



“Promises Unfold: Promises for All”
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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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.

What do you see as worship? Are there symbols like a cross, chalice, or pitcher that help you feel more connected to a worship space? Candles? Are there objects that are connected with

faith communities or people who have nurtured you: a Bible received at confirmation, a rock you've carried since a conference or Lenten worship, a gift from a mentor?

What sounds help you focus and reset? What sounds put you in a posture for worship? Sounds of nature might bring you a feeling of peace. Or, perhaps sitting in silence, noticing the sounds of the world around you in a meditative way might be a way in to contemplation.

Threshold Moment and Silent Centering

Merciful God,

We thank you for gathering us together virtually.

Be with those who could not join us today

Hold all in your care.

Help us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Clear out the worries, troubles, and idols of this world so there is only room for you.

Open our ears and minds so we may hear your word and know the truth you offer.

Open our eyes so that we may recognize you in those we see.

Open our mouths so we may sing your praise and speak of your love.

Open our hearts so you may dwell in us always.

We ask all these things in your Son's name. **Amen.**

Music ***"O Great Lover Who Pursues Us"* by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**
(to the tune of: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - ELW 631)

O Great Lover who pursues us, come delight to stir our hearts
Call us back with full devotion Kindle now your fire in us
Let us scent you, taste your sweetness Carry us away to thrive
Let us love you ever deeper Let us hasten to your side

Bounding o'er the hills you beckon, "Rise, my love and come away".
Winter's past and Spring is blooming Now has come the time to sing
Wake the winds upon this garden Waft the fragrance all around
We with joy to you belonging dance within your perfect love

Who is like our great Beloved now appearing as the dawn?
All of heav'n in grand procession praise Love's beauty bright as the sun
Set us as a seal upon you Troubled hearts will find their rest
Yours is love to stand harsh waters, love that lives as strong as death

Confession (based on Isaiah 2:1-5)

God of Hope,

you call us to be practitioners of prophetic imagination,
people who aren't scared to dream about a better future
and to take concrete steps to bring it to fruition.

But, too often, we settle for far less than you intend:

 for what is easy,

 for what is convenient,

 for what is better for a few instead of all.

Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of moral imagination.
Help us dream of your promised day,
when we shall beat our weapons into gardening tools,
unlearn the ways of war,
and plant seeds of peace in places ridden with violence.
In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*based on Lamentations 3:22*)

God's creation knows no ending,
God's mercies are from everlasting to everlasting.
In the name of the Resurrected Christ, I announce to you:
our sins are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

Scripture *Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-11*

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²"Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." ³But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. ⁴But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. ⁶The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish." ⁷The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹"I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. ¹¹Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." ¹³Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. ¹⁷But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

^{3:1}The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they

proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish." ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Psalm ***"Come Quickly to Help Us" (Psalm 70) by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan***

Come quickly to help us; we look to you
Have mercy upon us
Come quickly to help us, Faithful and True
We trust in your love

O Holy One, hear our prayer

Receive our prayer
Amen

Sermon

Pastor Andrea Fluegel

Visio Divina ***“The Way”* by Barb Zima**

Show me the way, Oh Lord
The path ahead is filled with doubt and despair
I stumble along my way seeking the light
I reach out to grasp your hand
When I lose my way, Oh Lord,
I look to you for direction
I look to you for guidance
I look to you for strength
I look to you for hope
Keep me on the path of love
Lead me to walk with compassion
The path may be difficult and treacherous
May the light of your love illuminate each step
The light of your love shows me the way
You, Oh Lord, are the way
You, Oh Lord, are the truth
You, Oh Lord, are the light.

Music ***“Love for Enemies” (Luke 6:27-38)* by Paul Demer**

Verse 1:

Your rain falls on the wicked ones
And those seek your way
Your kindness waters all of us
Who grow beneath your grace

Verse 2:

You lend without a hope of gain
And give to all who ask
Your love is not a scarcity
Your mercy holds us fast

Chorus:

You reached across the great divide
In drawing near to us
Teach us to cross our battle lines
And face our foes with love

Verse 3:

To love the ones who loved us first
Is fine and commonplace
But love that asks for nothing back
Reflects the Father’s face

Verse 4:

Then let us to practice charity
And lay our judgement down
Till enemies are understood
And empathy is found

Chorus

Verse 5:

You found us when we lost our way
Recalled when we forgot
When we were foes you sent your Son
To be all that we're not

Prayers of the People

(Music from "Leaning In: A Prayer of Intention" by 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**

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

We come to you on a day that should feel like a beginning, or an end, but is really one deeply important day in a long, hard season. Our anxiety has been high for weeks, months, even years. We look to this day for answers, for a sense of what the next four years will look like. We look for relief and know it probably will not come.

**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**

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

How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever? Yet you reach out to us with a gentle reminder of who you are. You pull us out of paralyzing fear, out of an endless wheel of anger, out of ourselves breathing hope and life into our war-torn souls. Even in this time of uncertainty, you speak that you are still God and we are still your beloved. So we pause, we breathe, and we pray. We seek a deep peace. We seek a peace that goes beyond the lack of violence, but one that is borne out of mutual love and respect for all. For this country, this exhausted and fragile country, this wondrous and beautiful country, show us how we each can become healers,

repairers, peacemakers. For it is only together that we can be the change that is so desperately needed. Even as we pray for the larger structures of society, we remember the people, the ones you so lovingly and hopefully created.

**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**

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

More than anything, keep us moving forward. Tear down the idols we are so fond of trusting. Salvation comes from you alone, so work through us to bring about your kin-dom. Compel us to action, to keep going on, to continue to work toward the wholeness and thriving of all people. Help us shed the privileges that keep us comfortable while others are in danger, as you invite us to join you in serving those the world despises. Make us so vibrantly and viscerally aware of you, your goodness, your grace, your love, and your passion for our lives, that we have no choice but to follow you, our guide while troubles last, and our eternal home.

**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.**

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 “This Creative Love” – Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

This creative love is in us, in us
This creative love is in all of us, in all of us
so we give ourselves to one another
and we give our very best to this creative love
This creative love

This unfailing love is for us, for us
This unfailing love is for all of us, for all of us
so we give ourselves to one another
and we give our very best to this unfailing love
This unfailing love

This expansive love is with us, with us
This expansive love is with all of us, with all of us
so we give ourselves to one another
and we give our very best to this expansive love
This expansive love

Benediction and Sending (*based on Galatians 5:22-26*)

Brothers and Sisters,
We’ve worshipped in this place and in this way.
It’s now time to worship God in the world.
Pick up love for those we’ve lost.
Pick up justice, kindness, and humility.
Pick up love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Let us take Christ’s yoke upon us.
It fits easy.
It is gentle and light for the long haul.
Let us walk together, with heads up and side by side,
Looking, only to Our Divine Creation, but looking ahead to one another.

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.

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Sent to Serve.

Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

* Northland Pines to Hold Virtual Veterans Day Program & Drive-Up Treats

Sadly, due to COVID-19 and the safety concerns for some of our most vulnerable community members, a 2020 in-person Veterans Day Ceremony will not be held. Instead, Veterans will be honored with a virtual program that they can watch again and again and share with their family and friends.

The virtual program will premiere on the Northland Pines School District's YouTube channel (youtube.com/npsdk12) and Facebook page (facebook.com/northlandpinet) on Veteran's Day, **Wednesday, November 11, at 7 a.m.** and will stay in both locations so it can be accessed in the future.

Treats will also be handed out in appreciation of our veterans on **Wednesday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** They will be made by A'viands Food Service, individually packaged, and ready for pick up at these three school locations:

- **Northland Pines Middle & High School** (back parking lot) - 1800 Pleasure Island Road in Eagle River
- **Land O'Lakes Elementary School** (front of school) - 6485 Town Hall Road in Land O' Lakes
- **St. Germain Elementary School** (front of school) - 8234 State Highway 70 in St. Germain

The features of the virtual program will be very similar to the in-person ceremonies held in the past:

- Speeches from local Veterans
- Students thanking Veterans
- Music students performing
- Students reading their award-winning essays
- Frisk Miller singing her special Veteran tribute

* 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!

* Please check out and subscribe to the Prince of Peace Lutheran YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX-J0LsbtcqzMljC959hj7Q>). 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.

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- 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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