we thank you that true reformation is always your work  
and always being done in us  
out of your love for your whole creation.

We are ever reformed by the work of your love.  
**We are ever reformed by the work of God's love.**

## MUSIC

### **“Gathering Hymn” By Ken Medema (to the tune of “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing)**

Out of need and out of custom  
We have gathered here again.  
To the gathering we are bringing  
Love and laughter, grief and pain.

Some believing, some rejoicing,  
Some of faith and some in doubt.  
Come we now, our questions voicing  
We will search these matters out.

Come we now, our masks displaying,  
Fearing that we shall be known.  
Foolish games forever playing,  
Feeling mean while so alone.

Let pretension’s power be broken,  
To be human let us dare.  
Let the truth in love be spoken  
As we now the questing share.

We have heard the glowing stories  
Of the things which God has done.  
Of God’s grace and of God’s glory,  
And of Christ, the Holy One.

God of human transformation  
For your presence now we pray.  
Lead us ever on the journey  
As we gather here today.

### **OPENING LITANY/PRAYER** *(inspired by Psalm 46:1)*

God you are our safe place to hide.  
You are our mighty fortress.  
You are our ever present help in time of need.  
We can and do turn to you in the midst of our troubles.  
And Lord our world is full of difficulties.  
Lord we may feel afraid, but it does not overcome us  
Because we know we can put our trust in you.

Your love and grace are like streams of water in the desert.  
Your joy comes splashing down upon us.  
You refresh and renew us like rain coming down on the earth.  
Bring your water of life to those who are thirsty  
and living in a dry and weary land.

Where there are wars, bring your peace.  
Where there is starvation, fill the empty bellies.  
Where there is despair, bring your hope.  
Where there is animosity, bring your reconciliation.

Where there is abuse, bring your tender mercies,  
Where there is poverty, bring your charity.  
Where there is illness, bring your healing.  
Where there is grief, bring your gentleness.  
Where there is injustice, bring your justice.

Lord you are mighty fortress, our strong deliverer.  
In you we put our trust and release ourselves into your hands.

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**        *1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10*

<sup>1:9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

<sup>2:1</sup>Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. <sup>2</sup>"There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. <sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. <sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. <sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. <sup>6</sup>The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. <sup>7</sup>The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. <sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. <sup>9</sup>"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. <sup>10</sup>The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

**PSALM      “Like A Tree (Psalm 1)” by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**

*Refrain:*

Like a tree by the flowing water, growing deeper, stretching high  
Like a tree by the flowing water, connected to the source of life

*Verse 1:*

Blessed, blessed are we to abide in God’s Word  
Nourished through every season; blessed are we

*Verse 2:*

Planted, planted by grace, we are rooted in God’s design  
Freely, freely abiding, planted by grace

*Verse 3:*

Trusting, trusting our lives to the holy way of God  
We will, we will surrender, trusting our lives

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

*Pastor Andrea Fluegel*

**VISIO DIVINA      “What Can I Do?” by Barb Zima**

What can I do?  
Oh, Lord, what can I do?  
I feel so helpless  
So many angry voices  
So much hate

I am but one soft voice  
How can I make a difference?  
How can I share love?  
How can I spread joy?

Fill my mouth with your words  
Give me courage to speak  
Give me strength to serve  
Give me opportunities to share

Walk beside me, Oh Lord,  
Hold my hand and never let go

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MUSIC              “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**

Confident in the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God,  
let us pray for the world, the body of Christ,  
and all who yearn for wholeness of life.

Liberate us from our bondage to sin, God of freedom,  
that your church would continually be reshaped and reformed  
by the fire of the Holy Spirit.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show your righteousness, God of justice,  
that all who are oppressed and marginalized,  
forgotten, and cast aside  
would be given voice by elected leaders and compassionate citizens.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make wars to cease in all the world, God of peace,  
that all strife, violence, and bloodshed give way  
to reconciliation, compassion, and new life.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Take us by our hand, God of companionship,  
when we are paralyzed by our fears  
and unable to step out in boldness.  
Give us courage to walk confidently with you.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give your stillness, God of calm,  
to all who are facing illness, surgery,  
or any uncertainty of health.  
May they know that their times are in your ever-healing hands.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up to you all the people, places, and circumstances that are on our hearts and minds,  
especially for those dealing with wildfires in Colorado, and all of our healthcare workers across  
this state and nation.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Write your law of love on our hearts, God of all,  
that we, like our forebears in faith,  
would be unswerving in our witness to your grace  
that is ours through the gift of faith.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen to us when we call upon you, most merciful God,  
and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world  
to your unfailing love,  
through 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.**

**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      “Only Grace” By The Many**

Things are broken here; things are shared.  
Things are carried here, hearts bow in prayer.

*Chorus:*

It is grace, only grace  
That brings us here,  
Holds us together here.  
It is grace, only grace  
That brings us here,  
Hold us all together here,  
All together here.

Things are dying here; things are torn.  
Things are growing here and burdens borne.

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

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

*Chorus*

## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,  
Thanks be to God!

For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
Thanks be to God!

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,  
Thanks be to God!

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you and on your way together,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered by grace.  
**Sent to serve.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

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## Announcements

### \* **Returning to Phase 1**

The Prince of Peace Council has decided to return back to Phase 1 due to the rising number of positive COVID-19 cases and deaths in Vilas and Oneida Counties as well as the number of students being quarantined due to close contact with a positive case in the Northland Pines School District. This means that we are suspending the limited communion worship for the meantime and reducing the number of volunteers for the Backpack Program and for other essential functions of the church. The Church Council continues to reassess what is happening in our local community on a frequent basis. The Oneida and Vilas Health Departments are strongly encouraging people to limit contact with people outside their immediate household, wear face masks/coverings, wash hands, and keep at least 6 feet (or more) from others if you need to go outside of your household unit.

### \* **A Note from our Treasurer, Gary Ebert**

We currently have \$3,421.52 in our designated Mortgage Retirement Fund. Since our mortgage has been paid off, Council has decided to move this money into our **Capital Improvement Fund**. If you have recently contributed to Mortgage Retirement and do not want your contribution moved to Capital Improvement, please let the church office know by October 31, 2020. Otherwise all the above money will be moved as indicated in early November of 2020.

\* It's time again to help the Vilas Food Pantry fill **Thanksgiving Dinner Bags** for the families who come to the pantry. However, due to the pandemic, the pantry has had to make some changes for distributing food. This year, they are asking for monetary donations instead of filling a bag and bringing it to the church building. The pantry will then purchase all the food for the bags so less hands are handling the food items. The total items for each bag costs about \$20, give or take, whether items are on sale or depending on where you shop. Please consider helping them out so they can provide for the growing number of families and individuals they are serving. Checks can be made out to the **Vilas Food Pantry**. **They will collect monetary donations until November 6, 2020**. Please mail checks to Vilas Food Pantry, P.O. Box 761, Eagle River, WI, 54521

\* Snow shoveling is **still needed** this winter even though there is no public worship. Please call 715-479-9263 to sign up or go to our website <https://princeofpeace-er.org/signups/>. Thank you!

### \* **All Saints Day**

All Saints Day is **Sunday, November 1**. During this worship service, we remember and give thanks for those who have died this past year. You are encouraged to light a candle in remembrance of your loved ones as well as in memory of *Donna Hemauer, Joyce Haugen, Helen Jaworski, and Jim Van Haverbeke*. You are also encouraged to ring a bell (maybe on your front porch) at 12 Noon. We will be joining with all denominations across the country in bell ringing. Worship for that day will continue to be online, through the US Mail, and by DVD.

### \* **Election Day Prayer Service**

Beginning on **Monday afternoon, November 2**, there will be an Election Day Prayer Service on the Prince of Peace YouTube channel and website. This prayer service will include prayer, scripture, and music to help us reflect, listen to God's voice, and pray for unity and healing for our nation.

\* 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.

### **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.

### **A Special Note from Your Church Council**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The congregational Church Council would like to acknowledge Pastor Andrea this October during ***Pastor Appreciation Month***. Pastor Andrea has worked tirelessly to keep us all connected and spiritually fed during these long months of physical separation due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. Pastor has continued to not only meet our spiritual needs but also the needs of many in our community. These have been trying times for everyone, and we are truly blessed to have Pastor Andrea and her family *who care about each and everyone of us*. ***Thank you--and God bless you-- Pastor Andrea and family*** as we continue to support each other now and always.

~ *Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Council*

\* 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.***

### **CURRENT PHASE: 1**

- Fully digital worship and fellowship
- Critical staff and volunteers by invitation-only access to building
- All in-person activities suspended and moved to digital format where possible
- Visitors must wear a facemask and may not enter the building



### **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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