

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

“Gathered by Grace - Sent to Serve”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### June 14, 2020

#### **WELCOME**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

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

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#### **WELCOME**

This is God’s house, and so as we gather for worship  
I greet you on behalf of the master of this house, its builder;  
and the master of this house, its heir;  
and the master of this house, the Spirit that fills it and warms its chambers.  
In this house there are many rooms so that you –  
whether you’re standing on the porch this morning, looking in,  
or standing in the kitchen, getting ready to bring bread and wine to the table –  
might find a place you can call home.  
Let the people say Amen!  
**Amen!**

#### **LIGHTING OUR CANDLES**

Remembering that Jesus Christ is always present with us through the Holy Spirit, we light our candles.

*Silence for Individual Prayer and Reflection*

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
for you are the wellspring of life,  
you are the author of salvation,  
you are the giver of every good and perfect gift.

To this day,  
**you shower your people with life.**

In the beginning your spirit hovered over the misty waters of creation,  
and by your word you formed life and splendor.

Through the waters of the flood you renewed the face of the earth.  
On Noah's ark, you sheltered the human family  
along with living creatures of earth, sea, and sky.  
We name some before you now.

To this day,  
**you shower your people with life.**

In the wilderness Hagar and Ishmael discovered your well of water,  
and after leading your people Israel out of bondage and through the sea,  
you nourished them with water from the rock.  
We name our sources of water before you now.

To this day,  
**you shower your people with life.**

At the river Jordan  
your people crossed into the land flowing with milk and honey,  
Naaman washed away his leprosy,  
and the valley of dry bones grew moist with breath.  
We name our dead loved ones who live before you now.

To this day,  
**you shower your people with life.**

At the wedding feast, guests celebrated with water turned into wine.  
At the well, living water satisfied the thirst of the Samaritan woman.  
At your seat of mercy, you bring forth a river bright as crystal,  
with a tree of life for the healing of the nations.  
We name villages and towns, cities and nations, before you now.

To this day,  
**you shower your people with life.**

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
announces your reign of peace come near.  
By Jesus' own baptism with water and the Holy Spirit,  
the way of everlasting life is open to all people.  
We name those to be baptized/those remembering their baptism before you now.

To this day,  
**you shower your people with life.**

Come down, O Love divine.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit.  
Be our rock.  
Dry our tears.  
Make us one.

Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To you be given honor and praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

What does Baptism give or profit?

Baptism effects forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, just as the words and promises of God declare.

How can water do such great things?

It is not the water that does these things, but the Word of God which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without the Word of God the water is simply water, and not baptism; but with the Word of God it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says, Titus 3:5-8: "According to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that having been justified by His grace, we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying."

*The assembly/yourself/your family may be showered (sprinkled) with water.*

**HYMN**

*"Baptized and Set Free"*

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**(vs. 1, 3 & 4)**

**We are people created,  
chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently,  
in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more.  
Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing,  
and wholeness and more.**

**We are nourished by water,  
all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit  
abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home,  
may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing,  
now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather  
to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free!  
From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water,  
baptized and set free!**

## **DAILY EXAMEN – MY THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS**

### **1. Become aware of God’s presence.**

Ask God to make Jesus’ presence known. Sense God’s presence around you and in you.

### **2. Review the day with gratitude.**

Spend a few moments in gratitude, thanking God for blessings big and small.

### **3. Pay attention to your emotions.**

What were my strongest thoughts? What strong opinions did I hold? What attitudes did I carry with me? What presumptions or conclusions did I make? How did I perceive myself, my situation, and the people, places, and events of my day or week?

### **4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.**

Pray from one of the above questions. Did it lead me to greater faith, hope, and love or lesser faith, hope and love? Ask for forgiveness.

### **5. Look toward tomorrow.**

What do I desire to say tomorrow to specific people? What deeds of love am I called to perform? Listen for God’s voice through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **DRAMATIC READING FROM ACTS 1:1-14**

In my first book, I related the events of Jesus’ life—His actions, His teachings— from the beginning of His life until He was taken up into heaven. After His great suffering and death, He showed His selected emissaries that He was alive—appearing to them repeatedly over a period of 40 days, giving them many convincing proofs of His resurrection.

He spoke constantly of the kingdom of God. During those appearances, He instructed these emissaries through the Holy Spirit. He told them not to leave Jerusalem, but rather required them to wait there until they received what He called “the promise of the Father.”

As they shared a meal, He said that though John ritually cleansed people with water through baptism they would very soon be washed with the Holy Spirit.

When they had gathered just outside Jerusalem at the Mount of Olives, they asked Jesus if the time had arrived, when He would establish God’s Kingdom anew in the land of Israel. He explained that The Father, on His own authority, determined the ages and epochs of history. They did not need to know this. What they needed to know was they were to receive power when the Holy Spirit came to them. His emissaries would be witnesses to the Good News, first in Jerusalem, then beyond to Judea and Samaria, and finally to the farthest places on earth. After He finished this commission, He rose from the ground before their eyes until the clouds obscured Him from their vision. As they strained to get one last glimpse of Him going into heaven, they realized two men in white robes were standing among them.

“Why are you standing here staring up into the sky?” they asked. “This Jesus who is leaving you and ascending to heaven will return in the same way you see Him departing.” After that, the disciples returned to Jerusalem—a short journey from the Mount of Olives, only a Sabbath Day’s walk.

Back in the city, they went to the room where they were staying—on the second-floor. This whole group devoted themselves to constant prayer. They included, Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas son of James, a number of women including Mary, Jesus’ mother, and some of Jesus’ brothers.

**We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called to service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.**

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### **CONFESSING OUR FAITH**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in reaffirmation of our baptism, I'm going to ask you to say “no” to the things that hurt you and others, and to say “yes” to God. Some of our words will be short and simple, and some will be long and complicated, but all will tell the story of God’s love for you and for the whole world.

Do you say “no” to hate, “no” to violence, “no” to greed, and “no” to everything else that is the opposite of God’s peace, mercy, justice, and love?

**I say no to them.**

Do you say “no” to rules, “no” to habits, “no” to traditions, “no” to prejudices that go against God’s hopes and dreams for the world?

**I say no to them.**

Do you say “no” to the things you do but shouldn’t, “no” to the temptation to do nothing when action is needed, “no” to everything that pulls you away from God?

**I say no to them.**

I ask you now to say “yes” to God with the words used by Christians at their baptism since the very earliest days of the church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Share the sign of Christ's peace with someone next to you, or by texting, calling or sending someone a note today.*

### **OFFERING**

### **RESPONSIVE ACTION/SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**

*Don't look for spectacular actions; what is important is the gift of yourselves. It is the degree of love you insert in your deeds. – Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

“The practice of service can become a way of life when you move through your world encountering others who may need your help, as well as those who wish to serve you. How will you respond to the needs you witness as well as the kindness that may be offered? Service calls us to wake up and pay attention, but in this case, we are called also to see and respond to others. Who needs listening to? Where might kind, true, and necessary words be called for? How might you become more willing to receive help from others, thus becoming more aware of your natural state of interdependence?”

*(from “Fully Awake and Truly Alive” by Rev. Jane E. Vennard, page 139)*

I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

**PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you are the bread of life that nourishes and sustains us.  
Since we today cannot gather to share the bread and cup,  
dwell in our hearts  
and reveal to us again that we are the body of Christ:  
in our vulnerable flesh,  
through our baptism into your death and resurrection,  
and in service to the world you love.  
Be for us manna in the wilderness.  
Open our eyes to see you present in every meal  
and in all who hunger for bread,  
for human touch,  
and for healing and hope.

Help us to remember  
Your presence is the living impulse in all things,  
the Christ deep among us,  
filling Earth—land, sea, and air;  
filling every element and place;  
filling the grain and the grape we share as your children.

On the night of his betrayal and arrest,  
Jesus taught us how to serve one another in love  
with a ritual of table fellowship,  
scandalous in its welcome of all people.

On that night, he took bread,  
gave thanks and broke it,  
giving it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

We pray in your name, our healer and companion. **Amen.**

*Communion will be distributed to household unit by scheduled times through the church website or by contacting the church office.*

### **THE 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.**

### **GOD'S SPEED AND FAREWELL - *Kathie Fugina***

#### **BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**  
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The God of all grace ✕ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

You have heard the story. Go in peace to tell and live it.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **POSTLUDE**