

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

“Gathered by Grace - Sent to Serve”

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### July 12, 2020

#### **WELCOME**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

*If you would like to support the mission of Prince of Peace so that we can continue worship, community outreach, and other ministries, you can give any amount by cash, check, online, through the Give+ app by Vanco, or by sending a text to 833-394-7887 (text your dollar amount and follow the prompts). Thank you for your generosity.*

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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**

Just as God’s work of creation never ends,  
so the gifts we receive in baptism are renewed every day.  
Let’s give thanks together for the life given us in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:  
for water to bathe in, water to drink,  
for waters to play in and waters of beauty,  
for water that inspires wonder, and water that gives life to our planet.  
**We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:  
for water from our tap, for rain and snow,  
for the Great Lakes, the Wisconsin River, the Chain, our many lakes and streams.  
**We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:  
for delivering Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,  
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,  
for healing your servant Naaman from his leprosy,  
for guiding your people across the river Jordan into new beginnings,  
for quenching the thirst of the Samaritan woman with living water.  
**We give you thanks, O God, for your salvation through water.**

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized:  
for all who gather here,  
for our godparents and baptismal sponsors,  
for children and grandchildren, and those whose baptismal promises we hold,  
for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.  
**We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

We give you thanks for life in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit:  
for our entry into Christ's death through these waters,  
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,  
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.  
**We give you thanks, Holy Trinity, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

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

**HYMN**

*"All Are Welcome"*

**#641**  
*(vs. 1, 2 & 4)*

**Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

***Refrain***

**All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

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## **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.**

## **HYMN**

*"Christ, Be Our Light"*

**#715**  
*(vs. 1, 2, 4)*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

### ***Refrain***

**Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

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## **READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-13**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are different kinds of services, but the same Lord; and there are different kinds of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## **MESSAGE**

*Pastor Andrea Fluegel*

## **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*

Did you know that deep, active listening and letting go is a spiritual practice and helps us to serve others with love?

"The image of groups of people working in harmony toward the same goal is inspiring. However, getting to that point may be difficult. In any community, there are differences of opinion as to what should be done and how it should be accomplished. Many ideas and voices need to be heard, and decisions will have to be made that may not make everyone happy. Conflict over leadership can emerge, and power struggles may result. Working together in service to others calls us to other practices, particularly the practices of listening and letting go.

"As a group begins meeting to make plans for a service project, more will be accomplished when all present are able to listen to one another with open hearts. When we listen in this respectful manner, we are engaging in dialogue rather than discussion or debate...as others speak, we don't really hear their words, rather we are planning what to say next when we have the chance. We want the group's opinion and the final decision to affirm our own preconceived ideas and plans.

"The practice of letting go is an integral part of the dialogue process. To listen with the knowledge that our hearts might be changed means we may have to let go of cherished beliefs. To realize that the community may decide to do something different from what we desire necessitates our letting go of our plans and envisioned outcome. If we are willing to interact in community in this way, the service project that emerges from the dialogue can be carried forth without resentment or attachment to success. We will be able to serve with love."

*(from "Fully Awake and Truly Alive" by Rev. Jane E. Vennard, pages 136-137.)*

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.**

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### **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.**

### **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**

## Announcements

\* We are offering outside communion under the portico. The portico will protect us from the elements so that we can still have communion if it rains. Note that this is not “drive up” communion. You will need to park your car near the portico and then walk to it. Communion will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call the church office and leave a voicemail message with the day and time you prefer. We will contact you.

\* 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.

\*Hand-made **Mask Extension Bands** are now available at POP. (*You can pick one or more up when you come for outdoor Communion!*) This is a woven band with a button on each end that allows you to connect your facemask elastic to the buttons and **NOT** over your ears. This is especially helpful for people who wear glasses and/or hearing aids!

### \*Lifelong Faith Formation

The Northern Great Lakes Synod is launching a new series of classes for adults who want to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Bible, church history, Lutheran Theology, world religions, and more. The new program, **Lifelong Faith Formation**, evolved from the synod’s Lay School for Mission. In these challenging and uncertain times, the Synod is offering the program online this fall.

While discussions through computer screens are not ideal, online learning presents an opportunity to connect people from across the synod -- people who share a love of learning and have discovered that adult studies help them to grow in faith. Please visit the NGLS website for more information ([www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)).

### \* Northern Great Lakes Anti-Racism Resources

There is a new page on the Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS) website dedicated to anti-racism. Numerous resources will help you engage through suggestions of books, movies, podcasts and more! In her letter to the synod entitled **What You CAN Do**, NGLS Synod Bishop Katherine Finegan said, “*Read the books, watch the videos, hear the stories. Listen well.*” Please check back often for additional resources.

### \* Virtual Camp Experiences at Fortune Lake

Free for all ages! Invite your friends, family, and communities to join the fun! Because we are not able to gather at Fortune Lake for summer camp, we are bringing Fortune Lake into your homes! We can’t wait to see you online as we experience God’s love, grow and challenge our communities, and worship together! [Follow us on Facebook](#) to be notified when a new video premieres! Unless otherwise noted, videos will stream from our [YouTube page](#) at the dates and times listed on our website and will remain available at **no cost to the general public**. Events hosted on Zoom will require a link and password. Also be sure to check out [our online canteen](#). Shipping costs are included, and each dollar you spend directly impacts the outdoor ministry of Fortune Lake.

\* Lawn care is **still needed** this summer even though there is no public worship. Please call 715-479-9263 to sign up. Thank you to those who have signed up to help.

\* Thank you so much for thinking about the Northland Pines School District students and families. There will be a green tote outside the main doors of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (*under the portico*) for food drop-off from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**. Please do not drop off expired food or items passed their sell-by dates. We are unable to use them.

\* We would appreciate your support of the mission of Prince of Peace so that we can continue worship and other ministries. You can give any amount by mailing a check to us at P.O. Box 535, Eagle River, WI 54521.

#### **CURRENT PHASE: 1**

- Fully digital worship and fellowship
- Individually scheduled communion under portico available
- 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.*