



“Returning to the Promise: Promise of Life”
All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2020

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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ORDER OF SERVICE *The assembly speaks the bold verses*

THRESHOLD MOMENT AND SILENT CENTERING

Holy One
of days and nights,
of sinners and saints,
of right and left
and everything between and beyond,
We are grateful for all Your presence
that abides in every corner of our living.

You lurk quietly in the loneliest places in our hearts,
keeping watch.
You grieve with us in our devastations,
our losses, our fears.
You journey with us in our celebrations, our defeats,
and even in the monotony of our days.
You delight in us, and love us.

May we live in that love and delight,
knowing that as we sink into You we might become more like You,
wanting life and grace for this world
and all peoples and creatures that live upon it.

We pray for this world,
for the places and precious people
who are striving to recover from hurricanes
and floods and raging fires.

We pray for peace among nations,
and make us instruments of that peace.

We pray for our children and our youth
that they may be surrounded by protection,
and also be challenged to be all of who they have been created to be.

We give you thanks,
for all of the saints in our lives,
those who are living and those of blessed memory.

We pray this prayer for Love's sake,
Amen.

MUSIC **"Hope Is" By Ken Medema**

Verse 1:

When you're far away from the ones you love, do you sometimes feel the hunger?
In the winter cold and the endless snow, do you long for Spring to come?
When the walls you face seem too high to climb, can you face them still with courage?
When the ones you love suffer far away do you long to bring them home?

Chorus:

Hope is the longing,
Hope is the yearning
Hope looks at winter snow and sees the coming spring
Hope runs to rescue when home is burning
Hope is the song of joy you dare to stand and sing

Verse 2:

When your life is far from the one you dreamed and you can't break chains that bind you,
When the ones you need standing by your side seem a million miles away,
Will you stand and sing in the darkest night, leaving fear and dread behind you?
Will you trust in God till you see the dawn of your liberation day?

Chorus

Bridge:

It's a light that shines in the darkest night.

It's a cooling breeze on the hottest day.

It's a stream that flows in the desert sand.

It's the morning sun.

It's a child at play. *Chorus*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in Baptism and emerging as a new creation, raised with Christ in a resurrection like his, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for individual reflection and confession.

Faithful Lord,

In the busyness of our daily lives,

we forget to remember your goodness.

We forget to give thanks for your many blessings.

We fail to greet one another with words and expressions
of peace, love, and thanks.

We forget to remember the ones who have passed before us, recalling and retelling the stories of
their lives.

Forgive us and help us to remember the saints

and receive the gifts of their goodness, and

help us to be thankful for the living saints around us.

Be with us as we take time to rejoice

with believers everywhere

in the world and through all of time.

Amen.

God grants forgiveness of sins, strength in weakness,

comfort in grief, and the promise of eternal salvation.

Because of the love of our gracious Lord,

in the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE *1 Kings 17:1-24*

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." ²The word of the Lord came to him, saying, ³"Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." ⁵So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. ⁷But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land. ⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said,

"Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. ¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

PSALM ***"Send Out Your Light" (Psalm 43) by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan***

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Pastor Andrea Fluegel

VISIO DIVINA ***"God is Near" by Barb Zima***

Well, here we are, God, separated from each other
A global pandemic has swept across our world
It has brought loneliness, and grief
We grieve for countless lives lost
We grieve for what used to be
We are alone, so distanced from loved ones
Will we ever see and embrace them again?
Will we ever gather and laugh and sing and feel joy?
We are so far away from each other
But you, Oh Lord are near
We see you in the beauty of your creation
We see you in neighbor helping neighbor
We see you in nurses and doctors
We see you in teachers and parents
We see you in the innocence of children
Your presence fills the emptiness of our lives
Your presence gives us strength
Your presence gives us hope
Your presence embraces us in love
Your presence never leaves us alone
Your presence is in the dawn of each new day

CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

During this time, you are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one from your circle of friends or family. You are invited to pray, sing, or hold a moment of silence as you light your candle(s).

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR

Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change,
we thank you for the gift of life eternal,
and for all those who, having served you well,
now rest from their labors.

We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten,
for those dear souls most precious to us.
Today we give thanks for those who during the last twelve months
have died and entered into glory.

Donna

Joyce

Jim

Helen

We bless you for their life and love,
and rejoice for them “all is well,
and all manner of things will be well.”

God of Jesus and our God,
mindful of all those choice souls who have gone on ahead of us,
teach us, and each twenty-first century disciple of every race and place,
to follow their example to the best of our ability:

to feed the poor in body or spirit,
to support and comfort the mourners and the repentant,
to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises,
to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
to cherish and learn from the merciful,
to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.

Let us clearly recognize what it means
to be called the children of God,
and to know we are to be your saints
neither by our own inclination nor
in our own strength
but simply by the call
and the healing holiness
of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen!

MUSIC “Lament” by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

She is weeping, Rachel’s weeping for her children
She refuses, she refuses to be comforted
She is weeping, Rachel’s weeping for her children
because they are no more

We remember, we remember all that we have lost
By the waters, by the waters of that Babylon
We remember, we remember all that we have lost
There we sat down and wept

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of the prophets,
God of Christ:
we are reminded today
that your blessings do not necessarily follow the logic of the world.

The world believes that the rich are blessed,
but Jesus reminds us that it is the poor who are blessed,
the poor in spirit
and the materially poor as well.
We pray for a more just world
in which all have enough and none are left behind.

Though we fear death and avoid its inevitable arrival,
Jesus tells us that those who mourn are blessed.
Help us to experience the truth of this mystery;
bring healing and wholeness to those who are sick;
and comfort those of us who have lost loved ones.

While people covet power,
Jesus blesses the meek;
instruct us, O God, in the ways of humility;
help us to stand in solidarity with the oppressed and marginalized;
show us your presence in the faces of those the world forgets.

Give us a hunger and thirst for righteousness;
fill our hearts with love, overflowing with mercy;
make our hearts pure, and give us a vision of your glory.

In a society divided by race, gender, class, ideology, sexual orientation,
and so many other labels we alone have created,
remind us that we are created in your image,
each of us a beautiful reflection of you,
each of us your beloved child.
Help us then to end our conflicts and wars,
help us to be peacemakers and agents of reconciliation.

Gracious God,
you have so richly blessed us with life,
with love and joy,
with hope in the midst of despair.
Help us to be the salt of the earth.
Help us to be the light of the world,
sharing with others that which we have received,

boldly proclaiming the good news of your love,
finding the seeds of your kingdom within us
and letting your way grow in our lives and throughout the world.

Give us eyes to see the ways you are changing the world in which we live.
Give us ears to hear your call to join with you in the great transformation.

Hear us now, O God,
as we pray for the coming of your kingdom,
following Christ as he taught us to pray:

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

O my God, how? O my God, how is it possible
All day long, we, all day long we face a brutal world.
O my God, how? O my God, how is it possible?
Why do you hide your face?

What have we done? What have we done to our siblings
Hear their blood cry, hear their blood cry from the blessed earth
What have we done? What have we done to our siblings?
O God, have mercy on us

MUSIC ***“Even Death Now”* By Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**
(based on a poem by Hafiz and Romans 6:3-5)

Even death now
will have no power
to quiet your name
from beating wildly in our hearts.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING

God's people have celebrated all that God has done,
from creation, to the cross,
to the saints who have lived among us.
Now we go from this place to the work place,
the home place,
the market place;
every place living as God's own people.
And may the love of God
Fill you with peace, love and hope.
✠ one God, with you then, with you now, with you forever.
Amen.

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

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Announcements

* Return 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.

* 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!

* 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.

* 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. 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. Share it with family and friends on email and through Facebook and other social media.

* 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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